

## Mimicry Srinivas

**Mimicry Srinivas** is an international (entertainment), ventriloquist and very first sound illusionist from India. For past 33 years he performed more than 6000 shows all over India and around the world, including USA, UK, UAE, Singapore, Malaysia, Sharjah, Behrain, Kuwait, Tanzania Saudi arabia and Srilanka. He is a disciple of world renowned mimic Padmashri Dr.Nerella Venumadhav and learnt ventriloquism from Prof. M.M. Roy of Chennai, India and later he graduated in ventriloquism from Mahers institute of ventriloquists,Colorado,USA. He is a member of " North American Association of Ventriloquists". He is also known as "Mimicry Seenu", "Mimicry Sreenivas" "Mimicry Srinivas" and "Mimicry Srinivas".



### Early Life :

Sreenivas was born in a small village called Kesamudram in **Warangal** district of Andhra Pradesh state in 1961. When he was a kid, got impressed by Dr Nerella Venumadhav's performance and started practising imitation of various voices. Fortunately he got an opportunity to learn more and improve his skills when his parents moved to Warangal which is hometown of Dr Venumadhav. Soon he became a favorite desciple of Dr Venumadhav. He started performing on stage when he was 15 years old and quickly became a popular artist with his new and bold experiments in mimicry and ventriloquism. He is also a graphic artist and as a teenager he ran his own graphic art business 'Navata Arts' in Warangal during late 70s.

### Education :

He graduated in 'Bachelor of Arts' from Arts and Science College (affiliated to Kakatiya University), Warangal in the year 1982.

### Career :

Srinivas is the first Indian mimic to perform ventriloquism and sound illusion.

He set a sensational world record by performing 32-hour nonstop mimicry show in 1990 at Tyagaraja Ganasabha auditorium in Hyderabad. It was a very successful

show. At least 50,000 spectators enjoyed that event. It was showed live on big screens outside the auditorium for those who were unable to enter in.

He is wellknown for his presentation skills and most importantly for his analysis of voices of various movie stars and popular figures, comparing how those voices changed from time to time. He always says the secret for his success is that he does not do different mimicry but does it differently. He inspired and taught mimicry and ventriloquism to many popular artists performing in Andhra Pradesh today. Srinivos is often considered as the successor to Dr Venumadhav. He made the art so popular that 'Mimicry' has become part of his name. Later many mimics in India followed the same trend by adding 'Mimicry' to their name.

His performances include 'Mimicry Jugalbandi' and 'Group Mimicry' and unbelievable items in ventriloquism like Voice Throwing, Sound Perspective, Sound in Liquid, Distant Ventriloquism, Caricature Illusion, Close-up Sound Illusion, Point-blank Sound Illusion, etc. He was hired by Indian Railways as a cultural representative and he currently works for South Central Railways, Hyderabad, India. He appears very often in various Telugu television channels. Srinivos performs in English, Hindi, urdu, Tamil and Telugu.

### **Titles and Awards :**

He has received various titles and awards for the past 33 years: Dhwanyanukarana ChakravarthiDhwanyavadhana SamratMan of the YearOut Standing Young Person of the State from JCIKanakaraju kalamantapam awardBest Mimic AwardIndian Best Ventriloquist of the Decade (1999) from Walker Town Junior ChamberRotary Vocational Excellence Award in the year 2000Kamal Patra -2000 by Indian Junior Chamber (Jaycees) Master of Mimicry from His excellency Dr. Deboshish Chakraborty,Indian High Comissioner, TanzaniaDhwani kalaanidhi by Lions club 2010 at Hyderabad.