



**Aravinth அரவிந்த் Kumarasamy குமாரசாமி** feeling  
inspired with Shantha Ratii and 35 others at Apsaras Arts  
@ Goodman Arts Centre.

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Dance India Asia Pacific 2017 (DIAP2017) was memorable with many moments to treasure for a long time come. DIAP2017 could have not been successful if not for the many individuals who dedicated their time and efforts with their passion for dance.

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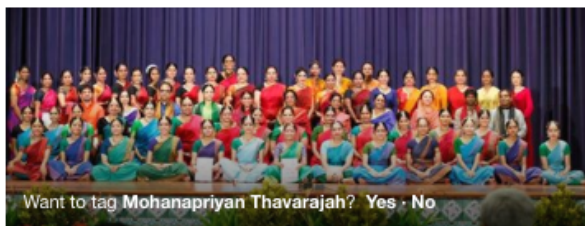
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All of us at Apsaras Arts humbly dedicate DIAP2017 in the memory of our Founder, Guru and Mentor - our dearest Neila Mami. We will strive to make you proud in all of endeavours at Apsaras Arts. A very BIG thank you to you Mami for giving us this opportunity.



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