



Chicagoland Fall Ball 2011

Three Nights of Ethnic Music and Dance

<p><u>Friday September 16th</u> Chicago Latvian Community Center 4146 N Elston Ave-Chicago, IL 60618 NW corner of Elston Ave & Hamlin Ave Elston (NW Diag) - Hamlin (3800W)</p> <p>Dance Lesson - 8:00pm to 10:00pm Ethnic Dance Chicago</p> <p>Dance Party 10:00pm to midnight Bring Beverages & Refreshments to Share!</p> <p>\$6.00 / \$5.00 (Students) / \$4.00 (<12) Ethnic Dance Chicago</p>	<p><u>Saturday September 17th</u> Chicago Spirit of Music Garden 601 S Michigan Ave-Chicago, IL 60605 Downtown Chicago (Outdoors) Michigan Ave & Balbo Dr</p> <p>Dance Lesson - 6:00pm to 7:00pm Ethnic Dance Chicago and Balkanske Igre</p> <p>Dance Party 7:30pm to 9:30pm With Bulgarika Bitov Ensemble</p> <p>Free! Chicago SummerDance & World Music Festival</p>	<p><u>Sunday September 18th</u> Lincoln Hall 2424 N Lincoln Ave-Chicago, IL 60614 Lincoln & Fullerton Lincoln (NW Diag) - Fullertonn (2400N)</p> <p>Concert begins a 8:00pm</p> <p>Yuri Yunakov Ensemble Gypsy Rhythm Project Black Bear Combo \$15.00 / (21+)</p> <p>Tickets: http://lincolnhallchicago.com Chicago World Music Festival</p>
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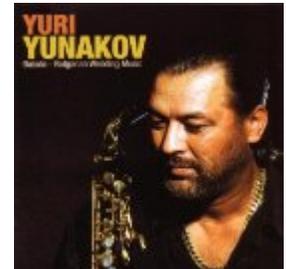
Bulgarika (East Coast) – Bulgarian

Bulgarika was formed in 2006 by a group of expatriate Bulgarian musicians based in New York City. NIKOLAY KOLEV (leader) is a gadulka virtuoso from the village Karavelovo in the Rose Valley in southern Bulgaria and an accomplished composer and arranger of folk songs. DONKA KOLEVA (vocals) is prized for her clear and melodic voice. IVAN MILEV (accordion) has established the rules for Balkan folk music. His style fuses classical, jazz, Eastern European, and Middle Eastern music. BILL LANPHIER (bass) whose passion for Bulgarian music was sparked in high school is easily one of America's most in-demand Balkan bassists. DAN AUVIL (tupan) has played with numerous Balkan bands, taught at music camps in the U.S. and Japan. BRYAN BOWMAN (drum kit) comes from an accomplished family of folk dancers and classical musicians, and was exposed to Balkan music at an early age. **Website: www.lanitahyatt.com/bulgarika**



Yuri Yunakov (New York) – Roma/Gypsy

Yuri Yunakov is a founder and one of the biggest stars of Bulgaria's wildly popular "wedding music" scene. A saxophone player of astounding technical virtuosity, his improvisational command of the style's signature frenetic, complicated, and abruptly shifting time signatures has been known to make seasoned jazz players gulp with disbelief. Yunakov is of Turkish Romani (Gypsy) ancestry and was born in 1958 in Haskovo in southeastern Bulgaria. At a young age, Yunakov learned the *kaval* (shepherd's flute) followed by the *davul* (two-headed drum) which he used to accompany his father and older brothers at local weddings. In his teens, he accompanied his father on the clarinet. In 1983, he joined forces with renowned clarinetist Ivo Papisov and plunged into the burgeoning "wedding music" movement. "Wedding music" style evolved during the '70s from a heated confluence of Indian, Turkish, Arabic, Rrom (Gypsy), and Balkan traditions, plus imported western styles such as jazz and rock. Since his move to the USA, he has released two well-received CDs. The Yuri Yunakov Ensemble was part of the "Gypsy Caravan" tour of a few years ago.



Gypsy Rhythm Project (Chicago) – Romanian, Bulgarian, Gypsy

Chicago based Jazz/Ethno violinist Steve Gibbons brings together jazz players and traditional Roma musicians to wed elements of Jazz and Gypsy folk music. Gypsy Rhythm Project produces a compelling, energetic concoction of music from Romania, the Balkans and the Oriental Gypsy world. Members are Steve Gibbons (Violin), Nicolae Feraru (Cimbalom), Juliano Milo (Accordion), Dan Delorenzo (Double Bass), Mike Allemana (Guitar), Tim Mulvenna (Percussion). **Website: www.gypsrhythmproject.com**



Black Bear Combo (Chicago) – Balkan

Black Bear Combo is a four to six member brass/reed band. Its sound is a raucous mutt channeling the common energy between traditional music from eastern Europe and the Balkans, punk rock, and free jazz. Since 2002 they've brought our sound to clubs, basements, festivals, weddings, funerals, parties and street corners across the country. Dersu Burrows (bass drum), Gerald Bailey (trumpet), Ehsan Ghoreishi (accordion, daf), Doug Abram (saxophones), Andrew Zelm (euphonium), Rob Pleshar (tuba).

Website: www.blackbearcombo.com

