



## Vidyalakshmi Vinod

Vidyalakshmi Vinod has been a performing artist for the past 20 years. She had the privilege of being a disciple of Padmashri Chithra Viswesaran and during the process she received Bharat kalachar scholarship for performing arts in Bharathanatyam.

She learnt and adapted discipline and vigorousness of the art along with the grammar of Bharathanatyam. She had the privilege of touring various countries with her guru Chithra akka. Vidyalakshmi over the years has rendered many performances under the auspices of various organizations and various forms.

Vidya moved to Seattle during the year 2002 and founded the Nrityalaya School of dance and has been sharing her experience with others besides training to the younger generation the ancient form of Bharathanatyam and its intricacies. The school strives to teach the best to preserve and promote the rich heritage of the classical dance adored by most of the people in the world. The talented group of students of the school has been consistently performing at the Northwest folklife festival besides Indian association and fund raisers as well as other art organizations.

