

Rumya Venkateswaran: Performing Arts Biodata

Rumya Venkateswaran is a performer and practitioner of the Indian Classical performing arts: Bharatanatyam and Carnatic Music, in and around the Greater Philadelphia Area of the United States.

Rumya initially began her journey in Bharatanatyam with Guru Smt. Shoba Sharma at the age of six. She further trained under Gurus Smt. Bala Devi Chandrashekar and Shri N. Srikanth respectively, both senior disciples of Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam. Rumya was also fortunate enough to have learnt under Kalakshetra exponents, the Dhananjayans, for a short period of time. She has studied the 108 Karanas as well as rare compositions in Bharatanatyam, under Dr. Raghi Janarthanan of Chennai, India.

Alongside her training in Bharatanatyam, Rumya has also undergone extensive training in Carnatic vocal music. She primarily learnt under her mother and first Guru, Smt. Nalini Venkateswaran, a grand disciple of Mudikondan Sri Venkatarama Iyer. Rumya then received advanced training in *manodharmam* and *keerthanam* rendition under Gurus Smt. Kiranavali Vidyasankar, Shri Maharajapuram Ramachandran, Smt. Kalyani Ramani, and Smt. V. Padma. She has also studied to play the Veena, as well as learn the rare compositions of Srimadajjada Adibhatla Narayana Dasu, from her mother-in-law, Smt. Sobhana Ayalasomayajula.

Rumya has given highly reviewed performances in both Bharatanatyam and Carnatic Sangeetham in the USA as well as at prestigious venues in India. She is the Founder and Artistic Director of Shree Vindhyavaasini Institute of Performing Arts (SVIPA), an institution based in Coatesville, PA, USA.



Important Dance Performances:

- Featured performer in “Nrithya Akshepa”, a fundraiser on behalf of the AIM for SEVA Foundation, Hindu Temple of Delaware, US
- “Onam Celebrations”, Hockessin, DE, US
- “Vibhava”, Painted Bride Center, Philadelphia, US
- “Krishna: A Divine Musical”, Newark, DE, US
- “Marga Desi”, Princeton, NJ, US
- “A Garland of Pearls from Great Composers”, CMANA, NJ, US
- Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation, Stroudsburg, PA, US
- Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, T. Nagar, Chennai, India
- Chennai Cultural Academy Trust, T. Nagar, Chennai, India
- "Bala Bhavam Natyam Series", Sruti, Philadelphia, PA, US
- Featured performer for the Classical Dance Day Celebrations as part of the Lakshya Gayatri Shakti Yagnam, Hindu Temple of Delaware, US
- Brahma Gana Sabha, Mylapore, Chennai, India

Important Musical Performances:

- 2nd Place, Junior Vocal Krithi Rendition Competition, Hindu Temple of Delaware, Hockessin, DE, USA
- 1st Place, Senior Vocal Krithi Rendition Competition, Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation, Stroudsburg, PA, USA
- 2nd Place, Senior Vocal Krithi Rendition Competition, Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana, Cleveland, OH, USA
- Late Night Kutcheri Series, Hindu Temple of Delaware, Hockessin, DE, USA
- “Bala Bhavam Sangeetham Series”, Sruti, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- Featured Kutcheri at Covai Care Santhosham, Coimbatore, India
- Thematic Concert Featuring the Compositions of Shrimajjada Adibhatla Narayana Dasu, Guntur, India
- Performer for Srimadajjada Adibhatla Narayana Dasu’s 156th Birth Anniversary Celebrations (Virtual Arts Festival), Hyderabad, India
- Performer for Margazhi in San Francisco (Virtual Arts Festival) 2020-2021, San Francisco, CA, USA

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt9dv86TtNpIXVQHW1g4X1w>