



MINATI MISHRA  
Akademi Award: Odissi Dance

*Born in 1934 in Cuttack, Orissa, Shrimati Minati Mishra was trained in Odissi dance under Gurus Debaprasad Das and Kelucharan Mohapatra. She has also been trained in Bharatanatyam — at Kalakshetra and under Guru Pandanallur Chockalingam Pillai — and in vocal music.*

*Minati Mishra is among the senior dancers who pioneered the Odissi movement. She has danced extensively in India and Europe, and has also researched on the subject, obtaining a Ph.D. on the Natyasastra from Phillips University, Germany. She has served as the Principal of the Utkal Sangeet Vidyalaya for many years and has imparted training to several prominent artists.*

*Presently based in Switzerland, Minati Mishra teaches dance at her institute Kalinga Kala Tirtha. Among the honours she has received are the Natyakalabhushanam in 1958 and the Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1975.*

*Shrimati Minati Mishra receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Odissi dance.*



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