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Janhabi Behera

Janhabi Behera taught and performed Odissi dance for the Center for World Music from 2008 to 2009. She has devoted her entire life to practicing and performing Odissi, a classical dance form of India with ancient roots. Initiated into Odissi dance from early childhood, she learned dance from Guru Ramesh Chandra Jena and Guru Yudhisthir Nayak. With experience and practice, she developed into a finely balanced and deeply expressive Odissi dancer. Janhabi, known for her skillful expression and gracious movements, carved a niche for herself as a soloist as well as company member with the Orissa Dance Academy, Bhubaneswar. Nurtured under the strict vigilance of Guru Aruna Mohanty and guided by the late legendary Guru Gangadhar Pradhan, she graduated as a dancer and now showcases her creativity worldwide.

Among the finest Odissi dancers that the Orissa Dance Academy has produced, Janhabi has received a half dozen prestigious awards and gold medals from the Konark Festival. In addition to her many performances throughout India, Janhabi has performed at dance festivals and other venues across the globe (including the UK, the USA, Canada, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, Syria, Tunisia, and Morocco). The lyrical movements of her body, the superb expressive lines on her face, and her absorbing persona as a dancer, make her a performer of distinction.