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AMULYA BALABANTARAY AND FRIENDS Indian Classical Dance (Odissi)

Amulya Balabantaray is a distinguished Bhubaneswar-based Odissi dancer and teacher who was trained at Guru Gangadhar Pradhan's Orissa Dance Academy in Orissa's capital city of Bhubaneswar. Amulya studied with gurus such as Bichitrananda Swain, Aruna Mohanty, and Manoranjan Pradhan. A grand master from the *Akhila Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal*, Amulya is currently a faculty member of Guru Bichitrananda Swain's acclaimed Rudrakshya Odissi Foundation. As a professional performer with Odissi's two best-known troupes for over 15 years, Amulya has performed in numerous festivals and prestigious venues in India and abroad: Odissi Dance Festivals, in the USA and India; Swarnotsav, organized by the Sangeet Natak Akademi; India's National Academy of Performing Arts, New Delhi; Kalidas Samaroh; the Jeevan Pani Memorial Festival, New Delhi; the Konark Festival of Indian Classical Dances and the Mukteswar Odissi Dance Festival (both hosted by the Government of Orissa); the Uday Shankar Dance Festival, Kolkata; the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA), and the Kharavela National Arts festival, Bhubaneswar. Amulya has also performed at the Ghungroo Festival; the Pragjyoti National Dance Festival, in Guwahati; the Indradhanush Festival, in New Delhi; the Naman Festival, in Bengaluru; and Basant Utsav, in Bhubaneswar. In the USA, Amulya has performed as a soloist at the prestigious Wong Center, at Lincoln Center, and at the Alban Festival in New York.

