

The Bureau of Lectures is proud to offer

## Barynya, the Premier Eastern European Music & Dance Troupe

The Russian Music, dance, and song ensemble Barynya is a world-renowned group known as the premier Russian folk ensemble. Barynya presents Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian, Jewish, and Gypsy Roma traditional dancing, songs, and virtuoso performances on instruments including the balalaika, garmoshka (Russian folk button accordion), and balalaika contrabass. Barynya has been invited to perform at some of the most prestigious cultural venues in the United States, including Carnegie Hall in New York, the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, the Smithsonian Institute of America in Washington D.C., the United Nations, and the Russian Embassy in D.C.

Every dance is performed in different sets of beautiful costumes, all hand-made for the stage presentations. The list of Barynya costumes includes Russian sets, Russian gypsy sets, Russian Cossack sets, Ukrainian, Siberian, Jewish Ukrainian, and more. Each costume is inspired by the place where the dance originated. Before each dance a short explanation will be given about the costumes the dancers will be wearing and how that applies to each culture's uniqueness.

### Every Performance Includes Audience Participation

During the show students will learn the most important Russian words ("spasibo" – thank you, "pozhaluista" – you're welcome, "privet" – hello, "poka" – good by) They will learn to count to ten in Russian and will see examples of the Cyrillic alphabet.



*"We were very impressed with the presentation! Was informative, educational and fun. Our older grades were engaged as well. Sometimes that can be a challenge. Thank you for a wonderful performance."*  
– Martin Luther Christian School, Pennsauken, NJ

*"This troop performed from the heart and entertained every minute of their time here. There were no gaps of time wasted on stage. Very colorful and talented."*  
– Weaverville Primary School, Weaverville, NC

*"Wonderful show! Would recommend to every school. Can't wait to have them again."*  
– Academy of Christian Education, Reston, VA

*"We loved the way the performers involved our students! An amazing, educational performance!"*  
– Bethlehem Elementary School, Bethlehem, NH