

P.PRAVEEN KUMAR

Hailing from a family of artists, Praveen Kumar showed a natural inclination towards Arts and Dance at a very young age. His tutelage under the eminent gurus Smt. Narmada and Prof.C.V.Chandrasekhar helped him realize the aesthetic depths, traditional of Bharathanatyam and dedicate himself wholeheartedly and purposefully to this ancient dance form.

Praveen is an accomplished nattuvanar and choreographer and has skillfully ideated several critically acclaimed productions to his credit including Rtu Vismruthi, Vani, Shiva Sutra Jaala, Sakha, Loka Bandhavyam, Anagha Vilasa , Pandharpur & many more.. Through his dance productions, he has explored aspects like climate change, fabrics, various complexities and nuances within interpersonal relationships, under-discussed dimensions of mythology, besides paying a tribute to cultural icons and poets like Mysore Vasudevachar, Sundaram Pillai, sage Panini.

From his flawless footwork to his layered understanding nritta, abhinaya and his skillful choreography, Praveen Kumar has consistently received critical acclaim over the years and has redefined himself as a performer, staying abreast with the times. He believes that learning is always two-sided and has strived to be relevant, without losing the essence of the form.

He has travelled extensively around the globe and in India, taking part in prestigious dance and music festivals and is also the founder of the Chithkala School of Dance at Bangalore.

Praveen Kumar - an empanelled artist of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and an 'A' grade artist on television - believes that dance is the ultimate medium of creative expression and has immense therapeutic value.

AWARDS

- 1) Best Dancer of the Season from The Madras Music Academy for the year 2018 & 2019.**
- 2) Karnataka Kalasri from Karnataka Sangeeta Nrutya Academy for the year 2021
- 3) Ustad *Bismilla Khan Yuva Purskar 2010* from the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi
- 4) The Mohan Khokar Award - 2010
- 5) Obul Reddy Endowment Senior dancer award, from Natyarangam, Chennai 2016
- 6) Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Prathibha Purskar from Srjan, Bhuvaneshwar 2016
- 7) Chandana Prashasthi from Bangalore Doordarshan 2017

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