

THE ONLY CONSTANT IS STRUGGLE

GEORGIA

Georgia is a country in the <u>Caucasus</u> region of <u>Eurasia</u>. Located at <u>the crossroads</u> of <u>Western Asia</u> and <u>Eastern Europe</u>, it is bounded to the west by the <u>Black Sea</u>, to the north by <u>Russia</u>, to the south by <u>Turkey</u> and <u>Armenia</u>, and to the southeast by <u>Azerbaijan</u>. The <u>capital</u> and <u>largest</u> city is <u>Tbilisi</u>.

♦ Population: 3,720,400,

ullet Religion: 83.4% of the population practices Eastern Orthodox Christianity

Motto: Strength is in Unity

National Anthem: Freedom

INDEPENDENCE

from The Russian Empire — May 26, 1918 From The Soviet Union — Apr 9, 1991

20% of Georgia's land is still occupied by Russia.





TBILISI

Population: 1,118,035

As a multicultural city, Tbilisi is home to more than 100 ethnic groups.

Tbilisi has been historically known for <u>religious tolerance</u>. This is especially evident in the city's Old Town, where a mosque, synagogue, and <u>Eastern and Oriental Orthodox churches</u> can be found less than 500 metres from each other.

ARTCHITECTURE







OLD TBILISI

SOVIET TBILISI

MODERN TBILISI

Tbilisi's architectural landscape is multicolored with rocks covered with balconied houses and ancient churches in Ortachala district, buildings of Art Nouveau style in Sololaki, and modern constructions in different locations throughout the city.







ISOLATION & NATIONALISM

90's

- 1991-1992 SOUTH OSSETIA WAR
- 1992-1993 WAR IN ABKHAZIA
- 1991-1993 GEORGIAN CIVIL WAR

- NO ELECTRICITY
- HUNGER
- HEROIN ADDICTION
- UNEMPLOYMENT
- DRASTIC CRIME RATE
- BLOCKED STREETS / RAILWAYS







90' AVANT-GARDE MODE ASSEMBLY

Was a huge festival, inviting fashion designers from all over the world to represent themselves on a runway.

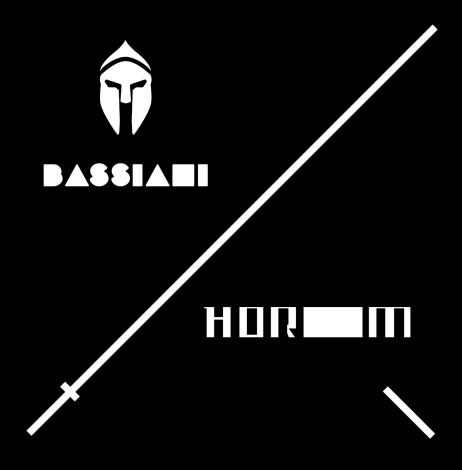
23 years old Gela Kuprashvili, organizer of Avant-Garde Fashion Assembly, 1995, 1996, 1999, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Youth started to change and entertained themselves in many different ways, which, nowadays, are marked on cultural map of Thilisi.









03 OCTOBER, 2014



THE BATTLE OF BASIANI

JULY 27, 1202

The Battle of Basiani was fought, in the 13th century, between the armies of the <u>Kingdom of Georgia</u> and the <u>SeljuqidSultanate of Rum</u> in the <u>Basiani</u> vale 60 km northeast of the city of <u>Erzurum</u> in what is now northeast <u>Republic of Turkey</u>. The victory at Basiani allowed Georgia to secure its positions on the southwest



BASSIANI

VALUES. VISION.







LIBERTY EQUALITY SOLIDARITY







TECHNO: CONTROVERSIAL PROTEST MUSIC

DINAMO ARENA





The stadium was built in 1934. It has been reconstructed several times and is now known as the Boris Paichadze Dinamo Arena.



DIDUBE DISTRICT

DINAMO Stadium is located on the outskirts of Thilisi, in a district with a low income population. The social inequality is clearly noticeable in the district, where you can find thrift and grocery markets, metal and wood stations, auto repairs, etc.

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When we rave, we rave, because we remember what awaits us outside. This is why we rave so hard.

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TBILISI AND THE POLITICS OF RAVING

In Georgia's capital city, dance music is the soundtrack to social change.

Will Lynch



POLITICAL DANCE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

Georgia is one of only few countries in the former Soviet space (others being EU-member Baltic states) that directly prohibits discrimination against LGBT people in legislation, labor-related or otherwise, and considers crimes committed on the grounds of one's sexual orientation an aggravating factor in prosecution. Despite this, homosexuality is considered a major deviation from highly traditional Orthodox Christian values prevalent in the country, where public discussions of sexuality in general tend to be shunned. Consequently, homosexuals are often targets of abuse and physical violence.

17 MAY 2012,

On 17 May 2012, Georgian LGBT organization LGBT activists organized a peaceful march in observance of International Day against Homophobia. This was the first public march in support of LGBT equality in Georgia.

The march was discontinued soon after it started, however, because the marchers were assaulted by religious counter-demonstrators, including representatives of the Georgian Orthodox Church and radical Christian groups. Police intervened to protect the march participants only after the fighting had already broken out and arrested some of the victims instead of the perpetrators.







BASSIANI-ს მთავარ ღირებულებას ადამიანის პიროვნული თავისუფლება , ურთიერთპატივისცემა და თანასწორობის იდეა წარმოადგენს.

საკლუბო სცენის ისტორიაში LGBTQ თემს ყოველთვის უმწიშვნელოვანესი როლი ეკავა, ასე იყო 80-იანების ნიუ-იორკსა და ჩიკაგოში, როდესაც ეს ინდუსტრია ფეხს იკიდებდა, საცეკვაო მოედანი იყო ადგილი სადაც განსხვავებული ორიენტაციისა თუ რელიგიური აღმსარებლობის მქონე პირები ერთად ახდენდნენ სოციალიზაციას.

საკლუბო სივრცის იდეა ურთიერთპატივისცემასა და თანასწორობაში მდგომარეობს. სწორედ ეს არის ის ღირებულებები, რომელსაც BASSIANI თავისთავში დაფუძნების დღიდაწ მოიაზრებს. სწორედ ამიტომ ჩვენთვის მნიშვწელოვანია თითოეულმა მოქალაქემ, ერთმაწეთის პირადი სივრცის დაცვით და პატივისცემით შეძლოს ამ იდეების სათანადო რეალიზება.

ზემო აღნიშნულიდან გამომდინარე, კლუბი BASSIANI მოუწოდებს საქართველოს მთავრობას, საქართველოს პარლამენტსა და საქართველოს პრეზიდენტს, იყვნენ კონსტიტუციით გათვალისწინებული უფლებების გარანტი, დაუყონებლივ გამოიძიონ დანაშაული და მიიღონ პრევენციული ზომები, რათა არ მოხდეს მსგავსი ფაქტების შემდგომში განმეორება.



- 1000 guest per night
- 90% members of LGBTO community.
- Registration & verification
- Free entry with invitation only.
- Entry with id.
- Inviting local & international artists



HOROOM NIGHTS





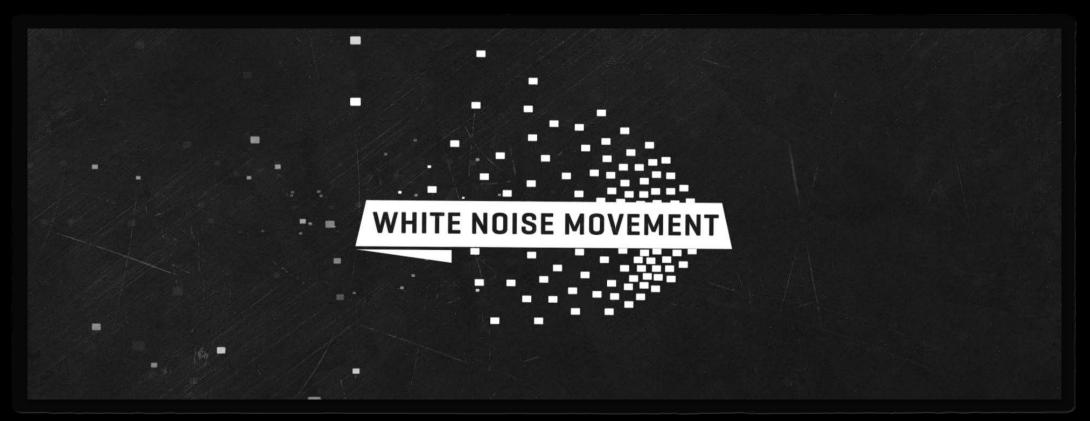


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GENESIS P ORRIGE / PSYCHIC TV







THE WHITE NOISE MOVEMENT

AGAINST OPPRESSIVE DRUG POLICY

OVERVIEW

- **♦ 90'S EXPERIENCE AND STIGMA**
- ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY
- DOSES: POSSESION OF 147 FROM 207 SUBSTANCES EVEN IN THE SMALLEST QUANTITY IS PUNISHABLE UP TO 5-8 YEARS IN PRISON
- **⋄ OVER 65 000 URINE DRUG TESTS PER YEAR**
- ♦ COST OF A PLEA BARGAIN: 3000EU 150 000EU
- ♦ OVER 50000 PROBLEMATIC DRUG USERS
- HOMEMADE DRUGS



BASSIANI, MTKVARZE, WHITE NOISE MOVEMENT





WHITE NOISE MOVEMENT

- DECISION OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
- APPEALS
- URINE DRUG TESTS
- FIGHTING AGAINST STEREOTYPES AND STIGMAS
- DECRIMINALIZATION





WHITE NOISE MOVEMENT RALLY

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS CITIZENS ARE WAITING FOR THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF ALL DRUGS
WHITE NOISE MOVEMENT IS THE ONLY HOPE







WE DANCE TOGETHER, WE FIGHT TOGETHER