

Hisor ensemble performed to audiences' delight



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by Cynthia Sharp

My first reaction after watching the Hisor Ensemble was to approach the dancers, wanting to speak, to listen, to ask them anything. I could not allow the communication to be over. That's when I reminded myself that they spoke only Russian, and I did not. We were again immersed in struggling attempts to understand one another.

In a first ever visit of a Soviet performance group to a Canadian university, the Hisor Ensemble performed three presen-

tations for the York community, from November 20 to 23. The sessions included a teaching forum in the fine arts studio with a translator explaining the music and dances to the audience, an exchange meeting, dinner and discussion with students in the York dance program, as well as a final evening performance of traditional Tadjik music and dance.

The Hisor Ensemble is a group from Tadjikistan, which performs the traditional folk music and dance of its culture.

What the dancers shared was a celebration of life, a celebration

of the seasons, love songs, festivities, and daily life of the Islamic faith in their country.

The performance opened with native instrumental music explained to the audience through the Ensemble's interpreter. Through the captivating expressions of entertainers, spectators were drawn immediately into the music and held even after it ended.

In the second piece, a dancer entered, the vivid colours of her clothing was the first indication of the happiness of her dance. Her

movements flowed, making the dance appear as easy to perform as to watch.

For the third piece, a poem was read, accompanied by a string instrument. It was dedicated by the writer to Nina Deshain, the fine arts co-ordinator of the event.

The sixth dance, a song about the beauty of the dancer, was one of the highlights of the whole presentation. It was performed by one male musician, and one female dancer. Their flirtatious eye contact with each other and with the audience was sensational.

Another highlight of the show came in the comedy of "the mouse and the melon." Complete with red felt ears, the mouse crept around the stage, and into and out of his hole, peering at the audience. Laughter erupted at his antics of sneezing and his frustrated search for the melon.

The mouse was tantalized, his anticipation expressed through the resounding drumming. As the drumming became more intense, the dancer moved more and more furiously, to the delight of viewers who clapped to the music.

Following one more dance of celebration, the show concluded with one of the Ensemble women performing, and then taking the hands, one by one, of the rest of the group, until all were performing, including the front row of the audience.

After a standing ovation, the entertainment continued with everyone clapping and dancing.

The Hisor Ensemble's visit to York will certainly be fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of attending the recitals.



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