

Brief Anotation of National Song and Dance Ensemble “Georgian Folklore”

Ensemble was founded on 25th of October in 1984 in Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU). Its founders are mr. Badri Matchavariani and his friends.

In 1986 October – Georgia, Tbilisi Youth Festival, The Prize of Iliko Sukhishvili (famous Georgian choreographer- Laureate of State Premium);

Ensemble has visited the following countries with concert tours:

1. Poland – 1989
2. Italy – Ensemble had 16 concert tours: 1991-93-95-96(twice)-97, 2001-02-03-04-05(twice)-07-12-2015, 2016, 2017
3. Greece – Ensemble had 4 concert tours: 1995-96, 2001, 2003
4. Belgium – 3 concert tours: 1994, 2009, 2011
5. Spain – 3 concert tours: 1998, 2008, 2012 (Ourense and Tenerife - Canary Islands)
6. Germany, Luxemburg – 1999
7. Russia – 2000
8. Czech Republic – 2001, 2017
9. Portugal – 2008
10. Switzerland - 2010
11. Great Britain - 2011
12. France – 2 concert tours: 2009, 2011

In 1994 Georgia’s Ministry of Culture granted the „Honorary National Ensemble’s” title to this ensemble.

In 1996 in Italy the ensemble was awarded with the title of “ Best Ensemble”.

In 2001 the Voice of America Radio “Freedom” took the special cast from Prague about the successes of the Ensemble.

In 2004, August - Italy, Sardinia, A Head of Ensemble Badri Matchavariani has been awarded with Culture Premium for maintaining National Folk Features and for maintaining and development of World Folk-Art.

The National Ensemble “Georgian Folklore” gained different prizes, among them: 3 golden medals, 9 main prizes, Diploma of the festival organized by Euro-Parliament, the Best Ensemble Prize (Italy, 1996), in 2013 Sport and Youth Ministry of Georgia awarded “The Best Ensemble’s ” Honour Title. The Ensemble is Laureate of different National and International Festivals. The Ensemble is a member of UNESCO.

Also ensemble had many concerts in Georgia:

Ensemble had a concert in Concert Hall Philharmony, Griboedov’s theatre, Rustaveli Theatre, Marjanishvili Theatre.

In 2003, October 29th, Ensemble has been awarded the special prize "Tsinandali-2003" and Diploma of President of Georgia.

2005, May - Tbilisi, TSMU concert hall. Solo performance of Ensemble's young generation.

In October 2010 Ensemble participates in National Folklore Festival –“Redisson – Iveria Star”, ensemble was awarded by Diploma of “National Ideals’ Devotion and Professionalism” and title

“Redisson-Iveria Star” was awarded to the Ensemble.

In May-June 2010 ensemble took part in concurs of Georgian Dances made by Georgian Public Broadcasting-1st channel (Morning programs). The best 20 ensembles of Georgia took part in this concurs. The Winner of this concurs was the National Ensemble “Georgian Folklore”.

In 2012 on 16th of July Ministry Of Culture’s Certificate was given to the ensemble.

In 2013 Sport and Youth Ministry of Georgia awarded “The Best Ensemble’s” Honour Title to the ensemble.

In 2014 Sport and Youth Ministry of Georgia awarded “The Best Choreography” Honour Title to the ensemble.

In 2015 Sport and Youth Ministry of Georgia awarded ensemble by prize "Sympathy of the Jury".

In the National Ensemble “Georgian Folklore” many generations were grown. One of the best examples of these generations are members of the Ensemble “Pesvebi” (some of them performs national songs in the Ensemble “Shvidkatsa” and choral music in Trinity Church). In different times (1990 - 92, 1993 - 96) in the Ensemble were performing nowadays very popular and famous artists of ensembles: “Fazisi” “Erisioni”, “Tbilisi”, “Georgian Voices”, “Alilo”.

The Founder and the Head of the Ensemble – Mr. Badri Matchavariani, the Vice-Director of the Sport and Culture Centre (TSMU), the President of the Association “GEORGIAN NATIONAL CULTURE”, the laureat of National and International festivals, Georgian Choreography’s Order’s owner - „Amagdari” (Honored worker of choreography) , the member of UNESCO.

The Chief Choreographer – Mr. Davi Ugrekhelidze, the laureat of National and International festivals, the actor - dancer of the ensemble SUKHISVILI. He is the Knight of Labour and the Order of Honour.

The Choreographer – Mrs. Ineza Kupreishvili, the laureat of National and International festivals.

The Maestro – Mr. David Ratiani, the laureat of National and International festivals, the member of Quintet “URMULI”.

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