

PADMAJA KELAM BIO

Padmaja Kelam is an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer and teacher living in the Atlanta area. She learnt from Guru Rajeshwari Sainath and Pasumarthy Ramalinga Sastry. Padmaja has been teaching dance for the past 25 years. She has had over hundreds of students and has conducted 11 arangetrams. She has choreographed over 70 dance items that include varnams, thillanas, jathiswarams, etc. Padmaja started the Kalaivani dance and music academy in 2004 to impart classical dance and music education. Her love and passion around dance and dance education is reflected in the graceful performances of her various students. She has been honored with many an accolades by the Hindu Temple of Atlanta, flying doctors of America, Telugu association of metro Atlanta, American telugu association, India Association of Tallahassee, Bharatiya Hindu Temple of Lexington Kentucky, Jacksonville Florida, Athens and Georgia colon cancer coalition etc... Her son Siddarth Kelam is an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer.

Padmaja has adapted several Guru Kula traditions albeit with a modern twist to accommodate the students who are passionate about learning yoga, music, nattuvangam etc. Her unique teaching philosophy provides the students not only dance lessons but also life lessons like, respect, sharing, love and understanding. Padmaja and her students are performing in Atlanta area and other nearby states.