

FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES TO CENTER STAGE!

BOERNE, TX – January 22, 2018 – With the opening of the Winter Olympics set for February 9th in Pyeongchang, South Korea, the international buzz will be about the music and dancing of the opening ceremonies. And Boerne Performing Arts will host a musical organization that has performed at three of these opening ceremonies! On February 15th, only six days after the 2018 Winter Games have begun, the Accordion Virtuosi of Russia will slalom through a variety of musical selections on their quest to perform a Gold Medal concert! Come and join in a performance by the group that has welcomed three generations of Olympians into Olympic Stadiums.



The accordion takes center stage when this internationally renowned ensemble makes its Boerne debut! The Accordion Virtuosi of Russia thrills audiences around the globe with a diverse repertoire ranging from folk music to rock music, and everything in between!. Get in the Olympic Spirit by experiencing an ensemble that has performed at three Olympic Games...in Munich, Montreal, and Moscow.

Accordions you say? The accordion is one of the most revered instruments in Europe. Full orchestras of accordions perform the works of the great masters...Tchaikovsky, Strauss, Prokofiev, Bernstein and Copland. And the accordion orchestra that was recently named the “best accordion orchestra of Europe” by the orchestral society EU Musika, will be featured on the Boerne Champion stage to entertain hill country residents and provide an exhilarating musical experience!

Thirty musicians, playing a dizzying array of accordions, percussion instruments, and keyboards, will present a varied program that will also feature violin and piano soloists. Imagine *Over the*

Rainbow being performed on an electric violin accompanied by accordions! Then, they perform a Scott Joplin Ragtime Dance...on accordions! Want to change it up a bit? How about incredible technical wizardry as the Accordion Virtuosi of Russia perform (at blinding speed) the Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmilla*?

Tickets (\$20-\$60) for this amazing musical presentation are available online, by phone, or in person. Please contact www.BoernePerformingArts.com, 830.331.9079, or stop by the Boerne Chamber of Commerce located at 121 S. Main Street in the middle of the Hill Country Mile in downtown Boerne. Showtime is at 7:30pm on Thursday, February 15, 2018.