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**PRESS RELEASE**



**KALASAGAR AWARD 2016 ANNOUNCED  
92nd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OF  
KALAMANDALAM KRISHNANKUTTY PODUVAL  
"ORU PIRANALINTE ORMAKAYAI" ON 28 MAY 2016**

KALASAGAR AWARD 2016 in the field of traditional performing art form is announced and will be presented when Kalasagar is celebrating the 92nd birth anniversary of its founder, Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval, on **28 May 2016** with the support Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Kerala Kalamandalam titled as **ORU PIRANALINTE ORMAKAYI** at Kerala Kalamandalam Koothambalam Koothambalam.

Kalasagar has been celebrating its anniversary as ORU PIRANLINTE ORMAKAY on May 28 which has now become a part of the cultural calendar of Kerala with wholehearted co-operation, active support and participation of art lovers and well wishers, the function always proved grand and glorious tribute to the late mastero. As part of the 92nd birth anniversary observance of chenda maestro Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval, Kalasagar will be honoring the artistes in the field of Kathakali – Vesham, Music, Chenda, Maddalam & Chutty as well as Bharathanatyam, Mohiniyattom, Kuchipudi, Ottenthullal, Chakyarkoothu, Koodiyattam, Thayambaka and Panchavadyam – Thimila, Maddalam, Edakka, Thalam & Kombu. The Awardees has been selected through nominations received from the art lovers.

<u>SL. NO.</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ARTIST NAME</u>
01	KATHAKALI	
A	VESHAM/ACTOR	Shri FACT Padmanabhan

B	PATTU/MUSIC	Shri Pathiyoor Sankarankutty
C	CHENDA/PERCUSSION	Shri Sadanam Ramakrishnan
D	MADDALAM/PERCUSSION	Shri Kalanilayam Manoj
E	CHUTTY/MAKE-UP	Shri Kalanilayam Saji
02	OTTENTHULLAL	Shri Krishnapurath Murali
03	CHAKYARKOOTHU	Shri Sangeeth Chakyar
04	KOODIYATTOM	Dr. Indu G
05	MOHINIYATTOM	Smt. Smitha Rajan
06	BHARATHANATYAM	Smt. Seetha Sasidharan
07	KUCHUPUDI	Smt.Geetha Padmakumar
08	THAYAMBAKA	Shri Mattannoor Sanakaran Kutty Marar
09	PANCHAVADYAM	
A	THIMILA	Shri Chottanikkara Nandappan Marar
B	MADDALAM	Shri Kalamandalam Prakash
C	EDAKKA	Shri Chennamangalam Unnikrishnan Marar
D	THALAM	Shri Kummath Nandakumaran
E	KOMBU	Shri Chengamanad Appu Nair

Dr. M C Dileepkumar, Vice Chancellor of Kerala Kalamandalam will preside over the proceedings. Dr. K K Sundaresan, Registrar of Kerala Kalamandalam will deliver the welcome speech. Dr. K Jayakumar, Vice Chancellor of Malayalam Sarvakalasa will inaugurate the 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration of Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval and Presentation of Kalasagar Award 2016, Dr. Sadanam Harikumar, Secretary, Sadanam Kathakali Academy will deliver the key note address. Dr. K.G. Paulose, will be the guest of honor for the evening. Raagaratnam Mannoor Rajakumaranunni, Shri M N Rajeev, Asst. Station Director, AIR, Trissur, Shri M. Anilkumar, District Youth Co-ordinator, Nehru Yuva Kenda, Palakkad, Shri P Jayachandran, noted playback singer, Dr. Santosh Akavour, Secretary, PSV Natyasangham, Kalamandalam Narayanan Nair, Shri Njayath Balan, Shri Mattannoor Sankarankutty Marar, Dr. Mankulam Krishnan Namboodiri, Shri V Kaladharan, Shri A B Raj Anand, Dr. N P Vijaykrishnan and other celebrities/scholars/well known gurus from the field of traditional art form are expected to participate and give away the awards. Vote of Thanks will be delivered by Shri M P Mohaan, President of Kalasagar,

The programme will commence at 5.30 p.m. on 28th May 2016. The highlight of the event will be the **MELAPPADAM a new creation of Dr. Sadanam Harikumar** followed by Kathakali plays **BHEESHMA PRATIGNYA** written by **Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval** will be presented by **Rajan Poduval** with the support of Sri. Kalamandalam Balasubramanian, Sri. Peesappilly Rajeev, Sri. Kottakkal Devadas and Sri. Sadanam Krishnadas followed by **PRAHLADACHARITHAM** in which **Sri. Kalamandalam Ramachandranunnithan** will be doing the role of NARASIMHAM. Besides leading artists of Kerala Kalamandalam many other eminent artists in the field of Vesham, Music, Chenda, Maddalam and Chutty will be participating in the mega event.



Rajan Poduval  
Secretary