

# Oleg Kruglyakov

## Balalaika Virtuoso

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### **PROFILE**

Oleg was born in Omsk City, Siberia, Russia in 1966. Educated at the renowned Ekaterinburg Conservatory, he performed as balalaika soloist in various Folk Russian groups such as the Urals State Folk Choir, the Russian Folk instruments band "Siberian Mosaic," the Urals Folk Ensemble "Prikamie," and the Russian Folk instrument quartet "Golden Russia." From 1990 he toured in Russia as well as in Germany, France, Denmark, and Malta. He has participated in many International Festivals, among them the Folklore du Monde Festival de Bray-Dunes.

In addition to his many talents, Oleg has also participated in theatre productions. He took the role of a cello-playing prisoner in the State Tumen Drama Theatre. He had a cameo appearance performing in Chekhov's "Three Sisters" with the Chagrin Falls Performing Arts Academy, coaching the cast in Russian folk songs and choreography.

Oleg moved to the United States in 1998 to become part of "Moscow Nights" touring extensively in Canada, Alaska and 45 states in the Continental United States.

The Russian Duo is on the rosters of Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio and the Ohio Arts Council "Artists-on-Tour" program.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Ekaterinburg Music School	1989-1991
Irkustsk School of Music	1991-1993
Perm College of Music	1996-1998
Perm Institute of Culture	1996-1998

### **EDUCATION**

Ishim School of Music, Ishim, Tumen Province, Russia - Diploma in balalaika performance	1981
Tumen College of Arts, Tumen, Russia - BA in conducting, teaching, balalaika performance	1985
Ekaterinburg Conservatory, Sverdlovsk, Russia - MA in conducting, teaching, performance	1992

### **PERFORMANCE**

Urals State Folk Choir - touring in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Siberia, Vladimir, Ukraine	1989-1991
"Siberian Mosaic" Russian Folk instruments band - touring Irkustsk region	1991-1993
"Prikamie" Urals Folk Ensemble - touring France, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Malta, Turkmenistan, Siberia, Hant-Manci region, Yamal-Nenetz region	1993-1998

"Golden Russia" Russian folk instrument quartet - touring locally in Perm City, Ural region.	
Folklore du Monde Festival de Bray-Dunes, France	1997
"Moscow Nights" - touring in Canada, Alaska, and 45 states in the Continental USA	1998-2006
"Russian Duo" - virtuoso balalaika and concert piano	2007-present

**RECORDINGS ( on COMPACT DISK)**

"Prikamie"	1995
"Golden Russia"	1997
"Feel Yourself Russian" - Moscow Nights Trio	1999
"Russian Duo" - Russian Duo	2009