

# **Bhoja Raju Garu's JAI PATHALA BHAIRAVI Director: Surabhi Jayachandra Varma Rekandar**



Playwright: Bhoja Raju Garu

Director: Surabhi Jayachandra Varma Rekandar

Group: Sri Venkateswara Surabhi Theatre, Hyderabad

Language: Telugu

Duration: 2 hrs

## **The Play**

Thota Ramudu, a gardener's son, loves Indumathi (the only daughter of the king of Ujjaini). The king rejects their love but gives Ramudu an option that if Ramudu earns a lot of money, he can marry his daughter. To obtain evil spirits, Mantrik Nepala needs a good, bold and young man. He finds out about Thota Ramudu and brings him for this purpose, promising him the wealth which he needs to marry Indumathi. Just before the prayers, Thota Ramudu finds out about the Mantrik's evil intentions. He gets the evil spirit to kill the Mantrik and

marries Indumathi. The disciple of the Mantrik comes to know about this. He bring back his master to life with the help of Sanjeevani. Mantrik obtains the idol of the evil spirit through cheap tricks and kidnaps Indumathi. Thota Ramudu with his moral strength kills the Mantrik and brings Indumathi back.

#### Director's Note

The play Pathala Bhairavi is based on the movie by the same name written by Pingali Nagendrarao Garu. This story has been dramatised by Sri Surabhi Bhoja Raju Garu. Our plays are mostly mythological stories, and the young audience is not interested in them. So I directed this love story with the young members of Surabhi. Finally, this play is running successfully in our repertory. The production has socially relevant messages, special effects, tricks, and music.

#### The Director

Surabhi Jayachandra Varma Rekandar is the grandson of Padmashri Surabhi Babji. He is a recipient of Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puskara Award from Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi; Narasimha Rao Rangasthala Yuvapuraskar from Potti Sriramulu Telugu University, Telangana; and many other awards and honours. He has performed in more than 4,500 shows. He has directed Jai Pathala Bhairavi, Kurukshetra, Annamayya Vennela, Kanaka Tara and Baala Mayabazaar and participated in many national and international theatre festivals. He has staged 13 performances in Passages International Theatre Festival, France. He has also conducted many workshops on Surabhi Theatre Techniques.

#### The Playwright

Rekandar Bhoja Raju was the second son of Rekandar China Venkata Rao and Nataka Kala Praveena Smt. Subhadramma. He was an actor and a great technical expert of theatre skills. He was a wig-maker, moulder, scenic painter, electrician, lighting expert, engine mechanic, besides being harmonium and tabla player. Bhoja Raju died in 2005 at Visakhapatnam while

performing the role of Mayala Marati in Balanagamma.

### The Group

Surabhi Theatre was established in 1885 at Surabhi village in the Kadapa District. It was invited by the Passages 2013 Festival Committee for performances in the cities of Metz and Paris in France, with 50 artists and technicians for a period of 35 days, and coordinated by Alliance Française, Hyderabad. French Minister for Culture, Aurélie Filipetti came to watch the play Bhakta Prahlada. The Hon'ble Mayor, Metz France, honoured Surabhi Babji with a gold medal. Now the children belonging to the 7th generation will be performing the play Mayabazaar.

### Cast & Credits

Ramu (Hero): R. Jayachandra Varma

Organiser & Anji: V. Upendar

Indhumathi: V. Hema Manasa

Baka Baka: V. Lekhaj

Pourudu: V. Rishik

Pourudu: R. Ravi Varma

Santhamma: R. Padmaja Varma

Pathala Bhairavi: R. Shyamala

Sinikudu: R. Arun Kumar

Nalini: V. Saiteja

Thappu: Thappu V. Chenna Kesava

Ithihasam: V. Reeta Devi

Makari: V. Alekhya

Dingari: V. Nagaraju

Yakshini: V. Rajeswari

Chelikathe: V. Rajini

Chelikathe: V. Jabili

Chelikathe: V. Rupa

Raju: R. Vasudeverao

Poururalu: R. Thirumala

Rakshasa: S. A. Shiva

Vagaloi Vagalu: S. A. Hema Maalini

Cheli Kathe: M. Neeraja  
Pourudu: M. Koushik  
Kathakuralu: M. Snigdha  
Kathakuralu: Y. Dhiksha  
Chelikathe: Y. Bhargavi  
Rani: V. Lakshmi  
Pourudu: A. Govind Rao  
Jyothishyulu: Mallesh Ballastu  
Sinikudu: V. Bhanu Prakash  
Kathakralu: D. Annapurna  
Chelikathe: A. Deepika  
Sinyadhipathi: V. Krishna Babu  
Beka Beka: V. Mohan Krishna  
Muthaiduvu: V. Pankaja Syamala  
Manthrikudu: V. Ajay Kumar  
Sadhajapa: S. Sharath  
Chelikathe: V. Bhavani

Special Effects: V. Niranjanrao  
Harmonium: R. Seshu Raju  
Tabla: V. Prabhu  
Tabla: M. Nagaraj  
Electrician: Sv. Kishore, R. Ravi Varma  
Team Manager & Singer: R. Harika Varma

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