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Som Said



Over the last five decades, Som Said has shaped the Singapore Malay dance scene in various capacities – as a dancer, choreographer and artistic director. In 1965, she joined Sriwana as one of its pioneer members, eventually becoming its Artistic Director in 1985.

She joined the National Dance Company in 1970 and represented Singapore in many overseas festivals. In 1997, Mdm Som founded Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts, Singapore's first fully professional Malay dance company, and served as its Artistic Director.

Since the early days, she has championed the need for Singapore to develop its own approach to Malay dance. For her contribution, she received the Cultural Medallion in 1987 and the Public Service Medal in 1992. In 2014, Mdm Som was inducted into Singapore Women's Hall of Fame.