

Victor Gorodinsky, Festival Orchestra Conductor



Victor Gorodinsky is a Slavic Studies librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also Music Director/Founder of the University of Wisconsin Russian Folk Orchestra (www.russorch.wisc.edu).

Victor immigrated to the United States in 1982 from Russia (the Soviet Union at the time) where he had received the Master's degree in Music majoring in classical guitar and Russian folk music. Before moving to Madison in 1995, he worked at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where, in addition to being a Slavic Studies Librarian, he was Assistant Director (under the late Professor John Garvey) and later, Music Director of the University of Illinois Russian Folk Orchestra, the official School of Music performing and touring ensemble. In 1997, with the generous help from CREECA (UW Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia) Victor founded the UW Russian Folk Orchestra.

In his spare time, Victor likes to travel, perform magic, read, and listen to all kinds of music. He also thoroughly enjoys good food.