

Description of Artistic Activity of Folk Dance Ensemble «BERT» Yerevan ,Armenia

Folk dance ensemble «BERT» of the city of Yerevan, the capital of Armenia was created in 1963. The founder and invariable artistic chief of dance ensemble is honored Art Worker of the Republic of Armenia Boris Guevorkian.

In 1967 in the festival of Riga the dance ensemble «BERT» was the laureate and was awarded with the «Main Prize».

In 1974 the dance ensemble was awarded with the honorary title of «People's dance group» by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic Armenia.

In 1975 the «BERT» gave concerts in Poland and returned home with the «Grand Prix».

In 1976 the ensemble demonstrated its art in a number of cities of the former USSR, and everywhere it won government awards and prizes.

In 1977 the dance ensemble «BERT» performed on tour in Cyprus and Greece where it participated in the International Festival and acquired the title of winner.

In 1978 the ensemble participated in the International Festival of Folk Dances held in Bulgaria and won the «Gold Medal» and a diploma of first Class.

In 1980 «BERT» took part in the International Festival devoted to the 25th Anniversary of the Soviet-Austrian Friendship and came back to Yerevan with the gold medal and a diploma.

In 1981 the ensemble presented Armenian dance art in the Soviet -Hungarian Traditional Festival where also won the title of winner.

In 1982 «BERT» was given the title of the Youth League of Armenia prize laureate .

In 1985 the dance ensemble performed in the International Student Festival held in Algeria where was awarded with the title of prizewinner .

In 1987 «BERT» presented the Armenian dance art in the Kremlin Congress Palace in Moscow. It participated in the final concert and won one of the main prizes.

In 1988-89 the ensemble performed with a number of concerts in Armenia and in several cities of the ex-USSR.

In 1990-91 «BERT» took part in Armenian Art Days in Hungary.

In 1993 performed with concerts in France and Germany and participated in the International Festival of Folk Dances held in the city of Bochum in Germany, too.

In 1994 the ensemble took part in the International Festivals of Folk Dances held in several cities of France. It also gave concerts in the city of Lodz in Poland.

In 1995 «BERT» took part in International Festivals held in a number of cities of Taiwan.

In 1996 the ensemble «BERT» participated in International Folk Festivals in Spain.

In 1997 the folk dance ensemble «BERT» took part in several International Folk Dance Festivals held in France.

In 1998-spring, the folk dance ensemble «BERT» took part in different International Folk Festivals in Spain (Burgos, Castellon)

In 1998-summer, the participation in several International Folk Festivals in Italy (Imola, Russi, Aviano) and in Switzerland (Fribourg).

In 1999 spring, performed with more than 15 solo concerts of a concert tour in France, Germany and Austria.

In 1999-summer, the participation in several International Folk Festivals in Italy (Quartu-St.Elena Kori, Castelon del Lago, Koropoli and others).

In 2000 July-August the ensemble took part in a great many of International Folk Festivals, held in France and Spain. **In International Competition in Dijon** (from 28 August till 3 September) the ensemble was awarded by the **GOLD MEDAL**(Folklore Stylize).

In 2001 July-August the ensemble participated in numerous International Folk Festivals held Belgium(Marcinelle) and France (Montoire, Cugand, etc), performed also with solo concerts

In 2002 -2003 «BERT» participated in numerous International Folk Festivals held in Spain(Gigon, Teruel), France (Etain, Plozevet,ect.) and Armenia(Yerevan,Gumri), performed also with professional solo concerts.

In 2004 July-August the ensemble participated in Festival Tour organized by the Secretary General of CIOFF mondial Philippe Beaussant held in France (Confolens, Bray Dunes ect), and Spain and performed also with solo concerts.

In 2005 BERT» participated in numerous national Folk Festivals and state cultural events held in Armenia .

In 2006 The ensemble BERT took part in a great many of International Folk Festivals, held in Spain and Portugal (Valencia, Barcelona, Soller, Ingenio, Ourense, La Coruna, Villablanca and others)

In 2007 The dance ensemble BERT took part in National Folk Festivals and has participated in various State-governmental cultural events organized in Republic of Armenia.

In 2009 BERT took part in several International Folk Festivals in Italy (Treviso,Udine ect) France (haguenau)e and in Switzerland (Fribourg).

In 2011 The dance ensemble BERT , performed with 5 professional solo concerts (in March) of a concert tour in Russian Federation (Rostov Don , Krasnodar , Nijny Novgorod , Sankt Petersburg and Moscow)

. In addition, the Dance Ensemble “BERT” has participated in various State-governmental arrangements organized by the Republic of Armenia, such as festivities of “Erebuni-Yerevan”, “Pro-Armenian Games”, “1700 years of proclamation of Christianity as a State religion” and the “Independence Day of Armenia” as well as in many other solemnities.

In general, the Dance Ensemble “BERT”, during the 40 years of its creative work has been to more than 20 countries of the world, participated in approximately 500 international festivals, has given more than 1000 concerts and had about 1 million spectators.