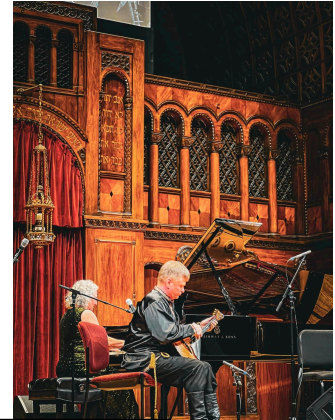




. . . is an international project, born out of love of traditional music and classical elegance. Oleg, balalaika virtuoso, and Terry, masterful pianist, team up for exuberant performances of soulful, passionate music. Our collaboration highlights the mysterious sounds of the balalaika underscored by the vast expressive range of the piano. And, yes, we sing! Our extensive repertoire draws from Ukrainian and Russian folk music, romances, dances, classical music, bluegrass, ragtime, tango, film score, and Soviet songs. As the only professional balalaika-piano duo touring in North America, we are known for our excellent audience rapport as well as uplifting, joyful, energizing performances. We are on the Ohio Arts Council "Artists-on-Tour" roster (a fee-support program).



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**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. We are on teaching artist rosters in OH, NC & NY.

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### 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 Classical 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. Pat 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*

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### Highlights of our recent season:

Oleg Kruglyakov awarded the 2023 Ohio Arts Council Heritage Fellowship  
International Conference of Dalcroze Studies (Pittsburgh) - Concert & dance party  
Ironton Council for the Arts concert series + school programs,  
Maltz Performing Arts Center "Russian Duo & Friends" theater collaboration  
Florida & North Carolina 4-week tour, February 2024  
Sarasota Institute of Lifelong Learning - Music Mondays

### Upcoming concerts:

Arts Residencies in Ohio schools, supported by the Ohio Arts Council  
Brattleboro Music Center, Vermont  
Halcyon Arts - South Hadley, Massachusetts  
Darke County Council for the Arts, Ohio