

## Peter Omelchenko - Domra Choir, Lecturer

Until recently, Peter was a member of Moscow's Osipov Balalaika Orchestra, and is a domra virtuoso, arranger, and composer. Previously, he was a featured soloist with the Nekrasov Radio and Television Folk Instrument Orchestra. He spent his childhood in the south of Russia, surrounded by the rich folk-music traditions of the Cossack people. Peter studied at the Gnesin Academy with Alexander Tsygankov and has subsequently won many prestigious competitions, such as the Cup of the North in Cherepovets. Peter moved to the US last year and is currently a lead musician and soloist with the orchestra of the Washington Balalaika Society, with whom he has both soloed and conducted as a featured guest artist.