



PERFORMANCE BIO OF DR. SOHINI RAY

Sohini Ray is an important name in the field of Manipuri dance. Spotted by her guru, the late Guru Bipin Singh as a child prodigy at the age of seven, she was the first student in 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, North America and Europe performing in many prestigious venues both individually and with her students, 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 the California Traditional Music Society. She has been a nominee in 2007 and a winner in 2008 of prestigious Lester Horton Award given by the Dance Resource Center of Los Angeles.

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