**BIODATA**

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION : BACHELOR OF DESIGN from National

Institute of Fashion technology(NIFT), Hyderabad.

DANCE : Learning Bharathanatyam (Traditional dance form of South India) under Guru Smt. Rajeswari Sainath since the age of 12 at Hyderabad. Started learning from the age of 6 early on at Bangalore before moving to Hyderabad.

 Performed my Arangetram along with my sister Sahana Umesh in the year 2014

 Adjudged as *Best Performers* in January 2016 for the Duet Bharatha Natyam Performance along with my sister Sahana Umesh at the 116th Year Dance Festival of Sri Parthasarathy Swamy Sabha, Chennai, India.

 Qualified ‘B’ Grade Bharatha Natyam artist in Doordarshan, India.

 Have been part of several dance productions produced by Smt Rajeswari Sainath and has performed in many stages in programs such as “Lalitha Vaibhavam”, “Menaka”, “Oz India Jazz Ensemble”, “Fusion Dance”, Nritya Vikasam” etc…

 Passed the Certificate Course in Bharathanatyam Dance conducted by Telugu University, Hyderabad in 2016.

 Had the opportunity to perform in Kenya, Africa, in Oct 2016 during the Brahmohtsavam

Festival in Sri KalyanaVenkateshwara Temple, Nairobi, Kenya.

 I belong to the family of Prof. V. Sambamoorthy Iyer, my Great Great Grand Father, a

Musicologist and a renowned professor of Music from Chennai.

 I am also learning Carnatic Music Vocal from Smt. Sreevidya Janakiraman and performed vocal concerts at several programs.

 Have been active in both Academics & Arts throughout my schooling & college. Have been maintaining a good CGPA both in School & NIFT.

 My Goal is to become a Fashion Designer in my professional career and continue to pursue the dance & music art forms with my utmost passion.

I have successfully managed to balance academics and rigorous practice of dance & music with equal dedication. My profound thanks to Guru Smt Rajeswari Sainath and her daughter & disciple Kumari Vyshnavie Sainath, who have carved out the artist in me to near perfection and the encouragement, guidance given by them has been exceptional.