



### **Evgeniia (Zhenia) Leshchinskaia – Russian Language**

Zhenia is a native of Irkutsk, Siberia, who recently moved to the U.S. and settled in Atlanta, Georgia. She first became interested in music when she was very young and heard her father play guitar and sing at family gatherings. At age 9, Zhenia was accepted into music school and started on piano. After high school, she attended a linguistics university to study her other passion, foreign languages, and then returned to music college in her fourth year. After moving to the US, she discovered the Atlanta Balalaika Society and learned to play balalaika and began singing folk songs. Zhenia is also a composer and piano teacher and plays keyboard and sings in an up-and-coming synth/dark wave band called Low Valley Hearts.