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## **Eastern Gets Folksy With the Karelian Music Ensemble**

Willimantic, CT-- The Karelian Folk Music Ensemble will perform at Eastern Connecticut State University at 3 p.m. on Nov. 30 in Shafer Auditorium. The presentation is part of Eastern's University Hour Series.

The Karelian Folk Music Ensemble is a group of professional musicians from the Karelian border region located between Russia and Finland. As a trio, their concert performances in the United States have included the Cedar Cultural Center, the Chicago Cultural Center, the Lotus Blossoms Festival, the Millennium Stage/ Kennedy Center and many other settings. All three musicians are multi-instrumentalists and vocalists. In keeping with their mixed heritage, they sing in Karelian, Russian and Finnish. They play an astonishing array of instruments, ranging from the archaic, to mandolin, string bass, and accordion. The members of the ensemble will use their music to educate the audience about the history of this disputed region of the world. The public is invited and admission is free.

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