



## **DADI DORAB PUDUMJEE**

AKADEMI AWARD: PUPPETRY

Born in 1951 in Pune, Shri Dadi Dorab Pudumjee studied in Wadia College, Pune, and the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad. He received his initial training in puppetry from Shrimati Meher Contractor. Later he studied puppetry in the Marionette Theatre Institute, Stockholm.

In 1980 Shri Pudumjee set up the Sutradhar Puppet Theatre at Shriram Centre for Art and Culture, Delhi, and was its artistic director till 1986. Since then he has run and directed his own puppet theatre — Ishara — collaborating with actors, dancers, poets and traditional puppeteers. Performances and invitations have taken him to U.K., Russia, Japan, Australia, Brazil and the Scandinavian countries. Shri Pudumjee has evolved puppets with special emphasis on movement, synthesizing the grace of traditional marionettes with the vitality of contemporary puppets.

Shri Pudumjee is Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Union International des Marionnettes (Unima) and President of Bharatiya Putli Sangh (Unima India).

Shri Dadi Dorab Pudumjee receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to puppetry.

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