

3 Compact Discs & 72-page book

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The end of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Bloc has opened a floodgate of communication with the nations of Eastern Europe, allowing us access to their long sequestered heritage of music and culture.

UNBLOCKED is a spellbinding, ear-opening exploration of the multicolored patchwork of languages, religions and musical traditions that extends from the Baltic Sea to the Balkan Mountains.

This rich collection ranges from ethereal church chorales to earthy peasant dances to modern fusions with Western rock, pop and jazz. The instrumentation includes fiddles and accordions, brass bands and bagpipes, cimbaloms and utogardons, jew's-harps and hurdy-gurdies—with vocals that range from the sensual to the sublime.

Accompanying UNBLOCKED's three CDs are essays on Eastern Europe's tangled web of cultures, as well as photos and extensive track notes.