



Disciples of Smitha Rajan ...

Internationally acclaimed Mohiniyattam performer, Smitha Rajan, manages and directs the dance school, Nrithyakshetra, "Temple of Dance", in St. Louis. Passing on her rich classical experience and tradition, the US Chapter of Nrithyakshetra is in its 15th year, teaching three classical dance styles of India, Mohiniyattam, Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi.

Smitha's disciples will be presenting two pieces :-

Shiva Shakthi in Kuchipudi style - illustrates the Ardhanareeshwara mythical concept, the unity of male (Lord Shiva) and female (Goddess Parvathy) which brings the universal balance. When male represents the physical illustration of power female represents the inner source for driving this power.

Jugalbandhi of Mohiniyattam and Bharatanatyam - through the combination of two Classical Indian dance forms the dancers will present the Shiva Ashtakam, elaborating the eight verses praising the Supreme Lord Shiva.