



# Russian Duo

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Oleg Kruglyakov & Terry Boyarsky

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RUSSIAN DUO ACCEPTED TO OHIO ARTS COUNCIL  
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Oleg Kruglyakov, balalaika virtuoso from Siberia and Terry Boyarsky, American concert pianist, formed the Russian Duo a little more than a year ago and already they are making waves. Last month the duo was accepted to the Ohio Arts Council "Ohio Artists on Tour" which is a fee-support program. Artists are selected for inclusion in the directory through a rigorous panel review. They are chosen for artistic excellence, management, availability for touring, ability to work with presenters and high quality promotional materials.

Russian Duo is already on the roster of Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio, a non-profit arts-in-education organization dedicated to making the arts essential to the education of all school-aged children. Russian Duo offers an appealing introduction to Russian folk music and the balalaika, a traditional Russian triangular 3-stringed instrument. Their school program includes dance tunes, classical music, gypsy melodies and Russian songs draw from the many ethnic groups living in Russia today. Students experience the mysterious sounds of the balalaika and the expressive range of the piano in this exuberant collaboration.

In September the Russian Duo exhibited and performed an independent showcase at the Southern Arts Federation's "Performing Arts Exchange" conference in Atlanta, with over 900 people attending. The Southern Arts Federation, which creates partnerships and collaborations, assists in the professional development of artists, arts organizations and arts professionals, and advocates for the arts and arts education.

On October 27th, Oleg and Terry performed at the Ohio Arts Presenters Network Juried Showcase, to great acclaim. OAPN is a professional association that provides a forum for developing business relationships, partnerships, and cooperative ventures among performing artists, presenters, and booking agencies. It provides programs and services that strengthen the quality and scope of performing arts in Ohio.

The Russian Duo is currently recording their first album.

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