

BIOGRAPHY



Dance is clearly in the genes of Siddarth Kelam who has been learning Bharatha Natyam for 15 years under the tutelage of his parents, Sudershan and Padmaja Kelam, both of whom are accomplished dancers. Siddarth's dancing accomplishments include: a) lead performances and instructor for the Kalaivani Dance and Music Academy, b) participation in thematic dance (ATA 2000, Tama Silver Jubilee, Shakthi Inc.) programs, and c) acclaimed performances in front of national/international audiences. Siddarth is indebted to illustrious dancers (Smt. Viji Prakash, Sri C.V. Chandrashekar, Smt. Vasundhara Doraiswamy, Smt. Kalanidhi narayanan, Smt. Priyadarshini Govind, Sri. Madurai Muralidharan and Pasumarthy Ramalinga Shastry) who have mentored him during his budding years. Recent dance travel around the United States with the Kalaivani Dance and Music Academy has further fueled Siddarth's passion to pursue full-time dance career goals in the future.

Siddarth Kelam is currently an undergraduate student at Georgia State University majoring in business administration and minoring in music technology. When Siddarth is not busy studying business, he can be seen assisting with choreography and nattuvangam for productions of Kalaivani Dance and Music Academy. Siddarth's penchant for music is currently being satisfied by his excellent teachers of Carnatic vocal music (Smt. Savitha Namaduri) and Mridangam (Sri Subramaniam Vishwanathan).