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NRUTYA YUVA KALA RATNA AWARD – 2023

to

Smt. Sudharma Vaithiyanathan

Smt. Sudharma Vaithiyanathan, a promising and budding young talent in Bharathanatyam, is a disciple of Sri A.Lakshman for the past 20 years before which she was under the able guidance of Smt. Srekala Bharath under whom she had her Arangetram at a young age of 6 ½ which gave her recognition as a child prodigy in the field of Bharathanatyam.

She is one of the most sought-after next generation promising talents. She has given over 150 solo performances and is a part of various groups. She is an "A Grade" artist from Doordarshan. She has travelled extensively across the globe to countries like USA, France, UK, Singapore, Paris, Germany, Switzerland, Geneva, Berlin, London, to name a few.

Her command over the art and her sincere efforts has got her numerous accolades like "Natya Chudar" from Karthik Fine Arts in 2017, "Best Individual Performance" in HCL Concert Series of the year 2016, "Natana Bhava Padhmam" from Brahma Gana Sabha in 2017, "The Gutty Vasu Memorial Prize" and "Best Dancer" in 27th Spirit of Youth Festival of Music and Dance from The Music Academy, Madras, "Young Achiever Award" from Rotary Club and MGR Medical University, "Yuva Kala Bharati" from Bharat Kalachar, "Master of Achievement Award" from the National Integrity Cultural Academy and the Peaks, State Human Rights Vigilance Organization. She has also received scholarship from Ministry of Culture, Government of India for 10 consecutive years.

She assists her Guru in conducting master classes in Bharathanatyam technique and abhinaya and has travelled across USA for the same. She travelled to Berlin and Stuttgart along with Kathak exponent Pandit Birju Maharaj, to perform in the festival "Days of India in Germany" in honour of our Prime Minister Honourable Dr.Manmohan Singh. She has been the Nationalist in the Balashree Competition organized by the Government of India. She is also the brand ambassador of Dove Shampoo India.

Some other achievements of hers include raising over \$900,000 by traveling & performing at United States for 2 months as a part of the fund raiser organized by Swami Dayananda Saraswathi under his project All India Movement For Seva to build student homes across 15 rural villages in India. She is the first Indian child for Bharathanatyam under the age group 10, to be invited by the French Government to perform at their prestigious "Oriental Festival" at St.Florent Level, France where she gave 14 performances in 7 days. She was selected to perform for the International Conference of Sri Ramanujam Institute of Advanced Mathematics in Chennai in the year 2002.

She has given 32 performances with Guru Srekala Bharath within France, Germany, and Switzerland. The above performances were well appreciated by the press. She also played major roles of her group and thematic productions like IDA Festival, Spirit of Unity, Thyagaraja Aradhanai Festival, Navaratri Festivals in Temples, Muthamizh Peravai, Natyanjali Festivals at Chidambaram, Kumbakonam, Tiruvaroor, Mamallapuram Dance Festival and Arudra Festival at Bangalore.

Sudharma's performances are highly appreciated by all the stalwarts in the field of Bharathanatyam and by all the leading newspapers of India and abroad.

The Award Committee of Rasika Ranjani Sabha takes great pleasure in conferring the
NRUTYA YUVA KALA RATNA AWARD – 2023
for excellence in **BHARATHANATYAM** to **Smt. SUDHARMA VAITHIYANATHAN**
on this 18th day of August 2023.

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