

I present to you, Madam, Sri Vempati Chinna Satyam.

Born in 1929 in a traditional family of Kuchipudi dancers Sri Chinna Satyam received training in Kuchipudi from T. Perayya Sastry, Vedantam Lakshminarayana Sastry and Vampati Satyam. Later he established the Kuchipudi Art Academy in Madras in 1963 and trained many noted Kuchipudi dancers who are now giving solo recitals all over the country and abroad. He is an imaginative and creative choreographer and has produced many dance dramas in the Kuchipudi style.

Sri Chinna Satyam has been honoured by many distinguished institutions, including Andhra University, Waltair which awarded the title of Kalaprapanna. He has given a number of lecture demonstrations on Kuchipudi at symposia held in prominent art centres in India and abroad. ~~He has been~~ instrumental in the establishment of Kuchipudi Dance Centres in countries such as United States, United Kingdom, France, Sree Lanka and Malaysia.

For his eminence in the field of dance and for his contribution to its enrichment Sri Vempati Chinna Satyam ^{He} received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Kuchipudi for 1981. *and an honorary Doctorate from Sri Venkateswara University.*