

## Dance with nay (flute)

Dance with *nay* or flute is a traditional men solo dance and it is widespread in Badakhshan and Kulob provinces. Dance with a flute has two main parts: one is the «slow» and the second «fast» or more festive. In Badakhshan it is performed by a professional flute player. In the begging the flute player appears on the stage playing a slow tune and starts making dance motions in a part-sitting position. After in vertical position he makes various body movements under the tune accompanied his flute music. He will move from end of the stage to another and performs whirls. In the ending segment of the first part the frame drum and other musical instruments join the music and play a lyrical festive music.

The second part of the dance is most «active» part when performer dances faster and the frame drums play louder and speedier music. The second part of the dance consists of series of whirls and body movements.

Dance with flute can be sometimes performed by two dancers, 2 male and 2 female. This kind also has two parts where in the first part a male solo player would come and starts dancing in soft motions and play lyrical melody. In the second part when the first dancer sits in the middle of the stage the second, female performer will appear and with responds to the melody of the first performer. Than they team together and dance.

The paired dance performed by the flute players is accompanied with the drum and other musical instruments and is very joyous dance including elements of whirl and lyrical



motions of the body movements. They stand in their backs whirl from one end of the stage to the other end and than facing each other represent and a lyrical dance.

In Kulob the dance with flute has its own peculiar features. The dancer does not play the flute but rather uses it as an accessory to his



dance making impressions as he is playing the flute. The dance is performed under the flute and other musical instruments accompaniment. In the 80s of the last century this type of dance was also commonly performed by the solo and group dancers of the dance groups. It was performed in the republican dance and

theatrical talent contests.

Today dance with flute is performed in gala concerts by professional dancers as a team of two dancers or solo male dancer under the accompaniment of the pop or traditional music.