

# Natasha Lozovsky-Burns

## Beginning Domra and Dance



### Beginning Domra:

Natasha has been conducting the Vancouver [Russian Community Centre](#) Balalaika Orchestra since 1985. She has a degree in education as well as her ARCT (teaching diploma) in piano. Natasha currently teaches music to over 400 students at Whiteside Elementary, which includes over 135 students in junior and senior band, and 75 in intermediate choir. Natasha spent 2 years studying music and dance in Kiev, Ukraine, which included courses in balalaika, domra, orchestration and conducting. In 2000, she started a children's balalaika and domra ensemble through the Saturday language school at the Vancouver Russian Community Centre.

### Russian Character Dance:

In 1989, Natasha founded the Vancouver Russian dance group, RCC Yablochko Dance Ensemble. She has continued as the artistic director for almost 20 years, choreographing over one dozen character dances, centre exercises and 15 original dances. Her dance training began at age 5 with classical ballet, followed by Russian, Ukrainian and Belo Russian dance. In addition, Natasha's experiences are capped by two years of dance study in Kiev, Ukraine focusing on Russian and Ukrainian folk forms. Over the years, she has traveled across Canada and the US, teaching both Ukrainian and Russian dance workshops. Natasha also teaches the RCC Russian Children's Dance Ensemble (since 1992) and conducts the RCC Balalaika Orchestra of Vancouver (since 1985).