The Ensemble is directed by Mark Selivan who plays Solo Domra and features Leonard Davis who plays Solo Balalaika.

Guest Artist: Lonya Kalbouss, accordion

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1. TSIGANKA (Gypsy Girl) .............................................. 2:32
2. LARA’S THEME from the film “Dr. Zhivago” ................... 3:10
3. TROIKA (Russian Dance) ........................................... 2:30
4. STARINY VALS (Old Waltz) ....................................... 3:00
5. RUSSIAN MEDLEY .................................................. 4:29
   a) Haida Troika (Russian Dance)
   b) Proshchay Ty Staraya Derevnya (Farewell, Old Village)
   c) Buran (Snowstorm)
6. KALITKA (Little Gate) .............................................. 3:23
7. THOSE WERE THE DAYS ........................................... 3:15
   (based on the Russian Song “The Long Road”)
8. KOROBUSHKA (The Peddler’s Box) ............................ 2:10
9. CRIMEAN SKETCHES .............................................. 3:30
10. KOKHANOCHKA (Dance) .......................................... 3:30
11. ESPANA ............................................................ 2:04
12. TWO SONGS from the Soviet film “Birobidzhan” ............. 3:30
    a) Lyrical Song
    b) Fisherman’s Revery
13. NA SOPKAKH MANZHURII (Manchurian Waltz) ............ 2:20
14. V TSERKVI (At Church) (Music by P. Tchaikovsky) ...... 4:00
15. SVETIT MESYATS (Brightly Shines the Moon) .............. 2:30
16. TWO RUSSIAN FOLK SONGS .................................. 4:50
    a) To Ne Veter Vetku Klonit (Bending Branch)
    b) Ya S Komarikom Plyasala (I Danced with a Mosquito)
17. KOLOKOL’CHIKI (Troika Bells Polka) ......................... 2:30
18. UKRAINIAN FOLK SONG MEDLEY ............................. 5:00
    a) Raz, Dva, Tri (One, Two, Three)
    b) Oy, Ya Neschasni (I Am Unhappy)
    c) Divka V Sinyakh Stoyala (The Girl Stood in the Doorway)
    d) Kozachok
19. FAWN WALTZ ....................................................... 3:40

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