



B. H. PUTTASWAMACHAR
Akademi Award: Puppetry

Born in 1924 in Belur, Karnataka, Shri B. H. Puttaswamachar received training in puppetry under his father Huchannachar and his gurus Thimmachar and Lakkanrachar. He also attended the Chamarya Institute of Technology, Mysore, and learnt drawing, clay-modelling, carving, and making wooden puppets.

He started his professional career in puppetry at the Janapada Academy and the Yakshagana Academy, Karnataka. Later, he established his own puppet theatre in his village, trained members of the group, and presented shows in the region. Shri Puttaswamachar has subsequently performed widely in India and abroad. He has trained many students, prominent among whom are Dharanagaya, A. S. Ramegowel, and Shankar Kumar. He is now imparting training in puppetry to his grandsons.

Shri Puttaswamachar has received honours for his work in puppetry including the Karnataka Janapada Academy and Yakshagana Academy Awards. He has also been conferred the Kannada Rajyothsava Award.

Shri B. H. Puttaswamachar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to puppet theatre.



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