



# MOSCOW NIGHTS

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## Program

THE PROGRAM OF MOSCOW NIGHTS IS CENTERED ON MASTERPIECES OF RUSSIAN FOLKLORE AND REPRESENTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE CULTURE, RANGING FROM GENTLY HUMOROUS SONGS, TO ELABORATE LYRICAL SUITES, TO PULSATING DANCE NUMBERS. IT INCLUDES SUCH WELL-KNOWN SONGS AS KALINKA AND VOLGA BOATMAN BUT FOCUS ON PIECES LESSER KNOWN TO WESTERN AUDIENCES SUCH AS COSSACK WAR MELODIES AND SIBERIAN LOVE CHANTS. RUSSIAN FOLK MUSIC EXPRESSES THE NATIONAL CHARACTER – OUTWARDLY RESERVED AND COOL BUT BRIMMING WITH VIGOR, MISCHIEVOUSNESS AND VIBRANCY INSIDE.

THE CONCERTS HAVE THE AIR OF A SPONTANEOUS IMPROMPTU PERFORMANCE, A COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE MUSIC, WHICH IS 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 HIGH QUALITY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES.

MOSCOW NIGHT'S LIVELY PROGRAM PRESENTS AN AUTHENTIC PICTURE OF RUSSIAN FOLK TRADITIONS AND CULTURE. LILTING **BALALAIKAS**, DYNAMIC **BAYAN ACCORDION**, UNIQUE **TRESHOTKY & LOSHKY**, HUMOROUS **DANCES** AND SUPERB **VOCALS** COMBINE FOR AN EXHILARATING AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE FOR AUDIENCES OF ALL AGES!