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PRESS RELEASE



TWELFTH KALASAGAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Twelfth Kalasagar awards for exemplary contribution in the field of traditional performing arts for the year 2021 announced. Kalasagar awards are given in honor of the artistes in the field of Kathakali - Vesham, Music, Chenda, Maddalam and Chutty as well as Bharathanatyam, Mohiniyattom, Kuchipudi, Ottenthullal, Chakyarkoothu, Koodiyattom, Thayambaka, and Panchavadyam — Thimila, Maddalam, Edakka, Thalam and Kombu. As in the past awardees are selected through nominations received from *art conosseiure*.

KATHAKALI VESHAM/ACTOR



SHRI KALAMANDALAM MANOJ

KATHAKALI PATTU/MUSIC



SHRI KALAMANDALAM BALACHANDRAN

KATHAKALI CHENDA/PERCUSSION



DR. MANKULAM KRISHNAN NAMBOOTHIRI

**KATHAKALI MADDALAM/
PERCUSSION**



SHRI KALAMANDALAM VENUKUTTAN

KATHAKALI CHUTTY/MAKE-UP



SHRI NEELAMPERUR J AYAN

OTTENTHULLAL



SHRI PUNNASSERI PRABHAKARAN

KOODIYATTOM



SHRI SOORAJ NAMBIAR

MOHINIYATTOM



SMT. SANDHYA RAJAN

BHARATHANATYAM



SMT. SARITHA RAMADEVAN

THAYAMBAKA



DR. SUKHAPURAM DILEEP

PANCHAVADYAM THIMILA



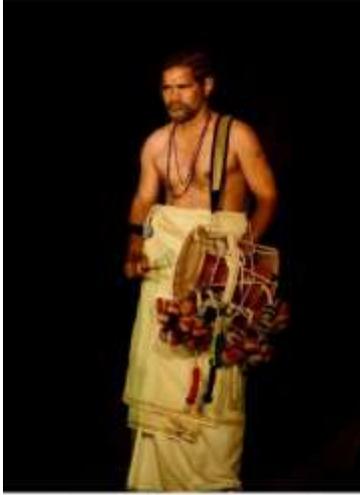
SHRI KAVIL PEETHAMBARAN MARAR

PANCHAVADYAM MADDALAM



SHRI PERUVARAM MOHANAN MARAR

PANCHAVADYAMEDAKKA



SHRI KALANILAYAM UNNIKRISHNAN

PANCHAVADYAM ILATHALAM



SHRI PERUVARAM SOMAN

(posthumous)

PANCHAVADYAM KOMBU



SHRI CHERAI S UNIL

The Kalasagar Awards for excellence in traditional performing arts will be presented generally on May 28 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval, legendary kathakali maestro and the founder of Kalasagar. Fear over the spread of coronavirus has already disrupted the public life and Government authorities insist that all public events and social gathering needs to be put on hold till normal life is restored. In view of the above we from Kalasagar wish to inform that presentation of the Twelfth Kalasagar awards scheduled on 28th May 2021, celebration of the 97th birth anniversary of Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval, stands postponed.

Rajan Poduval

Secretary

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