**Art Lande, Bruce Williamson & Khabu Doug Young** have been playing music together for the past 25 years. *The Russian Dragon Band*, with home-base in Boulder Colorado, was formed in the late 1980s with the idea of fostering creativity, improvisation, composition, flexibility and interaction. The band recorded two CDs for Synergy Music, had a number of US tours, and was featured at jazz festivals in Colorado, Texas, Utah, Arizona and New York. Band members have continued to play together in various other combinations … this reunion will be a special treat for listeners, who can expect to hear both lyricism and drive, fresh original compositions mixed with adventurous improvisation, and quite possibly poetic and/or theatrical elements added to the mix.

**Art Lande (piano, percussion)** has recorded some 40+ albums for ECM, Arch, Elektra and Windham Hill Records, appearing with Gary Peacock, Eliot Zigmund, Jan Garbarek, Steve Swallow, Mark Isham, Paul McCandless, Ron Miles, Nguyen Le, Mark Johnson and Peter Erskine. He has also performed with such musical greats as Chet Baker, Charlie Haden, Joe Henderson, Bobby Hutcherson, Ernie Watts, Jon Hendricks and Sheila Jordan. World-renown as an innovative teacher, he has influenced countless musicians, including pianists such as Fred Hersch, Kenny Werner and Myra Melford. He has composed over 300 songs and has collaborated with dancers, visual artists and poets, including Allen Ginsberg.

**Bruce Williamson (sax, woodwinds),** from Oakland California, has lived in New York since 1983 and has performed over the years with jazz artists such as Toshiko Akiyoshi , Dave Douglas, Benny Green, Tom Harell, Fred Hersch, Mark Levine, Mark Soskin, Jack McDuff, Gary Peacock, Jim Pepper and Jack Walrath. He was a member of Art Lande’s SF Bay Area quintet *Rubisa Patrol* in the 1970s (with trumpeter Mark Isham). Over the last 20 years, Bruce has also worked with composer Elliot Goldenthal and director Julie Taymor on most of their theatre and film projects (including “Across the Universe” and the Academy award-winning "Frida"). He has been awarded multiple NEA grants for jazz composition, released two CDs as a leader (*“Big City Magic” –* Timeless Records & *“Standard Transmission” –* Origin Records), can be heard on dozens of other recordings, and is on the music faculty at Bennington College.

**Khabu Doug Young (guitar/ukulele),** originally from the great state of Texas, moved to Boulder CO in the 1980s and formed *The Russian Dragon Band* with Art Lande. He currently lives in New York and has played with a remarkable assortment of creative NYC musicians in many different ensembles including OK/OK, Slog, and the E String Band. Recently he has been expanding the realm of solo ukulele, also offering private, group and online instruction. He performs regularly with the amazing jazz vocalist Elena Camerin, originally from Venice, Italy.