



H. R. KESHAVA MURTHY
Akademi Award: Bharatanatyam

Born in 1920 in Chikkamagalur district of Karnataka, Shri Hochiballi Ramaswamiab Keshava Murthy was trained in Bharatanatyam under Guru Natwanar Gundappa. He received training in Carnatic vocal music under Narasimmiab and N. Chenna Keshaviab, and in flute under Srinivasa Murthy of Mysore.

Among the seniormost teachers of Bharatanatyam, H.R. Keshava Murthy established his institution, Keshava Nrityashala, in Bangalore in 1949. Since then he has trained over two thousand students in the dance. He has also created several dance-dramas and adapted Kannada poetic works in his productions. He has actively engaged himself in propagation of the art in Karnataka, serving various bodies in different capacities. He was president of the Karnataka Nrithya Kala Parishath for many years.

Among the many awards he has received are the Karnataka Kala Tilaka in 1981, bestowed by the Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy, and the Shantala and Rajyotsava Awards conferred by the Government of Karnataka in 1994 and 1998 respectively.

Shri H. R. Keshava Murthy receives the Sangeet Natak Award for his contribution to Bharatanatyam.



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