

Moscow Nights



Traditional
Classical
Instrumentals
Songs
Audience participation
Dance
Humor



"... wild, eclectic, and great fun"
Cleveland Museum of Art

"... extraordinarily unique."
older Daily Camera

"skill and range of material is without parallel..."
"make an invaluable contribution artistically, culturally,
and personally."
KGNU-Radio

"Moscow Nights was a phenomenal show!
The audience loved them,
the music and the audience interaction
into the performance. Definitely a show to see..."
Kerr Cultural Center

www.RussianFolk.com

Moscow Nights,
an exciting, versatile ensemble
of world-recognized, prize-winning
musicians from Russia, have already established
themselves as one of the fastest rising folk groups
in the United States.

The ensemble was initially formed in Kaluga, Russia in the late
1980's at the Kaluga Music Conservatory and then at the St. Petersburg
Academy of Music and Culture. After completing conservatory studies, the
group reorganized in the United States, and they have toured throughout
the United States since 1996.

The music of Moscow Nights is predominantly authentic, tradi-
tional Russian folk music. During their conservatory years, the musicians
spent considerable time traveling deep into the Russian countryside, inter-
viewing the eldest members of each village in an effort to preserve and res-
urrect pre-revolution Russian culture. Their current program incorporates
obscure folk instruments such as percussion known as "Treshotki" and
birch-bark whistles. Thus, Moscow Nights is able to bring to audiences a
unique program of a culture that had almost lost its original identity.

Moscow Nights' concerts offer audiences an entertaining glimpse into Old
Russia through music, song, and dance, helping to bridge nearly a century
of isolation between our countries. The dazzling, toe-tapping program is
broad and varied with something to appeal to everyone – from youngest to
oldest and everyone in between.

"A long-held image of Russians as being stoic and taciturn was shattered
by Moscow Nights, using their amazing talents and surprising sense of
humor to bring lively Russian tunes to life for the crowd."
Star Beacon

"The Russians invaded dressed in traditional Russian attire, complete with
Cossack hats, and armed with balalaikas, an accordion and a song... they
strummed and squeezed their way into the hearts of the audience."
The Jefferson Gazette

The repertoire is centered on masterpieces of Russian folklore and repre-
sents the diversity of the culture, ranging from gently humorous songs, to
elaborate, lyrical repertoire - outwardly reserved and cool, but brimming
with vigor, mischievousness and vibrancy.

The concerts have the air of a spontaneous impromptu performance, one
of the hallmarks of folk music, but don't be fooled by the apparent ease.
These musicians work hard, researching, rehearsing, and arranging behind
the scenes to preserve the rich traditions of a culture that was almost lost.
The result is a carefully crafted music which honors the past but which, like
life, moves on and develops. The old folk melodies are respected and
treated as the raw material for quality musical performances.

Moscow Night's lively program presents an authentic picture of Russian
folk traditions and culture. Lilted balalaikas, dynamic bayan accordion,
unique treshotki and loshki, humorous dances, and vocals combine for an
exhilarating and educational performance for audiences of all ages!

This is a musical experience that you will NEVER FORGET!!!