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PESVEBI Georgian Cultural Center Presents Georgian National Dances at LTV Studios

 **LTV Studios** 75 Industrial Road, Wainscott, NY, USA

PESVEBI Georgian Cultural Center 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, and virtuosity, and a deep dive into the 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. General admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To purchase tickets, please visit LTV Studios and the Eastville Community Historical Society will celebrate Black History Month by hosting two educational live multimedia lecture events in February. Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, Executive Director and Chief Curator of Eastville Community Historical Society, introduced St. George Living History Productions to Michael Clark and Josh Gladstone at LTV. Presented by Sal St. George, a multifaceted individual who wears many hats - playwright, comedy writer, theatrical director and historian - Living History Productions has for over 40 years captivated audiences with award-winning educational programs that bring to life through live, multimedia lectures the stories of America’s greatest leaders, legends and icons. LTV and Eastville will host the following two programs, both free and open to the public: Groundbreaking Black Comedians Saturday, February 3 at 7 p.m. Showcasing Godfrey Cambridge, Redd Foxx, Dick Gregory, Flip Wilson, Nipsey Russell, Richard Pryor, Bill Cosby, and Eddie Murphy. In this very unique presentation, we will celebrate the incredible contributions these eight comedians brought to the world of comedy. Each, in their own distinctive voice, introduced an incomparable style of comedy to the world, breaking racially prejudiced barriers along the way. The Sidney Poitier Society Sunday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Sidney Poitier was the first African American actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor. His illustrious film career includes *Lilies of the Field*, *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *To Sir With Love*, to name a few. We will celebrate the life of this dignified gentleman who left his home in the Bahamas at the tender age of 14 and evolved into a cultural icon, a great entertainer, an actor, a film director, an entrepreneur, and a respected human and civil rights activist.. "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. 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 Columbia, and Cuban Milonga. 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," shares Josh Gladstone, Creative Director, LTV Studios. “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. Oh, Russia? No, no not Russia! Georgia! Georgia is a beautiful country, near Russia, that 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,” shares host Tsisnami Sakvarlishvili.