

Press Media Profile

Marie Elangovan is a leading Bharatanatyam exponent and an accomplished choreographer and teacher. She is the disciple and daughter-in-law of illustrious nattuvanar, Guru K.J. Govindarajan. An empanelled artiste with the ICCR, Marie has performed extensively in India and abroad and has taken part in various prestigious festivals. A widely acclaimed artiste, she won the appreciation of art-lovers and critics for her immaculate technique, flawless rhythm and her evocative abhinaya.

To her distinction, Marie is an M.A. gold medalist in Bharatanatyam from Bangiya Sangeet Parishad, Rabindra Bharati University for the year 2014-2015. Integrating the purity of the tradition with the creativeness of a contemporary approach, Marie always brings an air of refreshing novelty to her choreographies. As the Artistic Director of Parampara, she has presented numerous thematic programmes and has expanded the vocabulary of the tradition by creating new pieces on the themes of childhood, climate change, women empowerment, environmental conservation and social harmony. Along with her troupe, she has presented the dance productions *The Thirsty Planet* and *Journey to Peace and Harmony* which were sponsored and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Her artistic excellence reflects in these choreographic works which are a blend of meaningful poetry and expressive dancing.

A graded artiste of Doordarshan, Marie has featured in a large number of dance programmes and biographical stories on television. Currently she teaches Bharatanatyam at the Parampara Centre and gives lecture-demonstrations and workshops on dance. She is also a graduate in Religious Studies from Université de Montréal. Aiming to master the finest aspects of her chosen dance form, Marie has trained in Carnatic Music and nattuvangam. She has been honoured with Achievement Awards from World Tamil Association, Andhra Vanitha Mandali, Hayagriva, Andhra Pradesh – Telangana Bhawan and Karnataka Sangeeta Sabha.