



SUJATA MOHAPATRA
Akademi Award: Odissi Dance

Born on 30 September 1967 at Balasore in Odisha, Shrimati Sujata Mohapatra received her initial training in Odissi dance at the Nritya Sangeet Kalamandir, Balasore, and Kala Vikash Kendra, Cuttack. Later, she received her advanced training in the art form under her guru and father-in-law Shri Kelucharan Mohapatra at Srjan, Bhubaneswar.

An outstanding exponent of Odissi dance, Shrimati Sujata Mohapatra has performed extensively in the prestigious dance festivals within the country and abroad including the dance festivals organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi. She has travelled to countries like Canada, U.K., France, Malaysia, Italy, U.S.A., Germany, and Japan for her performances. Shrimati Mohapatra has performed the lead roles in the dance-dramas choreographed by her guru and showcased them in prestigious dance festivals within the country and abroad. She has also imparted training in the art form to young dancers in India and other countries such as Canada, U.K., U.S.A., Japan, Italy and Singapore.

Sujata Mohapatra has received several honours and awards such as the Sanjukta Panigrahi Samman by the Sanjukta Panigrahi Trust; the Nrutya Choodamani by the Krishna Gana Sabha; the Raaza Puruskar by the Raaza Foundation; and the Devadasi Award by the Devadasi Nrutya Mandir.

Shrimati Sujata Mohapatra receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for her contribution to Odissi dance.