

Giridhari Nayak, son of Late Ram Chandra Nayak, has grown up in an ambience of dance and music. He was extensively trained in Odissi Dance by ***Padmashri, Padmabhushan, Padmavibhushan Late Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra***, since a very younger age. His ardent love and devotion for Odissi Dance brought his special interest in this field.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:-

1. Full Name : Giridhari Nayak
2. Address : Flat No. 1B, Verdant Tulip, 1stFloor,
3/1, Benoy Pally, KOLKATA - 700070.
3. Date of Birth : 20.05.1963.
4. Occupation : Odissi Exponent & Pakhwaj Player.
5. Designation : Associate Professor at R.B.U.
6. Father's Name : Late Ram Chandra Nayak.
7. Citizenship : Indian

QUALIFICATION IN THIS FIELD :

- Nritya Praveen(Master's degree holder) in Odissi Dance from Kalavikash Kendra, Cuttuck .
- M. Mus (Tabla and Pakhawaj) from Nikhil Bharat Sangeet Samiti, Kolkata.

ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD :

- National Senior Scholarship from Department of Culture, Govt. of India.

- National Senior Fellowship in Odissi dance and music from Department of Culture, Govt. of India.

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIONS :

He is a renowned dancer and trained hundreds of dancers over the years. He has been a pioneer for implanting Odissi in the Bengal soil.

- Founder of “Odissi Ashram”, a classical dance from the land of Jagannath where he teaches his disciples.
- Padatik
- Kala Vikash Kendra
- Banichakra
- He teaches in siliguri, koochbihar, burdwan, etc.
- He also gives training in pakhawaj.

WORKSHOPS:

- EZCC, kolkata
- Siliguri
- Aurbindo Ashram, Kolkata and Pondicherry.
- Has conducted Odissi Dance and pakhwaj Workshop in U.S.A., Canada, Holland, Germany and England.
- Rourkela Music School, by EZCC, Ministry of Culture.

SPECIAL WORKS:

Has choreographed and directed many Odissi items and a number of Dance Dramas in Odissi style like:-

- Shri Chandi West Bengal Rajya Sangeet Academy;
- Sri Krishna; Yuge yuge Bhagwan;
- Bhanusingher Padabali;
- Teen Kanya;
- Nati-r-puja
- Dhara sri radha, an oriya abhinaya;
- Tavdava Lashya to name a few.

PERFORMANCES:

Has directed and performed in prestigious programmes in India including

- Imphal festival Manipur;
- Elephant caves dance festival Mumbai;
- Kalidas festival ,Madhya Pradesh;
- Konark festival, Orissa ; Beach festival, puri orissa ;
- Tanjore festival ;

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- Tyagraj festival, Tirupati ;
- Rabindra and Najrul Janmotsav organized by the Govt. of West Bengal, Programme organized by Shri Aurobindo International centre of Education, Pondicherry.
- Durga utsav in Hyderabad
- Iskon festivals, Mayapur and many more.

Outside India has participated as a dancer or Pakhwaj player in prestigious shows like-

- Autumn Festival in France ;
- London festival.
- Performed in Middle East (Dubai, Doha and Yangoon),
- Performed in Russia and Kazakhstan under the sponsorship of ICCR, New Delhi.
- Held many workshops in dance and pakhawaj in abroad.

AWARD SECTIONS:

Particulars of awards, recognition, or distinction received from Govt. or any prominent literary or arts society:

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- Uday sankar Birth centenary award.
- Jadu Bhatta Puraskar.
- Jayadev Award – Utkalika.
- 21ST Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award.
- Award from Utkal Shiksha Samsad, Kolkata.
- Natraj award from nandito.
- Nrityashree award from natraj cultural center.
- Kala Yashaahvi award from Purvai Sanskriti Kalavikash Kendra.
- Srestha Guru Award by Symbiosis.
- Award Of Appreciation and Bharat Sanskriti Samman by Bharat Sanskriti Utsab.

Guru Giridhari Nayak