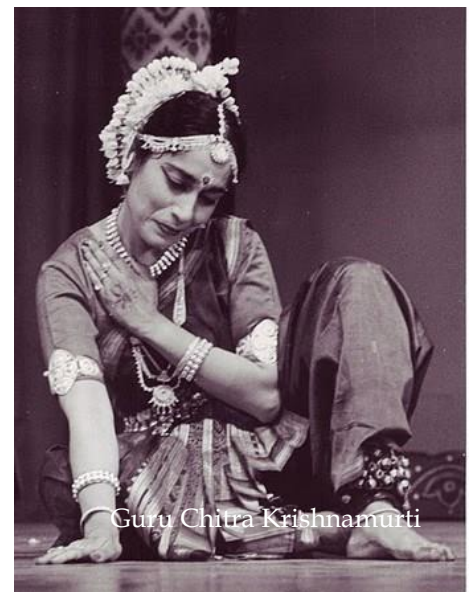




School of Indian Classical Odissi Dance

Nriyalaya is a school for the classical Indian Odissi dance style in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area. Being the first of its kind to be established in the USA, Nriyalaya boasts a proud tradition of more than 31 years now. Under the artistic direction of the founder Guru Chitra Krishnamurti, Nriyalaya has been instrumental in introducing and endearing the metropolitan Washington, DC community to the long and colorful tradition of Odissi. To this end, Nriyalaya has produced and performed a number of shows, ballets, and dance-dramas with mythological and modern themes, to packed auditoriums of appreciative audiences both in the US and abroad.

Nriyalaya is a family of students and dance enthusiasts: both professional and amateur, children and adults, of Indian and American origin. We are dedicated to learning, not just the motions of this unique Odissi style, but immersing in its spirit and aesthetics, and rejoicing the culture associated with it. Nriyalaya is the first school to host its student's Mancha Pravesh, the equivalent of a graduation, where a student first performs a 2-hour full repertoire to an appreciative audience. Nriyalaya has over 31 graduates currently.



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