



# MOSCOW NIGHTS/IVERIA

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## Georgian National Song & Dance Company

**Iveria**, a Georgian national song and dance company, was founded in St. Petersburg in 2002 within the Georgian community. Lead by director David Rusiya and choreographer Irakli Rusiya, the mission of the ensemble is to familiarize audiences with Georgian folk art and impart a sense of tolerance and respect for other cultures.

**Iveria** has received many awards over the years and has created a dedicated fan base as a result. They received first place for the Days of Commemoration of 300 years of St. Petersburg. In connection with the 60th anniversary of the Blockade of Leningrad, the ensemble performed at a gala concert reaping numerous rewards. In 2006

**Iveria** received a diploma from the Governor of St. Petersburg for their participation in “Joining Hands for Friends” which is part of the Festival of National Cultural Associations of St. Petersburg. Additional rewards include the winner of the Festival of Folk Art of the 100th anniversary of the Trade Unions and the international festival known as “St. Petersburg Snowstorm”.

The ensemble's repertoire includes songs and dances from almost all regions of Georgia. **Iveria** is distinguished by its traditional, authentic approach which was the original idea of the ensemble.

The mastery of skill of the young dancers is always applauded with excitement from the audiences. Recreating the Georgian cultural folkloric show, your audiences will experience the thrill of fiery Georgian dances, the breath-taking pageantry of colorful costumes, and poignant songs performed by **Iveria**.

“This was a brilliant performance where even the most insignificant of details was mastered to perfection”  
*Sadko International Art Festival*

“...we have rarely been witness to such life-giving truthfulness as presented to us by Iveria ...”  
*Saint-Petersburg State Theatre Music Hall*

“...extraordinary giftedness and virtuosity...” *Great Concert Hall Oktiyabrisky*

## **Description (full)**

The Georgian folk song and dance ensemble “Iveria” is distinguished by its traditional approach. All songs and dances are performed in their authentic style. The show, retracing the centuries-old history of the art of dances and music in Georgia is appropriately considered a truly stunning musical event.

The “Iveria’ ensemble shows a wonderful performance. Folk dances at their highest level astonish and fascinate audiences. The woman dancers, reserved in their movements, glide as smoothly as swans.

Each movement is the symbol of good. Their stately partners perform miracles on their toes, a characteristic feature of men’s dances. Each movement is an effusion of their courageous nature.

This is genuine traditional art lacking neither in colourite nor in originality. “Iveria's” performance is bright and full of creative energy.

Every intricate twist of ancient tales is re-enacted through the brilliant art of dancers. This magic, reinforced by the breath-taking pageantry of colorful costumes and sets, incredible lighting and unreal sound, weaves a majestic multihued tapestry of the culture of the Georgia– a feast for the eyes of the spectators.

## **Description (75)**

“Iveria” is performing a high-quality comprising national and diverse traditional dances. Excellent costumes, brilliant performance, and elaborate choreography - this is Iveria dance ensemble. Black, red and golden traditional costumes come to life with abrupt movements to the rhythm of applause and Georgian traditional drums. Iveria is performing dances where youths dance on their toes without the aid of "block" shoes and young women who seem to be rather flying than dancing. The ensemble displays both vivacity and fantastic coloring, which bring out the beauty of Georgia’s women. There is much subtlety and delicacy in the whole performance.

## **Description (50)**

The Iveria ensemble with its subtle and colorful dance program has come from an ancient country. These breathtaking and absolutely awesome dances represent a live history book expressing the centuries of Georgian art, culture, and tradition. Georgian folk dances are not yet very famous around the world, but their magnificence and the beauty cannot be forgotten by anyone who sees it. The beautiful costumes blend history and art in one single harmony. This, coupled with at times rough and technical movements, leaves the audience in total awe. Georgian folk dances give immense pleasure to not only the audience, but to the dancers also.

## **Description (25)**

The Georgian folk song and dance ensemble “Iveria” will make you catch your breath with its live music, delightful singing, fiery and lyrical dancing. This is an ultimate combination of brilliant stage costumes, tuneful arrangement and superb production. This is the absolute must-see!