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Disciple of : Guru Mrs.Sanjeevani Kulkarni, Nashik.

Sumukhi has inherited her grace and sense of rhythm from her mother and Guru Mrs.Sanjeevani Kulkarni, under whom she started her lessons at the tender age of 5. Having grown up in the atmosphere of dance and music, this has come naturally to her.

From her early childhood, Sumukhi showed promise and potential, and has grown up to become a fine dancer. She has developed into a strikingly graceful and has an expressive style of her own.

Sumukhi is a Kathak Visharad (First Class) and Alankar (First Class). Also, Sumukhi has completed her graduation in Commerce (B.Com) from University of Pune. She has completed M.A. In Kathak in 2012 and is the University Topper. Recently, She has completed her PhD in Kathak dance, under the able guidance of Dr.Mrs Manjiri Shreeram Deo.

Recently she has been appointed as advisory committee member of Censor Board,Mumbai.

She is working as a Lecturer in Kathak dance at KK Wagh College of Performing Arts. She is also director of Kalanand Kathak Nritya Sanstha Nashik.

Group Performances:

- Panchtatva Mahotsav organised by Kalashram, Delhi, 2010
- Nritya Dhara organised by Sanskar Bharati, Nashik, 2010
- Tirupati Sangeet Mahotsav, 1994
- Durga Pooja - Artillery Centre 2003 & 2004.
- Kalashram Annual Event at Delhi, 2004.
- 92nd Marathi Natya Sammelan, Sangli, 2012.
- Goa Kala Academy, 2012.
- Meera -ek virahini- 2014
- Spandan- 2015
- Kalaram Mandir Mahotsav 2017,2022
- Nritya Sammelan 2017
- 2nd International Yoga Festival 2017.
- Mata art fest- 2017
- Sangamner festival -2016,2017
- IMOON conference- 2018
- Krishnasthami- Bhavnagar -2018

- Goda Spandan-2018
- Ma ta kalasangam-2019
- Navratri utsav - Kalaram mandir, Nashik 2022.
- Swar palavi - Nashik 2022.
- Bhadrakali Mandir, Nashik,2023
- Ayodhya 2023
- Varanasi 2023
- Nrutya Chakra, Pune 2024

Solo Performances:-

- Gopi Krishna jayanti Mahotsav, Nashik, 1998.
- South-Central Zone cultural centre Mahotsav, Ujjain 1998
- Kal-ke-kalakaar Mahotsav, Nagpur 1997
- Sangli Youth Festival 1996
- Sharadchandrika Mahotsav, New Delhi 1996
- Yuvak Biradari Festival 1996
- Swar sadhana Competition,Mumbai 1994
- Women's Artists Guild Competition 1994
- Kumar Sammelan, Mumbai, 1994
- Purnavaad Sangeet Samaroh, Parner, 1998
- Ganesh Festival, Kala Chhaya, Pune, 1997.
- Indo-French Cultural Exchange programme, Nashik, 2007.
- Pimpri-Chinchwad Sangeet Sabha, 2010
- Mazhya Maatiche Gaayan 2011
- Kusumagraj Smaran 2014
- Saptarang Cultural Festival 2017
- Kalanjali Utsav Thane. 2017
- Yoga Festival- Trimbakeshwar -2017
- Bhagwat Katha ,Haridwar-2017
- Taalabhishek, Nashik- 2019
- Janasthan festival, 2019
- Tarunai Sangeet Mahotsav,Thane,2019
- Natya Nartan Festival, Chattisgarh, 2019
- Shree Bhramhachaitanya Samgeet Mahotsav, 2019
- Shabda julyatil gaani, Nashik 2022.
- Smaran yatra, Nashik - 2022.

- Guru Vandana, Nashik - 2022.
- Gajapantha, Nashik - 2022.
- Ashtouprahar Swarhotra, Kalaram mandir, Nashik, 2023

Performances Abroad

- Festival of India in Italy, 1995
- Indian Cultural Tour - Thailand, 2009
- Workshop and performance - USA, 2018
- Performance- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2022

Choreographed and performed in Group Compositions :

- 'Dashavtara',
- 'Rajput Ramani',
- 'Chaturang',
- 'Taal chakra',
- 'Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum'
- 'Krishna Katha'
- 'Geeta Saar'

Sumukhi has participated and won several classical dance competitions during her career.

She has been honoured by several awards and felicitations such as :

- Swar sadhana Competition, Mumbai (1st Prize) 1994
- Sangli Youth Festival 1996 (1st Prize)
- Won Women's Artists Guild Trophy, Mumbai, 1994
- Yuvak Biradri Festival 1996 (Awarded Excellent Performer among all Dance Forms)
- Tirupati Sangeet Mahotsav 1994 (Talented Artist Award)
- Felicitations-Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, 2011
- Felicitations-Sanskar Bharati, Nashik, 2009.
- Guru Ratna Award- 2016
- Adarsh shikshak puraskar- Lions club- 2015
- Lokmat kala sanman- 2016
- Kala Jyoti puraskar- 2017
- Shikshak Gaurav Puraskar- Rotary club- 2017
- Felicitations- Rashtravadi Mahila Congress -2019
- Felicitations- Sanskaar Bharti -2019
- Krutadnyata puraskar at the hands of Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar, 2019

- Nation builder award from Rotary club of Nashik, grape city, 2019
- Guru Samman -Durg, Chattisgarh, 2019.
- Samajik puraskar - Nashik 2022.
- Swamini Puraskar Nashik 2024
- Samidnya Hirkani Puraskar 2024