

## **Natya Dhaara Center for Performing Arts**

Artistic Director : Uma Palam Pulendran

The Artistic director of Natya Dhaara, Uma Palam Pulendran is an accomplished dancer and a dedicated teacher. She is a senior disciple of the internationally famous dance couple, The Dhananjayans. Uma started learning dance at a very young age under Vijayambigai Indira Kumar and Renuka Arumuga Swamy.

Later she came under the tutelage of The Dhananjayans and has had training under them for more than ten years and had her Arangetram under their training. She also received further training in abhinaya and choreography from Radhika Shurajit. Uma has performed at various festivals, conferences, programs and productions internationally.

### ***Natya Dhaara – Center for Performing Arts***

It is a premier dance institution in Atlanta which imparts training in Classical Indian dance of Bharatanatyam/Bharatam to aspiring artists. It is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote better understanding of Bharatam through training lecture – demonstrations and workshops to Non-Indians and Indians, to promote local talent through organizing dance programs and productions. The students of this institution have performed in various venues and events in Atlanta.

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