

Award 1955

Dance: Bharatanatyam

b 13 May 1918 d 9.2.1984 Fellow 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Smt. T. Balasaraswathy, a foremost exponent of the Bharat Natyam style of dancing.

Smt. Balasaraswathy comes of a hereditary great family of musicians and is the grand daughter of the late Veena Dhanammal, an institution by herself. She is the pupil of Shri Kandappan, a great teacher.

She is an outstanding exponent of Bharat Natyam, and excels in Abhinayam particularly Bhava. She executes with perfection the Trikala Tirmanas (rhythmical phrases of foot-work). She is a creative artist of the highest order, and has a large repertoire of rare collections. Her performances command great appreciation and she is at present conducting a School of dancing under the Madras Music Academy.

For her pre-eminence in Bharat Natyam and singular devotion and services to its cause, I pray, Sir, that you may be pleased to grant her recognition as a dancer of the year in the field of Bharat Natyam, and to award to her a brocade Angavastram, a gold Mala, and a Sanad in token of that recognition.