

DU alumna and world-eminent kathak artiste Shovana Narayan



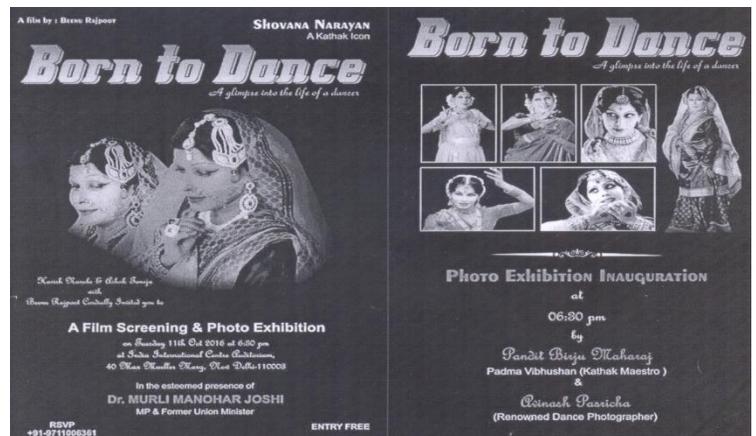
Shovana Narayan IAAS Retd
 BSc Hons 1970 MSc 1972 MH
 Bureaucrat-Artist
 Chairperson DPS Rohini
 Eminent kathak –dancer
Padma Shri 1992
 Sangeet Natak Academy Awards 1999
 Rajiv Gandhi Puraskar, Indira Priyadarshini Samman,
 and Rotary International Award and Japan's Oisca Award



Herbert Traxl with wife Shovana Narayan
 former Austrian Ambassador to India



A scene from the movie on the life of ace dancer Shovana Narayan



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Iconic dancer Shovana Narayan gives new dimension to Kathak, imbuing it with dignity and brilliance, and has taken it to unprecedented heights in the world. A documentary based on her life, titled **Born to Dance**, is all set to release at India International Center in Delhi, 11.10.2016

The documentary has been produced by Ashok Kumar Taneja and directed by **Beenu Rajpoot**.

“Movies strike a chord with our hearts, awaken our vision, and change the perception. Movies are the memories of our lifetime; we need to keep them alive,” says the director, Beenu.

“I am a lover of Indian classical dance, Kathak and therefore, always wished to contribute to this art form. Thus, being inspired by Shovana’s contribution in India’s cultural heritage, I have tried to capture glimpses of her journey of dance,” she adds.

A 41 minutes 31 seconds documentary in English, it took over a year to complete.

“This documentary conveys a strong message to the society about devotion, soul and beauty by showcasing Shovana Narayan’s powerful persona as a dancer, her intense passion and elegance,” adds the director.

“No art can pass our conscience in the way film does. Kathak dance is related to Katha, which means - the art of storytelling, which is a prominent characteristic of a director,” concludes Beenu.

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