

# OBITUARY

## TRIBUTES

### Natyacharya Subbaraya Pillai

Born on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1914 to Sengammal and Chockalingam Pillai, Subbaraya Pillai, like his father, was extensively trained by Pandanallur Meenakshisundaram Pillai. After early training at Pandanallur, he assisted his father at Kalakshetra and later at the Indian Institute of Fine Arts, Egmore. Through his long career spanning several decades he trained many students — Alarmel Valli, Meenakshi Chitharanjan, Anurupa among others.

Honoured with the Kalaimamani by the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka



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Manram, the central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1979), the Sangeeta Kala Acharya award by the Music Academy, Chennai (1995), Natyarangam's veteran guru award and the Natya Kalandidhi award by ABHAI (Association of Bharatanatyam Artists of India) (2006), Subbaraya Pillai took his art to several countries around the world. One of the most uncompromising natyacharya-s of Pandanallur, he passed away in Chennai on the 12th of May 2008. ■