

BULGARIAN SINGING WORKSHOP



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Valya Balkanska, Arda, Bulgaria, 1968

Thursday, May 19th
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Vashon Island

Dear Friends,

Please save the date for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity here on Vashon Island:

What: Vocal workshop with **Valya Balkanska**, world-renowned Bulgarian singer, accompanied by **Petar Yanov**, bagpiper, from the **Rhodope Mountains in Bulgaria**. This workshop will be limited to 30 participants-early registration is required.

When: Thursday, May 19. The workshop is from 7-8:30 pm.

Where: Vashon Island. Vashon High School Band Room, 9600 SW 204th Street, Vashon, WA 98070. Enter via the South Parking Lot on 204th Street. There will be signs directing you to the band room.

Cost: \$25

Please make your check out to Balkan Echoes and send it to:

Balkan Echoes
PO Box 2484
Vashon, WA 98070

(A waiting list will be made once all spaces have been filled.)

Valya Balkanska was born in the village of Arda, in the Rhodope Mountains. She was soloist with the Smolyan Folk Ensemble for many years and is a living legend both in Bulgaria and among Bulgarians living outside their native land. She is currently on a 15-city tour throughout North America.

On August 20 and September 5, 1977, two spacecrafts called *Voyager* were launched to the stars. After exploring the outer solar system from Jupiter to Uranus between 1979 and 1986 they left the solar system, emissaries of earth to the realm of the stars. Affixed to each *Voyager* craft is a gold-coated copper phonograph record as a message to possible extraterrestrial civilizations that might encounter the spacecraft some distant time and space. Each record contains 118 photographs of our planet, ourselves, and our civilization; almost 90 minutes representing the diversity of our world's music; an evolutionary audio essay "The Sounds of Earth"; and greetings in almost 60 human languages (and one whale language). The piece "*Izlel e Delyu haydutin*" sung by **Valya Balkanska** recorded in Smolyan, Bulgaria by Martin Koenig and Ethel Raim in the summer of 1968, is one of 27 musical selections included on the *Voyager* spacecraft. It was selected for the *Voyager* by a panel composed of Alan Lomax, Bob Brown and Carl Sagan. Be sure to check out Valya's music and this particular song online.

VALYA BALKANSKA: The Cosmic Voice of Bulgaria's Rhodope Mountains is a concert featuring Valya Balkanska and bagpiper, Petar Yanev in Seattle at the Russian Hall and Community Center, 704 19th Avenue E, Seattle, WA 98112 on Friday, May 20, at 8pm (doors open at 7:30). Tickets available at the door or in advance at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2541803>

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