



PERFORMANCE BIO OF DR. SOHINI RAY

Sohini Ray the world's leading master artiste of Manipuri dance was spotted by her guru, the legendary Guru Bipin Singh as a child prodigy at the age of seven. She was the first student in her dance school Manipuri Nartanalaya to learn and perform Manipuri drumming at the age of ten, performed with the Jhaveri sisters since the age of thirteen and received the highly competitive National Cultural Talent scholarship, Government of India at the age of fourteen. In her early twenties, she received the 'Shringar Mani' award from Sur Shringar Samasad, Mumbai, first prize in Manipuri dance in the State Youth festival of West Bengal Rajya Sangeet Academy. Today, a versatile performer, director, choreographer, teacher and scholar, she has her own institute Manipuri Dance Visions based in Los Angeles, USA along with its performing unit the Manipuri dance Visions Ensemble. She has toured all over India, USA, Canada, UK, Germany and Poland receiving rave reviews from the press. She received the "Los Angeles Treasurers Award" given by the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles and several other grants in California. She has been a two-time nominee in 2007 and 2011 and a winner in 2008 of prestigious Lester Horton Award given by the Dance Resource Center of Los Angeles.

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