

Knife dance

Knife dance is one of the oldest forms of the male battle dance. It is a solo dance performed under the frame drum music or other cheerful music in weddings. The performer dances holding two knives, one in each hand. Knife dance is performed in high speed and dancer makes quick motions sometimes giving impression that he is cutting himself. Under the music the performer circles around amusing the audience with his knife skills. At the end he stands in one corner and by aiming some object he throws his knives.



On the professional stage the knife dance was first performed by the USSR people's artists Ghaffor Valamatzoda. The characteristics of the dance performed by this artists was that he has given a great combination of traditional moves and elements in his dance in addition to the fixed moves that existed in folk version of this dance.