## **DIVYA HOSKERE**

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Dance is a perennial source of joy for young and vibrant Bharatanatyam Artiste, Divya Hoskere. She is one of the foremost disciples of Guru Sri P Praveen Kumar at the Chithkala School of Dance, Bengaluru, where she began her journey with dance at the tender age of 5. Divya is a graded artist of Doordarshan and a recipient of the "Scholarship to Young Artists" awarded by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India in the field of Bharatanatyam. As a soloist, Divya has performed extensively across India and abroad including at the Music Academy, Madras for the Bharatanatya Manjari program. She has also had the privilege of performing with her guru, Sri P. Praveen Kumar across Italy and Romania. Her performances have been critically acclaimed and lauded to have made an impactful impression, leaving the audiences yearning for more.

Divya is also a lead puppeteer at the Dhaatu Puppet Theater, founded by her mother, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee, Smt. Anupama Hoskere and has travelled across the world as a part of the theater. She has an undergraduate degree in visual communication design and is a master's degree in Performing Arts - Bharatanatyam.

Divya was named as one of the "Cultural Stars to Look Forward to in 2022" by the Sunday Standard Magazine, The New Indian Express - National Edition. She was awaraded the Junior Research Fellowship by the University Grants Comisssion in Performing Arts (Dance) and is pursuing her PhD in Performing arts at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc Campus, Bengaluru.

Divya's ardent passion and commitment to the art form of Bharatanatyam has paved way for her to explore the depths of art as she dances her way into the hearts of people.