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## Artist-Teacher Resume



**SHALINI PATNAIK**  
**Indian Dance (Odissi)**

**Shalini Patnaik** has been trained extensively in Odissi, since the age of five. At the Orissa Dance Academy in India, she studied under internationally acclaimed artist-teachers Gangadhar Pradhan, Aruna Mohanty, Manoranjan Pradhan, and Yudhistir Nayak. In addition, Manoranjan Pradhan and Yudhistir Nayak have lived with the Patnaik family in San Diego for extended periods of time (12-15 months), helping Shalini to master the techniques of Odissi. Shalini has presented Odissi at numerous Indian events, temples, multicultural festivals, conventions, museums, libraries, universities, senior centers, and dance festivals in the USA. She has also performed with and/or choreographed for Madonna, George Harrison, and Ricky Martin. Shalini has been featured in the Dance Magazine of New York, the Yoga Journal, Hinduism Today, India Today, In Style, and Bazaar. The California Arts Council awarded a “Next Generation Artists” grant to her for developing new choreographies in Odissi in 2002. The Orissa Society of Americas (OSA) honored her along with sisters Laboni and Shibani with the “Kalashree” Award for their contribution and promotion of the Oriya arts in North America.