

MEET THE PRESENTERS!

NICOLE FERRALL: BRINGING JOY THROUGH MUSIC TO STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



This hands-on presentation will include songs and activities to use in a music class specifically for students with special needs and/or a preschool class. Fingerplays, movement activities, and incorporating instruments are just some of the activities we will explore together!

Nicole Ferrall has been teaching general music to students in grades Pre-K through 5 in Southington, CT for the past five years and is currently in her tenth year of teaching music. She graduated from UConn in 2009 with a B.A./B.S. in Music Education and is currently working towards getting her Masters in Music Education from CCSU. Nicole resides in Middletown with her husband, three children, and two cats. She enjoys spending time with family, singing in an all-female a cappella group, and traveling.



OLYA FRYZ: UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S SONGS & BANDURA



Learn to dance & sing along to some of Olya's favorite Ukrainian songs for children. She'll introduce you to a spring song about planting a Pear tree, Ukrainian versions of Head & Shoulders, Brother John & Bingo (which is really about a cat!) & a song about Musicians from Kyiv. Olya will also introduce you to her beautiful Bandura instrument which has 58 strings & is the National Instrument of Ukraine. Get ready to move & add these songs to your repertoire of World Music!

This multi-talented vocalist & accomplished bandura instrumentalist has performed throughout the U.S. & Canada at numerous festivals, interactive children's shows & concerts including Lincoln Center in NYC and Nations International Citizens World Music Concert.

As a former Syzokryli dancer (Roma Pryma Bohachevsky student), member of the Homin Stepiv Bandura Ensemble, Promin Vocal Ensemble, Olya is honored to celebrate & share her heritage and culture on stage with a new generation of Ukrainian dancers and musicians. In addition to Olya's solo musical career, Olya is a member of the newly formed Ukrainian Women's Bandura Ensemble of North America. During the school year, Olya is a certified elementary school music teacher, and in the summers she teaches at the "Bandura at Bobriwka" Workshop in Colebrook, CT.