



DEEPIKA REDDY

Akademi Award: Kuchipudi

Born on 15 September 1965 at Hyderabad in Telangana, Shrimati Deepika Reddy received her initial training in Kuchipudi dance under Shrimati Sumathi Kaushal. Later, she specialized in the art under the guidance of Shri Vempati Chinna Satyam.

Shrimati Deepika Reddy has performed and conducted seminars and workshops in several prestigious festivals within the country and abroad including Germany, South Korea, Thailand, Russia, Japan, France, Turkey and Sri Lanka. She has also performed in the Khajuraho Festival, Nishagandhi Festival, Delhi International Arts Festival, Hampi Utsav, Dhauri Festival, and the Sabhas in Chennai. She has composed several dance-dramas such as *Shiva Satheeyam*, *Santhi Jeevanam*, and *Sthri Trayam*. She has established her institution named Deepanjali at Hyderabad, where she imparts training to young dancers.

Shrimati Deepika Reddy has received several awards and honours including the Kalarathna conferred by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (2007); the Nritya Choodamani by Krishna Gana Sabha (2014); the Telangana State Government Award (2016); and the Keerthi Puraskar by the Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University (2016).

Shrimati Deepika Reddy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for her contribution to Kuchipudi.