



## Artist-Teacher Resume



### MERJA SORIA European Folk Music and Dance (Finland)

**Merja Soria**, a native of Finland, is a multi-instrumentalist specializing in *kantele* and voice. She received her M.M. degree at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland. In 1995 she was named the first Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year. In 1992 she performed a program of ancient Finnish music prior to the Los Angeles Philharmonic's performance of Sibelius' Kullervo Symphony. In 2003 she performed at the Winterfest Celebration honoring the Los Angeles Philharmonic. In 2008 she performed on the Center for World Music's concert at the Neurosciences Institute, Zither Traditions of the World.