

An Evening of Yakshagana

Yakshagana

A traditional theatre of Karnataka and one of the great dance drama forms of India. The plays are unique blend of stylistic elements from Sanskrit drama, songs traditionally performed in temple courtyards, and themes of heroism from the great epics Mahabharata & Ramayana.

Keremane Mela

Sri Idagunji Mahaganapati Yakshgana Mandali Keremane ® was established in 1934 by Late Sri Keremane Shivarama Hegde and is steadily growing over the years. Today the troupe is striding towards the new goals under the dynamic stewardship of his son Sri Keremane Shambhu Hegde and grandson Sri Keremane Shivananda Hegde.

Main Artists

Keremane Shambhu Hegde is director of the troupe and runs a training school in his native place in Uttara Kannada. He received the Central Sangeeta Nataka academy award and Karnataka State award and received a number of felicitations from different organizations for his outstanding contributions to the field. Presently he is the chairman of the Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy, Bangalore.

Keremane Shivananda Hegde is secretary of the troupe and the training center. He studied Yakshagana under his grandfather and father. He toured all over the country and abroad including U.K, Spain, France, Southeast Asia Countries, China, Nepal, Bangladesh etc. He received the JC outstanding artist award and national scholarship for studying Yakshgana. He also trained in Kathak and folk dances of India and holds diploma in choreography under the Guru Dr. Maya Rao. He is currently managing the troupe.

What Critics and Audiences Have Said ...

...the most artistically enriching experience...a most evocative performance and abhinaya of a level one rarely experiences today! Yakshagana deserves more exposure in the Capital

- THE HINDU, *November 9 th 2001, New Delhi, India*

...stimulates the imagination with such an exceptional theatre form

-London Theatre Review, *Festival of India's South- England*



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