

Russian folk trio to bring traditional music, dance to University, community audiences

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Russian folk trio Zolotoj Plyos will present the next Global Awareness Roundtable at Alfred University on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in Powell Campus Centers' Nevins Theatre. Earlier in the day, the group will also make a presentation in the World Music class at 1 p.m. in The Miller Performing Arts Center 301 in the World Music class. The events are free of charge and open to the public, thanks to funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the David and Elizabeth Miller Guest Artist Fund. The trio performs on more than 20 traditional instruments, sings, dances, and plays music that the group has collected from many regions of Russia. Zolotoj Plyos, formed in 1994, includes Alexander Solovov, Elena Sadina, and Serguei Gratchev. All three members graduated from the High Music School of Saratov, a city located on the banks of the Volga River in Russia. The group has won numerous prizes in various folk music festivals in Russia, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany, and has performed at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. Zolotoj Plyos members spent the past eight summers as artists-in-residence at Middlebury College in Vermont, teaching Russian culture and language at Middlebury's Intensive Language School. The Global Awareness Roundtable is a monthly event organized by the Division of Modern Languages. It is designed to introduce a variety of cultures from around the world to the Alfred community. This informal gathering gives AU's international faculty, students and alumni the opportunity to introduce attendees to an array of countries and cultures throughout the world.