



203 Union Street, Clinton, Massachusetts 01510 USA

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Dear Oleg and Terry:

I am writing to thank you for your wonderful concert at the Museum of Russian Icons on March 29, 2012. It was such a treat to hear both of you play and to hear your explanations about the balalaika and about the origins of the music you were playing. Your concert perfectly complemented the Museum's mission "to enhance the relations between Russia and the United States through the medium of art."

As you know, we sold out your concert, and we sold dozens of your CD's that evening through the Museum Store. We also had about 25 program surveys returned, and they were unanimously positive about your performance. The first question on the survey asks visitors to describe the program in just one word. Answers included "excellent," "outstanding," "delightful," "virtuoso," "superb," "exceptional," and "uplifting." Not only did respondents thoroughly enjoy the performance, but they also noted that they learned about Russian music as well. For example: "I loved the way both musicians provided insight on the pieces and the history of the time." And, "I always enjoyed seeing the balalaika in pictures, etc., but never knew how it sounded – now I know! Thank you!"

Personally, I echo these rave reviews. I thought your performance was just perfect, the ideal blend of music and commentary to enlighten an audience interested in Russian culture. The entire staff enjoyed working with you from the initial booking conversations all the way through to your two-day stay with us. Many of the audience members commented that they hope you return to the Museum, and I look forward to arranging that with you soon.

Sincerely,

Tara Young  
Deputy Director