



AKADEMI AWARDS 1972

Mampuzha Madhava Panicker

I present to you, Sir, Shri Mampuzha Madhava Panicker.

Born in 1898 in Kottapadi, Shri Mampuzha Madhava Panicker received training in Kathakali from a young age from great masters like Shri Kottapadi Kutty Rama Panicker and Shri Pattikam Thodi Ravunni Menon. Shri Madhava Panicker has been attached as Chief Artiste to various Palace troupes of Kathakali, such as at Punnathur, Katathanad and Nilampur, he has been a Senior Kathakali Guru at the Kerala Kala Mandalam and Principal of the International Centre for Kathakali, New Delhi. Shri Madhava Panicker has also made noteworthy contribution to Kathakali by presenting Biblical themes, by introducing songs in Hindi, and by preparing condensed versions of full-length plays.

For his eminence in the field of dance and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Mampuzha Madhava Panicker receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kathakali.