



Zhanna Ivanovskaya
Vocalist with BDAA Orchestra
Gypsy Singing Workshop

Zhanna Ivanovskaya fell in love with Russian and Belarusian folk songs as a child listening to her grandfather sing and play the garmoshka. A native of Minsk, Belarus, she studied voice and choral conducting at Minsk College of Folk Choir, and performed as a soloist with the State Song and Dance Ensemble of Belarus. Zhanna graduated from the University of Culture in Minsk in 1987, specializing in voice and choir.

Zhanna moved to the United States in 1989, becoming vocal soloist with the Balalaika Orchestra of Detroit, and attending her first BDAA convention with that orchestra in 1990. Now living in Atlanta, Georgia, Zhanna is a vocal soloist with the Atlanta Balalaika Society, has created several vocal ensembles, and works with two Russian schools teaching children to sing and perform.

Zhanna looks forward to singing with the BDAA Orchestra in Bloomington, to teaching a workshop in Gypsy singing, and to putting together a Gypsy tabor (ensemble) for Gypsy Night and the concert.