



# I am The ROCK

## Jaya Mani

**Job:** Instructor, department of dance.

**Joined SRU:** 2002.

**Background:** I was born in India and got my bachelor of art's degree in economics there. I also had an extensive training in Bharathanatyam, a classical dance style of India. After my marriage, I joined my husband, Srinivasa Mani, who was appointed as an associate professor of anthropology at SRU. I got my bachelor's degree in library science from SRU. For more than 25 years I have been teaching Bharathanatyam in a dance school in Pittsburgh. In 2002, I was given a teaching assignment to teach Bharathanatyam under "World Dance" at SRU.

**Interests:** In addition to dance, I am interested in fine arts – music and painting. I love to travel. With my husband and daughter, I have traveled to many countries in South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific.

**Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with:** Mahatma Gandhi and Ravi Shanker.

**Why I work at the Rock:** My husband was working as a professor of anthropology at SRU. He retired in 2011. At the invitation of the director of international studies, I gave a Bharathanatyam concert. The chair of the dance department became aware of my background and expertise in dance and offered me a position to teach the classical dance style.

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