

Georgian Culture and National Dances at LTV



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PESVEBI Georgian Cultural Center in Brooklyn and LTV Studios will host “Georgian National Dances” on Sunday, January 28, at 2 p.m. The afternoon will feature music, dance and choreography by Shorena Barbakadze, Jurkha Lomtadze, Giorgi Goderdzishvili and Ivan Goderdzishvili. Guests will enjoy an explosive and astonishing display of passion, virtuosity, and a deep dive into fascinating and colorful traditions of the Eastern European nation of Georgia.

Join author and host Tsisnami (Sissy) Sakvarlishvili as she welcomes to the stage the dancers, singers and musicians of PESVEBI, the leading Georgian Cultural Center from New York City making this rare East End appearance and debut. Tsisnami will read passages from her fascinating memoir “Diary of a Red-Haired Girl,” which will offer deeper and profound insights into the Georgian cultural and literary traditions.

“LTV has launched a bold, new programming initiative — LTV’s World Voices — a year-long series dedicated to bringing international artists to East Hampton for live, accessible performances on our intimate and funky Studio 3 stage,” said Josh Gladstone, creative director at LTV Studios.

“PESVEBI marks the 2024 launch of this series, which builds on last year’s concerts by another Georgian Choral group (returning for an encore this May), as well as programs we offered from Shinnecock Nation, Pakistani sitar masters, Hispanic language screenings and singers representing Colombia and Cuban Milonga,” Gladstone continued. “So much more to explore in the year ahead — PESVEBI bursts onto the stage first and leads the charge — and they’ll be a tough act to follow.”

“Every time I meet a new person in the Hamptons and I introduce myself, after I say my name, last name, then I have to start explaining to them, I am from Georgia — Country of Georgia — in Eastern Europe,” said host Tsisnami Sakvarlishvili. “Oh, Russia? No, no not Russia! Georgia! Georgia is a beautiful country, near Russia, who has survived endless Russian aggression and wars and still exists. Come to discover my culture and join us on January 28, at 2 p.m. LTV studios.”

General admission for the show is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets, visit ltveh.org. LTV Studios is at 75 Industrial Road in Wainscott.