

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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BALALAIKA! The Andreyev Balalaika Ensemble

Nothing conjures up the idea of Russian folk music more than the sound of the balalaika and its cousin, the domra. Both instruments, in the hands of skillful players, can create soulful and melodic sounds as well as blend beautifully in a group. Listen to the *At Church* (an arrangement of a piano composition by Tchaikovsky) as it builds towards a throbbing climax and dies away on a plucked note on the balalaika. The repertoire for this recording ranges from the very old tunes like *Korobushka* and *Stariny Vals* to the ubiquitous *Those Were the Days* (actually an old Russian tune by Boris Fomin called "The Long Road") and the relatively new "Lara's Theme."



THE ANDREYEV BALALAIKA ENSEMBLE

Standing: (left to right): John Osedach, Bass-Domra / Alexander Kuchma, Bass-Balalaika / Michael Fedak, 2nd Prima Domra. *Seated:* (left to right): Jack Matlin, Secunda Balalaika / Mark Selivan, First Prima Domra / Leonard Davis, Prima Balalaika & Percussion / Otto Orlick, Alto Domra / Jack Raymond, Alto Balalaika.

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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) Proshchai Ty Staraya Derevnnya (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 Stoyal (The Girl Stood in the Doorway) | |
| d) Kozachok | |
| 19. FAWN WALTZ | 3:40 |

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