



Russian Duo

Oleg Kruglyakov & Terry Boyarsky

Residency/Outreach

Russian Duo is on the roster of the Ohio Arts Council "Artists-on-Tour" and Artist rosters in NC, CT and NY. Kennedy Center Ohio State-Based Collaborative Initiative Teaching Artist Terry Boyarsky specializes in arts integration using movement and music. Educational concerts, workshops, and residencies are designed for grades K-8. Study guide available upon request.

"Cross-Cultural Collaboration" Performance

A lively, engaging, virtuoso concert played on balalaika & piano, with singing too! Discover teamwork in action and experience how performers, conductors, and audiences work together. In this assembly program, the audience became an essential part of the concert using Russian percussion instruments and body percussion. The students became a cohesive orchestra with the balalaika and piano, by counting beats, following the conductor, and being sensitive to the qualities of the music.

"Troika!" Workshop

There is nothing more quintessentially Russian than the three-horse-drawn carriage known as the troika. Students learn the folk dance "Troika" with ethnomusicologist Terry, and perform it to balalaika music played by Siberian-born Oleg. Students will understand the era in Russia when troikas were used in a sophisticated mail relay system and contrast it to today's communication systems. A brief power point underscores the imperative of teamwork in the troika, and demonstrates the derivations symbolism of our dance. While dancing and accompanying each other with Russian percussion instruments and lots of bells, students also learn about counting beats, form/structure, and patterns.

Residency Options

Oleg and Terry create a residency in tandem with your class curriculum and interests, aligning to Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Music standards. We teach Russian folk dances, beloved folk songs, tell Skazi (folk tales), discuss historical, cultural, and musical significance. We bring Russian percussion instruments to play - *treshyotka*, *lozhky*, *buben*, *korobochka*, *jaleika*. Songs, dances and stories can be included in a culminating performance with the Duo.

We travel with our own sound system and electric piano.