



SOBHA NAIDU
AKADEMI AWARD: KUCHIPUDI DANCE

Born in 1956 in Anakapalli, Andhra Pradesh, Kumari Katta Sobha Naidu received her training in Kuchipudi dance from Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam. An outstanding disciple of her guru, she mastered the technique of Kuchipudi and began dancing lead roles in dance-dramas while still very young. She performed with her guru's troupe all over the country and abroad, excelling in the traditional roles of Satyabhama, Padmavati, etc.

Over the years Kumari Sobha Naidu has established herself as a leading exponent of Kuchipudi dance. Excellent in her solo performance, she has also choreographed several dance-dramas. As Principal of Kuchipudi Art Academy, Hyderabad, she has been imparting training to younger students over the past few years. She has performed in prestigious festivals at home and abroad. Among other honours, she has received the title of Nritya Choodamani from Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Madras.

Kumari Sobha Naidu receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Kuchipudi dance.

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