

## Iryna Orlova - Domra Guest Artist, Advanced Domra Technique Anatoliy Mamalyga - Bayan Guest Artist, Bayan/Accordion Workshop

Iryna Orlova and Anatoliy Mamalyga, natives of Ukraine, began their careers in music at Chernivtsi Music College and the Kiev State Tchaikovsky Conservatory, studying performance, conducting, arranging and orchestration. After graduation, Iryna went on to win several Ukrainian and international competitions including the prestigious "All USSR State Performers Competition in St. Petersburg as well as the "All Ukrainian Competition." Anatoliy was decorated with the title "Honored Artist of Ukraine" by the President of Ukraine.

For many years Anatoliy directed and conducted the Kiev Philharmonic Society's Chamber Orchestra "Ridni Naspivy", in which Iryna was the principal soloist. This ensemble of virtuosos toured extensively, performing at many of Europe's most prestigious music festivals. "Ridni Naspive" also recorded five albums on the famous Melodia label, worked in many productions for Ukrainian national TV and Radio and for film studios Dovzhenko and Kievnauchfilm.

Experienced in studio recording and movie production, Iryna and Anatoliy and currently codirectors of the **Los Angeles Balalaika Orchestra** and the "**Firebird Quartet**".