

Shivani Shivakumar

Shivani Shivakumar began her Bharatanatyam training at age 5 under Guru Smt. Padmini Achchi and continued under Guru Dr. Sanjay Shantaram at Shivapriya School of Dance. She is also trained in Kuchipudi and contemporary dance. Shivani has won over 200 competitions across India and completed her Rangapravesha in 2010. She holds over 30 prestigious titles including Bharata Ratna Prashasti and Vishwa Kalaaratna. She has performed on several Indian TV channels and was runner-up in Zee Kannada's Kuniyonu Bara. Shivani has performed across major cities in India and internationally in Sri Lanka, Australia, Bahrain, Malaysia, USA. In 2019, she founded Tattvartha Dance Studio in Bangalore. Since moving to Canada in 2022, she has performed at Kannada Sangha, Purandara Dasa Aradhane, Taste of India Festival at Nathan Phillips Square, and the Toronto International Dance Festival, and many more prestigious events showcasing Indian classical dance on global stages.

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"I moved to Toronto three years ago, and it's been so meaningful to find community through dance here in North York. I'm honoured to be part of a festival that celebrates cultural diversity, artistic expression, and meaningful connection through movement—right in the neighborhood I now call home."