

Dance with ghizhak (violin)

Dance with *ghizhak* a national violin is performed under the music accompaniment where the dancer himself plays the main part with violin. It is a solo dance performed by men and is chiefly popular in Badakhshan province. The dance can be performed accompanied by singing and can include playing frame drum and other types of musical instruments by other performers.

The dancer during dance plays a tune in accordance with the rhythm of other players. In the begging he faces the music players by holding his violin up above his head and then turns to the public and bows. Then he begins singing simultaneously playing his violin. During the dance he makes series of motions including playing violin in sitting position. He performs various tricks using his violin including playing it behind his back or above his head. The dance ends by performer when he makes whirl dance and finishes his song in a high stretched tune.



