## **BIO DATA**

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**Academic** 

**Qualification:** : Diploma In Kathakali music from Kerala Kalamandalam.

**Guru(s)**: Kathakali Music

(i) Sadanam Jyothi,

(ii) Madambi Subramaniyan Namboodiri,

(iii) V. Subramanyan,

(iv) Kalanilayan Unnikrishnan,

Carnatic Vocal

(v) Payyanur Jagadeesan(Kerala).

(vi)Smt.Radhakrishnamurthy(Delhi).

(vii)Smt.Kamakshi Balasubramanyan(Kolkata).

**Experiences** : Started music lesson at the tender age of 10 under the guidance of

Guru Sadanam Joythi and at the age of 14 joined at Kerala

Kalamandalam. After successful completion of the course of Kerala Kalamandalam, joined International Center for Kathakali, Delhi in 1998-2005 as an artist cum teacher. From 2005-2009 performed as a guest Lecturer in Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University. From 2009 to till

date as an Assistant Professor of Sangit Bhavana, Shantiniketan,

Visva Bharati University. Also successfully performing as an accompanying vocalist with Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and

Mohiniyattam.

**Achievement**: 'A' grade artist of AIR.

Performances (India) Included

Khajuraho Festival,

- Konark Festival,
- Swaralaya Festival, Palakkad,
- Udayshankar Dance Festival, Kolkata,
- Vaishakhi Festival, Vizac,
- Spicmaky-Orissa and Assam Chapter,
- Horizon Series by ICCR, Imphal and Agartola,
- Isckon Dance Festival, Bangalore and Imphal,
- Kalakshetra- Bhava Bhavanam Kathakali Festival, 2009-2019.
- Festival organised by Sangeet Natak Akademy New Delhi.
- National Program of Dance in Doordarshan,
- Program by NCPA, Mumbai,
- Lecture demonstration in CCRT Delhi,
- Madera Dance Festival, Gujrat, etc.

## Performances (Abroad) Included :

- Dance Festival organised by ICCR Colombia, Venizuala, Brazil, 1999,
- Kathakali Dance Festival Italy, 2000,
- Kathakali Dance Festival France, Belgium, 2007,
- Kathakali Dance Festival France, Switzerland, Spain, Mexico, 2008.
- Cleveland Thyagaraja Music and Dance Festival U.S.A-2015.
- Kathakali Dance Festival Switzerland 2017.
- Classical Dance Festival UK 2018.
- Kathakali Dance Festival Singapore 2019.