ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Century ago, in 1897, with the help of a Czech specialist Mr. Grumlik , in Tbilisi, was established gymnastics lovers club , called: ,,Gymnasts’ society” . In 1899, Mr. Grumlik was succeeded by member of ,,SOKOL” club , Mr. Anton Lukesha. He prepared and trained gymnasts’ team , which participated in Prague at the international ,,SOKOL” tournament. Our team’s participation was successful an we took second place, silver monogram and ,,Sokol” Ribbon.

This success was followed by a powerful wave of interest in gymnastics, and , its widespread distribution in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Akhaltsikhe, Telavi, Khoni, Zestafoni, in Sukhumi, Oni, Poti ...

Even more stunning was victory in Prague, at the ,,Sokol” VI-th gathering , where our team took the first place among 298 teams and the host federation took II and III places. In the individuals’ competition third p[lace took Mr. G. Egnatashvili. The winning team was awarded with crowns, cup, ribbon...

In 1918, after the Declaration of Independence, came back to the motherland: G.Nikoladze, I. Lortkipanidze, R.Mirimaniani, Djaparidze, Iv. Beridze, and, also, G. Egnatashvili, G.Berelashvili,

P. Marganidze, T. Nikoladze, and all this and some other members of society, started and established society called ,,SHEVARDENI,, which covered whole Georgia, and gymnastics became our way of life.

Georgian Artistic gymnasts gradually conquered the highest peaks of the sport. Olympics’ Champions are: Medea Jugeli, Galina Sharabidze, Vladimer Gogoladze . World Champions are: Rusudan Sikharulidze, Nino dronova. World Cup medalist: Paata Shamugia.

Champions and medalist of USSR Championships: Gulo Rtskhiladze, Pavle Romanishvili, Giorgi Bibilodze, Alexsandre Djordjadze, Raisa Zaalishvili, Nikoloz Takhaishvili, Medea Jugeli, Galina Sharabidze, Shota Chachkhiani, Sergo Jaiani, Revaz Sharabidze, Valiko Asatiani, Revaz Kachaxidze, Tornike Saneblidze, Nodar Makalatia, Mikheil Bogusi, Donara Janukhashvili, Iuri Ninoshvili, Paata Shamugia, Shota Azarashvili, Amiran Nozadze, Malkhaz Tataradze, Rusudan Sikharulidze, Alexsandre Lebedev, Pavel Leotiev, Anaida Babasian, Nino Dronova, Eka Zeturidze, Vladimir Gogoladze, Vakhtang Kevlishvili, Amiran Berianidze, Nugzar Gviniashvili, Zaza Khomasuridze, Levan Sisauri.

In 1996, our gymnast Ilia Giorgadze , 4th time had participated at the Olympic Games.

At the Olympic Games in Atlanta (USA) he participated at the Finals and took 12th Place, and in Sydney (Australia) he took 6th place in ,,Horizontal Bar,, competition.

Nowadays, we have young girls and boys in our team, who are preparing for the European Youth Olympic Festival, which will take in 2015 in Tbilisi.