



## Russian Duo entertains, surprises at River Valley Mall

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LANCASTER -- Members of Russian Duo see themselves as an international project and a work in progress, you could say.

Oleg Kruglyakov, who grew up in Siberia, and Terry Boyarsky, born in Germany, teamed up a few years ago, and they've been entertaining crowds ever since.

"My idea is, let's see what could happen. Instead of Cold War, let's make music instead," Kruglyakov said after the pair's Wednesday performance at River Valley Mall. It was their first appearance at the Lancaster Festival.

A few dozen people turned out to watch as Kruglyakov strummed his balalaika, a three-stringed instrument with a triangular body, and Boyarsky played her keyboard. They both sang in Russian, a language Boyarsky still is trying to get the hang of.

She said she's accustomed to singing in Russian but still has to master the spoken word.

The two, who hail from Cleveland, said their passion for music has led them all over the country.

"We really love our music, our repertoire," Boyarsky said. "That's our mission, in a way, to show this

beauty. It's just so important."

A few children sat, fascinated, on the floor before the duo as Boyarsky and Kruglyakov switched from lively songs to flowing, sleepy keyboard solos. And seats were filled throughout the venue, which was flanked by stores such as FYE and Christopher & Banks.

The lineup surprised Lithopolis resident Kelli Clark, who didn't expect she'd find any songs familiar.

"I recognized some of the songs, and I didn't realize one of the songs was from Russia," Clark said. "So it was really, really neat."

She arrived to the mall that day with her sons Eric, 8, and Jamie, 12. The family sat and listened to Courtney, 10, the boys' sister, who sang a Cheetah Girls' song after Russian Duo's performance.

Brenda Miller, marketing manager for River Valley Mall, said performances from local residents such as Russia Courtney also will take place at 1 p.m. today and Friday.

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