Dear Smt. Bala Devi:

Every year, the Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival chooses a dancer/guru to receive the title "Nrithya Seva Mani" for his or her contribution to the ancient art of Indian classical dance. The recognition takes place on the inaugural day.

The 30th year is a very special milestone for us at the Aradhana and as such we wanted to choose a person of very high merit and singular achievement. We are happy to write to you that the Aradhana Committe unanimously chose you to be the recipient of this year's award. You stood out not only as a talented dancer and a dedicated guru, but also as some one who innovates boldly within the strict idioms of Bharatha Nrithyam. As a star disciple of Nrithya Rathnakara Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, your credentials are of course irreproachable but all your achievements are your own.

We at the Aradhana would be pleased to have your acceptance of this award. The ceremonies are scheduled for the inaugural day i.e. Saturday April 7, 2006.

With warm regards

V V Sundaram