



**Natya Jyothi  
Kuchipudi Dance Academy**

presents

**Kuchipudi Rangapravesam**

of

**Amrutha Ravali Chintalapudi**

(Daughter of Smt. Jyothi Chintalapudi and  
Dr. Udaya Bhaskara Rao Chintalapudi)

on

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 4:30 PM

(Seating starts 4:00 PM)

at

Gwinnett Performing Arts Center  
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GEORGIA

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Indian Classical  
dance and music  
are not just for  
entertainment -  
they are designed  
to elevate your  
consciousness.

-Sadhguru

**Kuchipudi**

Kuchipudi is the classical dance form from the South-East Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. It derives its name from the village of Kuchelapuram, a small village about 65 kms from Vijayawada. For a long time, the art was presented in temples by courtesans who were popularly referred to as "Devadasis". According to tradition, Kuchipudi dance was originally performed only by men for the cause of keeping up the continuity of the art at the time when the tradition of women dancing seemed to be on the wane.

Kuchipudi songs are set in carnatic music and are tuned to a special rhythm which is unique, enjoyable and provides the performer maximum scope for showcasing their talent. The charm of Kuchipudi lies in its fast and intricate footwork, sinuous grace, and the use of the eyes to express moods and feelings through abhinaya. The technique of Kuchipudi closely follows the tenets laid down in the 'Natya Shastra'.

Many Legends dedicated their lives to bring this art form to lime light. Padmabhushan Dr Vempati Chinna satyam, fondly known as master garu, needs special mention for his contribution in refining the dance form without losing its classical effulgence. With his creative genius he brought a sea of change in the execution of Nritta(pure dance), Natya(drama) and Nritya(dance-drama).

**No Gifts Please**

Amrutha is raising funds for building a Hospital in kuchipudi village. You are welcome to donate your heart felt contribution for this cause, in the drop box at the venue.



**Amrutha Ravali's  
Kuchipudi Rangapravesam**

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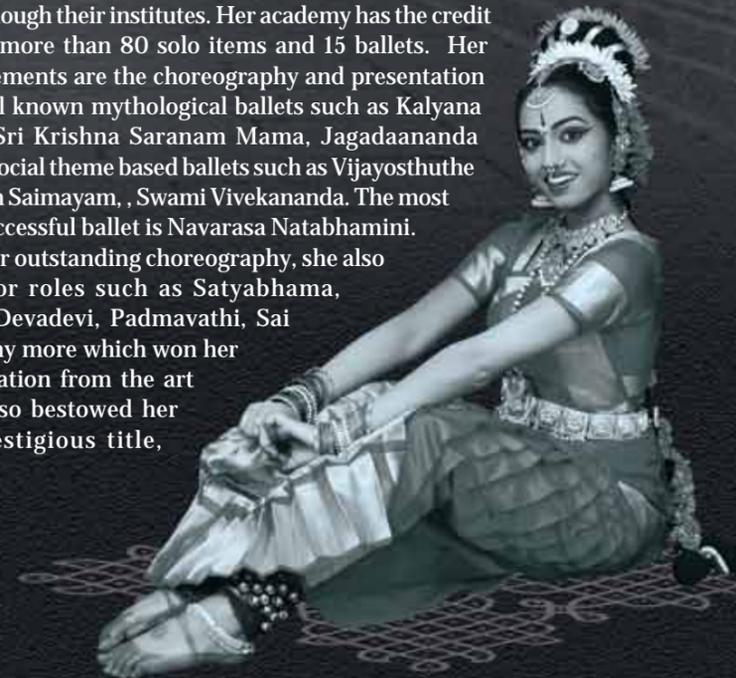


*Guru...  
Sishya...  
Parampara...*

*Grand Guru...  
Padmasree Dr. Sobha Naidu*

Padmasree Dr. Sobha Naidu, is one of the most outstanding exponents of Kuchipudi Dance. Her greatness lies in her total dedication to the exacting genre with classical base. A fiercely uncompromising purist, she is highly imaginative with a sense of deep involvement but without losing contact with contemporary taste and sensibilities.

She has been the Principal of Kuchipudi Art Academy at Hyderabad since 1980. As a Guru, she has trained more than 1500 students from India and several other countries. Her academy celebrated its completion of 30 years in 2010. Her students settled all over the world and are propagating the art form through their institutes. Her academy has the credit of producing more than 80 solo items and 15 ballets. Her major achievements are the choreography and presentation of several well known mythological ballets such as Kalyana Srinivasam, Sri Krishna Saranam Mama, Jagadaananda Kaaraka and social theme based ballets such as Vijayosthutha Naari, Sarvam Saimayam, Swami Vivekananda. The most recent and successful ballet is Navarasa Natabhamini. Apart from her outstanding choreography, she also donned major roles such as Satyabhama, Chandaliika, Devadevi, Padmavathi, Sai baba and many more which won her great appreciation from the art lovers and also bestowed her with the prestigious title, Padmasree.



*Guru...  
Jyothi Chintalapudi*

Jyothi Chintalapudi started learning dance at age five. She was trained under Vempati Nageswari for 7 yrs, and was fortunate to get trained for 17 yrs under the living legend of Kuchipudi, Padmasree Dr. Sobha Naidu. She also attended summer camps of Kuchipudi legend Padmabhusan Dr. Vempati Chinna Satyam. She extensively toured in India, UK and USA with her guru padmasree Dr. Sobha Naidu, and has several choreographies to her credit.

Jyothi started her teaching career in USA in 1995. She trained several students in Rochester (NY), Southfield (MI), and currently training students in Atlanta (GA) and Omaha (NE).

Apart from being a performer and dance instructor, Jyothi also served several local Indian and Telugu associations, as a cultural chair and coordinated several cultural events for the community. She was fortunate to have the experience of being the prime coordinator for all 4 International Kuchipudi dance conventions of Silicon Andhra held in CA, USA and India. The most recent one held in India was attended by 8,000 delegates from 18 countries. She is currently serving as core committee member in Kuchipudi Village Development project, taken by Silicon Andhra under the Smart Village program.



*About Sishya...  
Amrutha Ravali*

**Amrutha Ravali Chintalapudi** graduated from Peachtree Ridge High School in Duluth, Georgia. She has been trained in Kuchipudi for the past 10 yrs under the tutelage of her mother Jyothi Chintalapudi. Apart from her regular training, she was fortunate enough to attend summer camps of Padmasree Dr. Sobha Naidu, Sri Pasumarthy Venkateswara Sarma and Sri Kishore Mosalikanti.

She has had opportunities to perform on various diversified platforms both in USA and India. Apart from solo performances, she has played several leading roles as Krishna, Gopika, Saraswathi, Lakshmi, and Kumaraswamy in various ballets. She was blessed to perform with internationally renowned Padmasree Dr. Sobha Naidu and Sri Pasumarthy Venkateswara Sarma.

She took part in various prestigious festivals like, Nrityotsav of Omaha, International Kuchipudi Dance Festival of Silicon Andhra and Kumbabhishekam of Hindu Temple, Atlanta. She was actively involved in various fundraising events such as Habitat For Humanity and Rhythms of India, Omaha. Her most recent and successful fund raising event was for the Dwajasthambham of Atlanta Siva temple, where close to \$10,000 dollars were raised through the academy. She also participated in several major events locally including festivals and special occasions at the Atlanta Hindu temple. She took part in International Kuchipudi Convention in Dec. 2014 where a Guinness world record was established by 6,347 performers.

Apart from being a dance lover, she is a highly accomplished individual in academics and sports. She was a National Honors Society member, a Varsity Team Tennis player and served as a Vice President of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

With all her hard work, she aspires to pursue a career as an orthodontist through her studies at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts.

