

About Aparna Cirigiri

I am Aparna Cirigiri, a certified kuchipudi dance professional from Telugu University, Hyderabad, AP and also a post graduate in computers from Osmania University. I am involved with this rich art form from past 20 years as a student, dancer, performer and trainer . I was trained under Guru Smt Prasanna Rani and Pasumarthi Dance style for initial years and later in Vempati Chinna Satyam Dance style under Guru Yelamanchili Hanumantha Rao from Kuchipudi Art Academy. I had performed in various ballets like Mohini Basmadura, Parvathi Kalyanam enacting main lead as Mohini and Parvathi. I have experience as a solo performer specialized in Tarangams, Shabdams, Javali's, Keerthana's, Padam's etc.

I moved to US in 2006 as part of my Software Job and was simultaneously involved in cultural activities, which looked very encouraging for me to train and perform in US.

I am presently running Rohini Kuchipudi Kalashetra in Royersford, PA since August 2014 after a break of 5 years, which involved my move from Illinois to PA, pregnancy and raising a kid. In Bloomington, Illinois I had a team of dancers whom I had groomed for various performances like Festival of India, Ugadhi, Children's day, Corporate Cultural festivals. I was also part of these performances along with my group.

My motive is to promote this rich heritage of Kuchipudi to enthusiastic and interested students.