

KARNATAKA KALASRI
SHRIDHAR & ANURADHA SHRIDHAR

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Performers, choreographers, scholars, Shridhar and Anuradha Shridhar, have emerged as **dancers par excellence** in Bharatanatyam today. A fine blend of classical rigor, technical virtuosity, and emotional intensity characterizes their dance.

Shridhars' received their initial training in Bharatanatyam from Guru Smt.Radha Sridhar. They were later nurtured in the **Kalakshetra** style by Guru Sri. M.R. Krishnamurthy and Guru Smt.Krishnaveni Lakshmanan.

The couple have individuated themselves by a passion for perfection, vibrant nritta and a sophisticated sense of *abhinayam*. The poise with which they express emotional states ranging from highly spirited to profoundly introspective has been highly appreciated. An intelligent involvement with the art and fierce dedication has placed them among the foremost dancers in the country today.

Without compromising the essential aesthetics of Bharatanatyam, Shridhars' have with great dexterity, depth of understanding, woven into the fabric of their dance, episodes from epics and great literary works that highlight human emotional conflicts, and spiritual values of life. Their dance features like the **Ramayanam, Mahabharatam, Kumarasambhavam, Bharata Spatham, Dhritarashtra Vilapam, Kannada Kaavya Darshana, Samyak Jnanam, Naathicharaavaha** etc., have received international acclaim.

Shridhars' have performed for most of the prestigious sabhas in India like the Madras Music Academy, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Narada Gana Sabha, Karthik Fine Arts, Bharat Kalachar-all in Chennai, Sangeeth Natak Academy (Delhi), the Rajbhavan, ICCR, IISc Bangalore and in festivals like Kinkini, Nitya Nritya, Hampi, Pattadakal, Dharani, Thalam etc,

To pass on the rich legacy, they have received from great gurus, they have established "**Khechara Academy of Bharatnatyam**".

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Rajyotsava Award from the Govt. of Karnataka, in recognition of Sridhar's meritorious work in the field of classical dance, in the year 2002.

Karnataka Sangita Nritya Academy Award, Govt of Karnataka (2007)

Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai conferred Shridhars' with the **Senior Dancer's Award** (2009)

Yuva Kalabharathy from Bharat Kalachar, Chennai (2001)

Karnataka Chetana from Karnataka Journalists Forum (2000)

Nrutyakalabhushana from Aryabhata Cultural Organization (1996)

Z-Essel Culture Award from Z-Kannada Tele Channel (2007)

Shridhar won the Karnataka State Govt's **Best Actor Award** for his performance as the Saint Poet Shareef in the Kannada film "**Santha Shishunala Shareefa**" (1989-90).