



# The University of Chicago FOLKLORE SOCIETY

**The 43rd Annual  
University of Chicago Folk Festival  
of Traditional Music**

## **Orkestra Kolorit**

*Traditional Bulgarian Ensemble*

**Orkestra Kolorit** plays both traditional folk and contemporary “wedding band” styles of Bulgarian music. Wedding band style developed “under the radar” of state cultural control in the late 1970s. A fusion of traditional Bulgarian folk, Rom (gypsy), jazz, East Indian, Arabic, and other elements, it is characterized by haunting melodies, richly ornamented improvisations, breathtaking speed, complex rhythms, and dramatic key changes.

Kolorit’s leader, Strahil “Scottie” Vankov plays Thracian gaida (bagpipe) and accordion; he won 1st prize at the 1988 Okruzhen Preglat Kurdzhali in Bulgaria. Temenuga Mincheva, a singer of astonishing range, power, and subtlety, is one of the premier interpreters of Bulgarian regional styles. Angel Zhekov, son of the famous Thracian singer Zheko Angelov, is one of greatest living masters of Bulgarian kaval. Nikolai Georgiev, tambura and electric guitar, is one of the finest players from Bulgaria. Krasimir Nedyalkov, gaida, is the son and grandson of noted kaval (shepherd's flute) players.

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For tickets, call 773-702-7300 (On sale Jan 21st)