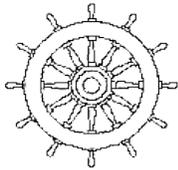


THE INSTRUMENTS OF SRAZHALYS

The triangular-shaped instrument played by the members of Srazhalys is called a balalaika (literally means: 'plaything'.) The round-shaped instrument is called a domra. The predecessors to both of these instruments are believed to have been brought to Russia by the Mongols in the 12th or 13th Century. They were popular village instruments in Russia for centuries, especially used by skomorokhi. The skomorokhi were wandering minstrels of sorts who were prone to criticize the Tsar, the Church and Russian society. This led to the instruments being banned at different times. Even when not banned they were generally scorned by the Russian upper class as instruments of the peasant class until the late 1800's when a nobleman named Vassily Andreyev brought the instruments to popularity with concert-goers and the Court. The instruments can now be heard in classical orchestras as well as in folk ensembles.

The domra and balalaika used by Srazhalys are stamped Leningrad (now called St. Petersburg.) The instruments made a heroic trip from Russia to the U.S. by ship in 2002.



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