



## RATIKANT MOHAPATRA

Akademi Award: Odissi Dance

Born on 24 December 1965 at Cuttak in Odisha, Shri Ratikant Mohapatra has received his training in Odissi dance under his father, Shri Kelucharan Mohapatra legendary Guru. He is also a proficient Mardala player.

An outstanding exponent of Odissi dance, Shri Ratikant Mohapatra has won renown both as a choreographer and teacher. He has trained several young dancers of promise at the Srjan, Bhubaneswar. Shri Ratikant has choreographed several dance-dramas and received acclamation. He has travelled extensively to present his dance productions at the prestigious dance festivals within the country and abroad including the Canada, UK, France, Malaysia, Singapore, USA and Japan. He has also showcased his productions across the country in the prestigious dance festival including the Nritya Sanrachna organized by the Sangeet Natak Akademi at Agartala. He has also composed dance choreography of 555 Odissi dancers and entered in the Guinness World Book Record.

Shri Mohapatra has received several honours and awards such as Sanjukta Panigrahi Samman by Sanjukta Panigrahi Trust, the Nrutya Choodamani by Krishna Gana Sabha, the Nrutya Bharati Samman by Sangeet Sudhakar Smruti Sansad and the Bhumiputra Samman by Bharat Sevashram Sangha.

Shri Ratikant Mohapatra receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Odissi dance.