



Harmonia

A multi-cultural group of master musicians from several countries performing on authentic folk instruments, Harmonia presents the virtuosic and passionate traditional music of Eastern Europe.

Ixtlan Artists Group, Inc.

Virtuoso performers - a commitment to education and diversity

Walt Mahovlich, Accordion

Alexander Fedoriouk, Cimbalom

Beata Begeniova, Vocals

Marko Dreher, Violin

Andrei Pidkivka, Folk Flutes

Adam Good, String Bass

Harmonia presents the traditional folk music of eastern Europe, ranging from the Danube to the Carpathians. Its repertoire reflects the cultures of this region: Hungarian, Slovak, Ukrainian, Romanian, Croatian and Gypsy. Performing on authentic folk instruments, and styled after turn of the century East-European Gypsy bands, their music is drawn from both urban cigányzene and rural folk sources of Eastern-Europe. The ensemble's performances evoke the full range of human emotions; interspersing fiery, passionate virtuosity with soulful melancholy and nostalgic yearning.

The six-piece ensemble uses instruments as varied as accordion, upright bass, violin, panflute, and cimbalom, the East-European 125 string hammered dulcimer. Capturing the emotion, depth, fire and passion of Eastern Europe; Harmonia's rhythms move in a heartbeat from mellow and dissonant to loud and frenzied. The musicians come from varied East-European backgrounds, finding a common musical language in Harmonia.

Their technical brilliance only adds to Harmonia's breathtaking performances - solos coupled with soaring violin lines, haunting flute and accordion solos and soulful vocals - are a joy by any standard. In addition to being polished performers, Harmonia's members are adept at explaining their music and culture - the ensemble is equally at home on the concert stage and in academic or workshop settings.

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"Brilliant. Lush. Dazzling." raved **SingOut! Magazine.**

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