

The Balalaika & Domra Association of America (**BDAA**) is a multi-ethnic, non-profit association founded in 1978. Its goal is to promote the study and performance of Russian & Eastern European music on traditional folk instruments: the balalaika, domra, bayan, and folk wind and percussion instruments. The BDAA now has an international membership of over 400, with connections to many orchestras and ensembles world-wide.

Membership in the BDAA is open to anyone who shares an interest in the fascinating music and cultural history associated with Russian folk instruments. Members will receive a quarterly newsletter.

To learn more about BDAA, membership, & Russian folk instruments, go to:

www.bdaa.com



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Sitka!*

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BDAA 2009
P.O. Box 2735
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**Balalaika & Domra
Association of America**

*31st Annual
Festival of Russian
Music
&
BDAA Convention
2009*



2008 Convention - Reno, NV

**JULY 19-25, 2009
SITKA, ALASKA**

**Russian Music Festival
&
BDAA Convention
July 19-25, 2009**

Music, Dance, & Fun!

The 31st Convention of the Balalaika and Domra Association of America (BDAA) will be held in beautiful Sitka, Alaska.

DATES: July 19-25, 2009

GALA CONCERT: Friday July 24, 2009

Proudly hosted by Sitka groups:

New Archangel Dancers® - Russian folkdance
www.newarchangeldancers.com



AND

SitNiks - Russian Folk Music Ensemble



GUEST ARTISTS:

Prima domra soloist:

ALEXANDER TSYGANKOV, from Moscow, Russia, has been called the "Russian Paganini" and holds the coveted title of *Distinguished Artist of Russia*. Mr. Tsygankov has performed extensively throughout Europe, Japan, and the United States. The author of three books, containing his original musical compositions



and transcriptions for the domra, Mr. Tsygankov is the world's leading composer for the domra. His creative musical individuality and style of presentation has dominated competitions and performances worldwide.

Prima balalaika soloist:

BIBS EKKEL, from England, is one of the top masters of the instrument outside Russia. His style elevates the balalaika to the stature of concert instrument while retaining close ties with the instrument's folk heritage. His song and dance company, "Tziganka", as well as his instrumental group "Russian Tornado" regularly tours N. America and he has performed as soloist throughout the world - with TV appearances in Russia, Poland, China, Britain, the U.S. and Canada.



BDAA Orchestra Conductor:

VICTOR GORODINSKY, Russian-born conductor, arranger, instrumentalist and composer from Madison, Wisconsin, will be this year's Festival Orchestra Conductor. Mr. Gorodinsky is the founder and Music Director of the University of Wisconsin Russian Folk Orchestra, and is a Slavic Studies Librarian at the University of Wisconsin's Memorial Library. He has a Master's Degree in Music from Gnesin College of Music in Moscow, Russia.



Classes and Activities:

- Russian folk instruments - balalaika, domra, accordion and bayan
- Dance
- Jamming
- Russian American history
- Guitar accompaniment
- Orchestra rehearsals
- Mini concerts
- Open Mic night
- Zakuski (Russian appetizers)
- Banquet and Auction
- Gala Concert by guest artists, BDAA Festival Orchestra, and New Archangel Dancers
- And more!

Westmark Hotel 1-800-544-0970

Code: BDAA 071909

Totem Square Inn 1-866-300-1353

Code: BDAA

Super 8 Motel 1-907-747-8804

Code: BDAA Block

Reserve rooms by:

May 10 (Westmark and Totem Square)

April 30 (Super 8)



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