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PRESS RELEASE

**Announcement of Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships (Akademi Ratna)
&
Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Year 2018**

The General Council of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi at its meeting held on 26 June 2019 at Guwahati, Assam unanimously elected four (4) eminent personalities in the field of performing arts namely, Zakir Hussain, Sonal Mansingh, Jatin Goswami and K.Kalyanasundaram Pillai, for Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellow (Akademi Ratna).

The Fellowship of the Akademi is the most prestigious and rare honor, which is restricted to 40 numbers at any given time. By the election of above four (4) fellows there are presently forty (40) Fellows of Sangeet Natak Akademi.

The General Council also selected forty-four (44) artists from the field of Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre, Puppetry and Overall contribution/scholarship in the Performing Arts for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the year 2018. These forty-four (44) artists include three joint awards.

In the field of Music, eleven eminent artists, namely Mani Prasad - Hindustani Vocal, Madhup Mudgal - Hindustani Vocal, Tarun Bhattacharya - Hindustani Instrumental - Santoor, Tejendra Narayan Majumdar - Hindustani Instrumental - Sarod, Alamelu Mani - Carnatic Vocal, Malladi Suribabu - Carnatic Vocal, S.Kasim & S.Babu (Joint Award) - Carnatic Instrumental - Nagaswaram, Ganesh & Kumaresh (Joint Award) - Carnatic Instrumental - Violin, Suresh Wadkar- Other Major Traditions of Music - Sugam Sangeet, Shanti Hiranand - Other Major Traditions of Music - Sugam Sangeet, H.Ashangbi Devi - Other Major Traditions of Music - Nata Sankirtana, Manipur, have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2018.

In the Field of Dance, nine eminent artists have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2018, namely, Radha Sridhar for Bharatanatyam, Ishira & Maulik Shah (Joint Award) for Kathak, Akham Lakshmi Devi for Manipuri, Pasumurthy Ramalinga Sastry for Kuchipudi, Surupa Sen for Odissi, Tankeswar Hazarika Borbayan for Sattriya, Gopika Varma for Mohiniattam, Tapan Kumar Pattanayak for Chhau, Deepak Mazumdar for Contemporary Dance.

In the field of Theatre, nine eminent artists have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2018, Rajiv Naik for Playwriting, Lalitluangliana Khiangte for Playwriting, Sanjay Upadhyay for Direction, S.Raghunandana for Direction, Suhas Joshi for Acting, Teekam Joshi for Acting, Swapan Nandy for Mime, Bhagawat A.S.Nanjappa - Other Major Traditions of Theatre - Yakshagana, A.M.Parameswaran Kuttan Chakkiyar - Other Major Traditions of Theatre - Kutiyattam.

In the field of Traditional/Folk/Tribal Music/Dance/Theatre and Puppetry, ten artists have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2018, they are Malini Awasthi, Folk Music, Uttar Pradesh, Gazi Khan Barna, Folk Music - Khartal, Rajasthan, Narendar Singh Negi, Folk Song, Uttrakhand, Mohd. Sadiq Bhagat, Folk Theatre (Bhand Pather), J&K, Kota Sachidanand Shastry, Harikatha, Andhra Pradesh, Arjun Singh Dhruve, Folk Dance, Madhya Pradesh, Somnath Battu Folk Music, Himachal Pradesh, Anupama Hoskere, Puppetry (String), Karnataka, Hem Chandra Goswami, Mask Making, Assam.

Diwan Singh Bajeli and Puru Dadhich have been selected for the Akademi Award 2018 in the field of Overall Contribution/Scholarship in the Performing Arts.

The honour of Akademi Award has been conferred since 1952. These honours not only symbolize the highest standard of excellence and achievements, but also recognize sustained individual work and contribution. The honour of Akademi Fellow carries a purse money of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh) and Akademi Award carries Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh), besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

The Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards will be conferred by the Hon'ble President of India in a special investiture ceremony.

The list of Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardees for the year 2018 is enclosed herewith.

Rita Swami Choudhary
Secretary
Sangeet Natak Akademi

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AKADEMI FELLOW (AKADEMI RATNA)

Zakir Hussain
Jatin Goswami
Sonal Mansingh
K.Kalyanasundaram Pillai

AKADEMI AWARDS (PURASKAR)

Field Of Activity: Music

Mani Prasad	Hindustani Vocal
Madhup Mudgal	Hindustani Vocal
Tarun Bhattacharya	Hindustani Instrumental - (Santoor)
Tejendra Narayan Majumdar	Hindustani Instrumental - (Sarod)
Alamelu Mani	Carnatic Vocal
Malladi Suribabu	Carnatic Vocal
S.Kasim & S Babu	Carnatic Inst. - Nagaswaram
Ganesh & Kumaresh	Carnatic Inst. - Violin
Suresh Wadkar	Other Major Traditions of Music - "Sugam Sangeet"
Shanti Hiranand	Other Major Traditions of Music - "Sugam Sangeet"
H. Ashangbi Devi	Other Major Traditions of Music - "Nata Sankirtana" Manipur

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Field Of Activity: Dance

Radha Sridhar	Bharatanatyam
Ishira & Maulik Shah (Joint Award)	Kathak
Akham Lakshmi Devi	Manipuri
Surupa Sen	Odissi
Tankeswar Hazarika Borbayan	Sattriya
Gopika Varma	Mohiniattam
Deepak Mazumdar	Contemporary Dance
Pasumurthy Ramalinga Sastry	Kuchipudi
Tapan Kumar Pattanayak	Chhau

Field of Activity: Theatre

Rajiv Naik	Playwriting
Laltluangliana Khiantge	Playwriting
Sanjay Upadhyay	Direction
S.Raghunandana	Direction
Suhas Joshi	Acting
Teekam Joshi	Acting
Swapan Nandy	Mime
Bhagawat A S Nanjappa	Other Major Traditions of Theatre- Yakshagana
A.M. Parameswaran Kuttan Chakkiyar	Other Major Traditions of Theatre - Kutiyattam

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Field of Activity - Traditional / Folk / Tribal Dance / Music / Theatre and Puppetry

Malini Awasthi	Folk Music, Uttar Pradesh
Gazi Khan Barna	Folk Music - Khartal, Rajasthan
Narendar Singh Negi	Folk Songs, Uttrakhand
Niranjan Rajyaguru	Folk Music, Gujarat
Mohd. Sadiq Bhagat	Folk Theatre (Bhand Pather), J&K
Kota Sachidanand Shastry	Harikatha, Andhra Pradesh
Arjun Singh Dhruve	Folk Dance, Madhya Pradesh
Somnath Battu	Folk Music, Himachal Pradesh
Anupama Hoskere	Puppetry (String), Karnataka
Hem Chandra Goswami	Mask Making, Assam

Field of Overall Contribution / Scholarship in Performing Arts

Diwan Singh Bajeli (Scholar)

Puru Dadhich (Overall Contribution)