

50 years



**Bharata Kalanjali**

Academy of Bharatanaatyam  
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***Bharata Kalanjali was established in 1968 by the Dhananjayans, one of the earliest students of Kalakshetra under the legendary Rukmini Devi. Being one of the earliest registered institutions in the city after Kalakshetra with a goal to preserve and nurture Bharata Natyam in India, it has been a long and fulfilling journey for the Padma Bhushans, Shri V.P Dhananjayan and Smt Shanta Dhananjayan Founder Director of Bharata Kalanjali***

***Bharata Kalanjali has arrived at the the stupendous milestone of 50 years of service to Natya, to art and to the nation. To mark this special milestone , we wish to bring together our Alumini from across the globe and honour our collaborators.***

***Apart from our artistic endeavours BK has always been supporting several students who require financial assistance to learn and perform, and who are now independent teachers and performers.***

***The donations to our corpus***

***Assists artists sustain a career in the arts and continue Bharatakalanjali 's artistic legacy through the disciples and teachers.***

***financially support Bharathanatyam teachers and other accompanying artists***

***present new productions by Bharata Kalanjali's staff and students, who come under their umbrella***

*The Dhananjayans shared with their students a way of life during their Natya camps . Their daily routine comprised of Yoga ,Natya and Music . After an active day they wound down with Bhajan sessions sharing their Kalakshetra learnings.*

*This project a loving offering by Anuradha Murali an Alumni commemorates those evenings of togetherness through music . Bhajanavali will bring to one Bhajan every month . The contribution towards this aims to support Natya education to 6 underprivileged students for a year.*