



### **David Cooper – Balalaika Choir, Jamming, Jammeister**

David Cooper grew up in a family of musicians and has studied numerous instruments, including the prima balalaika, which he studied at the Glière Institute in Kiev, Ukraine. David graduated from the University of Illinois with degrees in ethnomusicology and social work, where he was a member of the famed UI Russian Folk Orchestra. He has served as Music Director of the Atlanta Balalaika Society since 1986 and also leads a Caribbean steel drum ensemble. Previously, David has been featured as a solo balalaika player for the BDAA, has taught numerous workshops, and often serves as the jammeister of the evening jam sessions.