



**RAJENDRA KUMAR GANGANI**  
**Akademi Award : Kathak**

*Born in 1966 in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Shri Rajendra Kumar Gangani inherited the tradition of the Jaipur gharana of Kathak dance from his father Guru Kundan Lal Gangani. He has also acquired proficiency in playing the Pakhawaj under the tutelage of Gurus Purushottam Das and Totaram.*

*An outstanding performer of Kathak, Shri Rajendra Gangani has evolved a distinct style of presentation expressing the quiddity of the dance. Though best known as a soloist, he has choreographed a number of productions including Prakriti, Jhalak, and Panchamukhi, and has composed music for these works within the traditional format. He has performed extensively within the country in important festivals of arts. Performances abroad have taken him all over Europe, the Middle East, Russia, and the United States. A committed teacher of Kathak working at Kathak Kendra, Delhi, since 1983, he has made a significant contribution in grooming young dancers. He has also conducted workshops in the dance in India and other countries.*

*Shri Gangani has been honoured for his work by the Karnataka Sangeet Nritya Akademi in 1994.*

*Shri Rajendra Kumar Gangani receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Kathak dance.*

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