



Kuchipudi Dancer Doll

The movements in *Kuchipudi* dance are in some ways similar to *Bharatanatyam* which is a classical Indian dance art form. However, there are certain types of dances that are unique to Kuchipudi.

One of them is the *Tarangam* of *Kuchipudi* which is unique in that the dancer must dance upon a brass plate and at the same time hold two lighted *diyas* (small oil lamps) one in each hand, whilst balancing a *kundi* (small vessel) containing water on their head. At the end of the dance, the dancer extinguishes the candles and washes his or her hands with the water from the vessel.

