

Sattriya Performace in South India



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The Southern part of India is full of temples with their age old tradition of patronizing various forms of performing arts, particularly dance and music. Among them, Chidambaram temple ,Brihadeswar Temple of Tanjavur etc are very famous in this regard. To revive their old rich tradition they have started in the, organizing annual dance festivals in these temple premises . As a part of these festivals, recently 'Chidambaram Natyanjali Trust' had organized 'Natyanjali 2009' at Chidambaram and ' Brahan Natyanjali Foundation ' had organized the ' Brahan Natyanjali -2009'at Tanjavur. Many dance performances of international repute from various parts of the world participated in these programmes every year and this year's list includes Dr. Sonal Mansing, Padma Subramaniam, Maya from France etc.

This year 'Nritybhumi'- a socio cultural organization of Guwahati was invited to perform Sattriya in the Festival. Guru Naren Baruah, Guru of Nritybhumi and Dr. Mallika Kandali, one of the leading Sattriya dancers and researchers represented 'Nrityabhumi' and performed several Sattriya items in both the festivals held at Chidambaram on 25th Feb.09 and at Tanjavur of 27th Feb.09.

In Natyanjali Festival 2009, held at Chidambaram and at Tanjavur , besides the duets presented by Guru Naren Baruah and Dr. Mallika Kandali , Gayan -Bayan was presented by a team from Bengenanati Sattri of Majuli, directed by Sri Jogen Dutta Bayan . The duets Dr. Mallika Kandali and Guru Naren Baruah includes Guru Vandana, Krishna Vandana, Ramdani of Chali, Shiva Vandana composed by Naren Barua on the basis of Bhajan composed by late Dambarudhar Kandali, Ram Banabash etc. All these items are directed by Guru Naren Barua.

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