

# Lavanya Rathi Ramesh

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*Lavanya Rathi Ramesh, a senior in the Great Valley High School, PA, USA, started learning Bharathanatyam as a little three year old, from her mother and teacher Smt. Ramaa Ramesh, and continues to represent Nardhana Academy of Dance at numerous performances and competitions. With a passion for choreography, she currently teaches the beginner and junior level students at Nardhana, and at the Balance Dance Center. Lavanya had her Arangetram, a debut full length solo dance performance accompanied by live orchestra from India, when she was only ten years old. Apart from raving press reviews, she had the distinguished honor of receiving a letter of recognition from the Honorable Governor of Pennsylvania, Gov. Edward G. Rendell, commending her for her achievement and commitment to the dance form at such a young age. Lavanya periodically takes private lessons from her grand guru Smt. Chitra Visweswaran to further strengthen her talent in the finer aspects of dancing and teaching techniques. Smt. Chitra Visweswaran has recognized her talents by giving her prominent roles in her choreographies. Lavanya also had the opportunity to perform as one of the main characters in 'Silapathigaram,' a dance production choreographed and presented by Madurai R. Muralidaran in USA. Lavanya's solo performances in India include her recitals at Narada Gana Sabha, 'Mudhra' Festival Series in Chennai and Sadguru Samajam at Madurai. She has also given several solo and group recitals in the USA at the Philadelphia Museum of the Arts, Temple University Conwell Theater, Cabrini College, the Pittsburg S.V. Temple, Harrisburg and Delaware Temples. Lavanya has performed for many charities and fundraisers, including the Easter Seals New York Fundraising Event for autistic children. Hailing from the prestigious lineage of the famous South Indian Poet/ Freedom Fighter, Sri. Subramania Bharatiyar, Lavanya Rathi takes pride in continuing with her family legacy.*

