## **Angelos Nikolaides**

Angelos Nikolaidis was born in 1974 in Orestiada, Evros. In 1981, his family moved to Thessaloniki, which is where he lives today.

In 1999, he finished post-secondary school of Economics and Business Administration and worked with sales, primarily in clothing. In 2011, he was selected by the Greek Open University for Studies in Greek Culture.

Beginning when he was nine years, he started dancing with the dance group of Triandria, danced with the dance groups of the Municipalities of Thessaloniki, Pilea and Ampelokipi, the Thracian Society and "Kentro meletis paradosiakon horon "O Kyklos".

Between 1999 and today, he works with the association "The Krassochori" from his place of origin and also started teaching dance groups in the city and surrounding areas. Today, he teaches at the organization "syllogo" Mandrakioton Thessaloniki, the organization "syllogo" Tragilioton, and participates in the group of teachers of "Kyklos".

Since 2003, he has taught at seminars in Greece, Germany, Canada and the U.S., the dances of the region Gkagkavouzidon, which he has researched, documented and recorded. The advantage that he is Gkagkavouzis helps in understanding the specific dialect used in the songs. Beyond this, however, he has conducted significant research and recordings in other parts of the region, as the Arvanites of Evros, in the villages of Erythropotamos and villages of Trighono, which are considered part of his teaching. This will be his first major dance seminar in the United States.