

What is your Art quotient? -AQ?



He has been the greatest odissi dancer of all times

He has been the recipient of the Padmashri, Padmabushan and the Padma Vibushan

He has been a great teacher and has produced amazing dancers like Sanjukta Panigrahi, Kum Kum Mohanty, Sonal Mansingh, Madhavi Mudgal, Late Protima Bedi.

He was known for his 'Pallavis' in the Odissi repertoire.

Did you know?

What does the word 'Nritta' mean in dance ?

Who is believed to have written the Natyashastra?

Do you know the meaning of the word Abhinaya?

This dance form originated as devotional dances, which were performed in goddess Durga's honour. It shows the mock fight between the Goddess and Mahishasura and is nick-named the "sword-dance". Other variations find origins to the life and times of Lord Krishna. **Which dance ?**

Folk dance forms from India



These are folk dance forms, go ahead and name them...

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Grandmother— Dhanammal



Mother— Jayamma



BALASARASWATI

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Balasaraswati was born on the 13th of May 1918. She has been described by many as the "Greatest dancer in the past thousand years".

Born as a Devadasi, each and every person in Bala's family tree were

cultural wizards. The family tree can be traced back to over two hundred years. Balasaraswati's great-great-great-great grandmother, Papammal, was a musician and a dancer at the Tanjore Court in the eighteenth century.

Balasaraswati's formal training started at the age of four under the late Kandappa pillai. Bala, as she was referred to by many, was an exponent on Abhinaya. Her facial expressions have been unparalleled till today. Having been part of a family steeped in music and arts, she was a great musician herself.

Audience flocked the sabhas not only to watch Bala dance but also sometimes sing while she was performing. An extremely rare feat in the world of today. She was such a rare phenomenon in the World of dance that Satyajit Ray, went on to take a film on this legend, billed -'BALA'

WATCH IT!

Happy Birthday Nikija, Vaishanvi, Himaja, Sruthi, Aditi, &



**&
me!**



**14th-Nikija,; 4th-Vaishnavi; 13th- Hiimaja,; 3rd-Shruthi; 6th-Aditi and
24th-Deepa**