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nina rajarani dance school



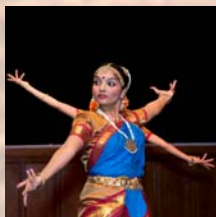
Srishti – Nina Rajarani Dance School has been flourishing at the Harrow Arts Centre in Hatch End, Middlesex, since 1991. Over the years, Nina Rajarani MBE has earned herself an admirable reputation as a teacher, and her students pride themselves upon their high standard of dancing. The school emphasises strong, classical training in Bharatanatyam, firmly rooted in tradition.



Bharatanatyam is a classical dance style originating in the temples of Southern India. Characterised by its strong lines, geometry and symmetry, as well as its highly expressive mime, it is probably the most popular and versatile Indian classical dance style worldwide.



The school follows the Bharatanatyam syllabus of the **Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD)**. This course trains students in both the practical and theoretical aspects required for the appropriate presentation of the traditional *maargam* or repertoire of Bharatanatyam.



New students first complete a **foundation year** introducing the basics of Bharatanatyam, followed by a **graded examination course** consisting of six basic grades. Students who complete the graded course have the opportunity to continue with vocational examinations, preparing them for professional performances and teaching.



Training in **Karnatic vocal music** is an essential part of the ISTD route and this is provided to Srishti's students by Y Yadavan. Senior students also learn the art of *nattuvangam* or conducting. Most of those who complete the graded examinations carry on with their training at an advanced level. Advanced students also have the opportunity to join **Srishti Yuva Culture**, a successful youth group that participates in professional training and performs new choreography in a variety of contexts.

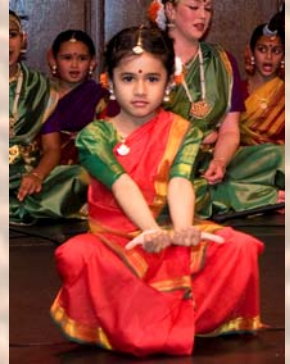


Throughout their training, students are given **performance opportunities** at both local and national events. Srishti's Dance School presented its first *Arangetram* (debut solo performance) in 2000, and has regularly presented new achievers since.

Classes and Courses:

Foundation Year – can be joined by new students who have turned five by the 1st of September in the year in which they join the school. This year-long course takes place weekly on Saturday afternoons, and leads to the graded examination course.

Graded Examination Course – for students with previous Bharatanatyam training. Classes take place twice weekly. Students may enter the graded course either through the Foundation Course, or by taking 1-to-1 classes with one of our tutors to catch up with the class they aim to enter.



Advanced Course – for students who have completed Grade 6. Advanced students take a weekly class on Saturday mornings, and continue with vocal music training alongside their dance training.

Intensives – three intensive workshop weeks per year are available to students on the Graded or Advanced Courses, leading to performances or examinations. These take place in October, February and July.



Yuva Culture – our youth dance company, for dancers aged 16 years and above. The group focuses on professional training, new choreography and performing. Recently the group has performed at Wembley Arena, the Queen Elizabeth Hall at the South Bank Centre, and Sadler's Wells. Yuva is highly recommended to those who have completed their *Arangetram*, and is open to students who have trained at other schools at which professional development may not be available.



Adult Class – a weekly class, exclusively for adults at beginners' level. This is a fantastic way to keep fit and socialise.

1-to-1 and small group sessions – available to both children and adults who are unable to join regular group classes. Our full time tutors are able to offer classes throughout the week to suit your availability.

Award-winning choreographer Nina Rajarani MBE is the director of the school. Nina has over 20 years of teaching experience and is known for her meticulous methods. Dance tutors employed by the school are all carefully selected for their thorough knowledge and precise articulation of the art-form. Renowned vocalist and composer Y Yadavan teaches the vocal music classes at the school and composes original music for the student performances and for Srishti Yuva Culture.

Srishti - Nina Rajarani Dance School is based at the **Harrow Arts Centre** in Hatch End, Middlesex. Students of the dance school perform publically at least twice a year at showcases organised by the school, allowing the dancers to demonstrate what they have learned over the year and giving them the opportunity to experience dancing in a performance setting outside of the classroom.



For an application form or an informal chat about the school, please contact:

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