



VYJAYANTHI KASHI

Akademi Award: Kuchipudi

Born in 1960 in Bangalore, Shrimati Vyjayanthi Kashi was initially trained in Bharatanatyam under Shri Ramanna. Later, she went over to Kuchipudi dance and received training under Sarvashri C.R. Acharyalu, Vedantam Prahalada Sarma and Korada Narasimha Rao. She has also studied music, the martial arts of Manipur, yoga and dance therapy.

An outstanding exponent of Kuchipudi dance, Shrimati Vyjayanthi Kashi has earned wide acclaim for her distinctive style of presentation. She has performed extensively in major national and international dance festivals organized in Germany, Britain, the United States, Korea, Africa, Israel, and Austria. She has also organized several seminars on Kuchipudi dance. Outside the dance stage, Shrimati Kashi has gained an audience as a popular actress in Kannada films and television.

She is the recipient of several honours including the Aryabhata Award (1996) and the Kalashree Award of Sangeet Nritya Academy, Karnataka. She has conducted dance therapy workshops and also created special productions for therapeutic purposes for artists with special needs.

Shrimati Vyjayanthi Kashi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Kuchipudi dance.