



Our music merges multiple cultures through a rare combination of instruments – balalaika, piano, and voice, across continents, across time, and composers. Audiences are introduced to classic compositions, virtuoso variations, toe-tapping get up and dance music. Duo Balalaika repertoire includes original arrangements that mingle music from different worlds where you can experience innovative, musical relationships. Think film scores to tango, bluegrass to gypsy music, ragtime to romances. We partner with Ohio Arts Council "Artists-on-Tour" (a fee-support program).



**Educational Programs & Outreach:** Duo Balalaika is dedicated to educational outreach and believes it is vital to demonstrate the importance of cross-cultural collaboration to the younger generation through music/dance workshops, assemblies and residencies. In 2023, Oleg received the 2023 Heritage Fellowship Award and we are members of the Teach Arts Ohio roster.

### What others are saying . . .

"explosive talent ... see these dazzling musicians in action." - *Hartford Advocate*

"Your incredible commitment, talent, commentary, and humor were simply unforgettably special. Thank you for bringing a unique and exciting musical presentation to our region. It was a pleasure and an honor." - *Zsolt Bognár, Artistic Director, Music from the Western Reserve. Host, Living the Creative Life,*

"Marvelous! I've not seen our concert patrons so actively engage ... masterful performing [and] the ability to communicate cultural and music context effectively to our audience." - *Dr. Patrick McCoy, Ironton Council for the Arts*

"our two full-capacity ... audiences were thrilled to experience your excellent musicality and were charmed by your engaging rapport with them and with each other. The 'rave reviews' were unanimously enthusiastic." - *Cynthia Snider, Executive Director, Tuesday Musical (Music al fresco: Passport 2020 Series)*

"Their spirited music is still reverberating - a splendid mix of musical mastery and humor ... the 90-year-old sponsor of the series could hardly contain her delight after the program. - *Susan Opasik, Elisabeth Lahti Concert Series*

### Recent concert highlights:



- Brattleboro Music Center, Vermont
- Halcyon Arts - South Hadley, Massachusetts
- Darke County Council for the Arts, Ohio
- Florida & North Carolina 4-week tour, February 2026
- Mechanic Street House Concerts, Cleveland, Ohio
- Oberlin Choristers World Music Camp, Oberlin, Ohio
- Guy C. Meyers Memorial Band Shell, Ashland, Ohio
- World Premiere of "Sephardica" - a new piece written for and dedicated to Duo Balalaika by Andrei Byzov, Yekaterinburg, Russia

