

Balalaika Soloist

Andrei Saveliev



ANDREI SAVELIEV: is originally from St. Petersburg, Russia, with musical training starting early in his youth. He began his primary-school education in a music curriculum, then attended a musical college, and eventually graduated from the Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory in St. Petersburg. He was trained as a balalaika soloist and has an extensive repertoire of performance pieces. He played balalaika with the Andreyev Orchestra after graduation, as well as with local and touring ensembles before emigrating to the U.S. in 1992.

Currently, Andrei is a balalaika soloist for the Washington Balalaika Society and plays contrabass in the St. Petersburg Trio. Andrei loves teaching by using the same techniques he learned as a student in St. Petersburg.

His students, many of whom have studied with other teachers, universally confirm him to be the best instructor they have ever had. He is this year's concert soloist on the balalaika.