

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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Happy New Year

Unbelievable.....nature fought and won and delayed our plans until the upcoming January, 2008 meeting....

You won't want to miss this meeting. This first meeting of the new year is aimed at setting the direction of our club. There are several elements we need to complete and your input is both important and valuable.

Some of the tasks encompass the election of officers, the first try at an ensemble and the formation of an events planning committee.

It's been an incredible first year. We've enjoyed many playing styles and techniques, learned from accordion maintenance and repairs to packaging. We met many new members, made many new friends and entertained many a passerby in the restaurant.

So, it is now important to pull together

on how to bring more benefits to our members, become more known throughout the New England area and to increase our membership.

Since we all joined the club for at least one of many reasons, your contribution is important. A group's measure of it's vitality is the pulse of it's membership.

You may choose to become active on a committee, communicate through e-mail, perform at a meeting or just come by and hang around with other accordion players.

We invite you to stay active and participate to keep us on track that our club is truly where knowledge and fun meet.

Bob



Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts

46th Annual Festival

April 5-7, 2008

Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA Contest Co-chairman:

Peggy Falcetti and Roger Latulippe

Monthly meetings are the 4th Sunday of every month.....

1:00—3:30 pm

The Dolphin Seafood Restaurant

12 Washington St. Natick Ma.

(508) 655-0669

Upcoming Meetings:

January 27

February 24

March 23



Come and enjoy the fun!!!!

No experience is necessary, just a love for the instrument, either playing or listening, or both.

All instrument types, playing styles, and skill levels are welcomed.

The opportunities to perform on a sign up basis

Open forum accordion discussions are chaired to encourage MAAA member participation, involvement and resource sharing

Events Throughout New England



January 11

**Greenfield Contra and Scandinavian Dance
with music by the Greenfield Dance Band (Mary Cay Brass on accordion)**

7:30pm (Scandi) 8:00pm (Contra), Guiding Star Grange
401 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA

Call 413-367-9380 for further details and entry donation



January 25

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Contact MAAA with additional New England accordion news and events.

WWW.MAaccordion.com

Inform us of other local accordion events you have heard about!!!!



Did You Know?



"Weird Al" Yankovic got his first accordion at age 7 from his parents, who promptly enrolled him in the Famous Zamour Academy of Music. His grandmother would subsequently pay him a dollar every time he came over to visit and play his accordion.

There used to be a game show/talent contest on television in the Soviet Union that was called "Play Your Accordion!"

Tchaikovsky used the accordion in his Suite No. 2 in C major in 1883. Prokofiev used the accordion in his Cantata for the 20th Anniversary of the October Revolution, op. 74.



Hey, I hope your holidays were as enjoyable as this little Santa's helper got his wish from Santa. Nothing better than sitting out on the streets and looking cool with the world renown accordion -playing Santa

Article from AccordionUSA.com about an accordionist in Braintree, MA

A large, international group of accordion enthusiasts recently gathered to celebrate the 86th birthday of composer/conductor/performer Nils Lundin and to honor his 55 years of service to the Braintree Viking Club, site of the surprise testimonial dinner and benefit concert.

Nils's original compositions were prominently featured on the program along with music by other Scandinavian composers. Accordionists who performed included Warren Johnson [Massachusetts], Jon-Richard and Kassandra Knoff (Vermont and Norway), Mario Pedone (Texas), Donna Maria Regis (New Hampshire), Pär Wahlgren (Sweden), Laurie and Peter Widmark (New Hampshire). Proceeds from the event went to Nils's favorite charity.



Since moving to the United States from Sweden in 1929, Nils Lundin has been playing the accordion, and getting involved in philanthropic endeavors around the South Shore and beyond. Nils began playing as a young boy in Sweden, and brought his love of the accordion, and his traditional Swedish Polkas to the USA where he has lived for many years.

L-R in Photo: Peter Widmark (NH), Nils Lundin (MA), Mario Pedone (TX), and Donna Maria Regis (NH).



Hey, here's a thought for you.....Many of us have a story on how we got into playing the accordion, where it's taken us and why we enjoy it..... Let me know how you would like to feature a member a month with their featured story.....I think it would not only be interesting, but will give us all a chance to get to know our members.....e-mail at info@maaccordion.com

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4th Sunday of every month
1:00 p.m. @
the Dolphin Restaurant

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(508) 529-6163

E-mail: use our website for
direct contact

Your music club where
fellow accordionists meet
for an afternoon of music
and discussions.

We're on the web:
MAaccordion.com



Local Resources for New and Pre-Owned Accordions

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Luca Music](#) (North Providence, RI)
- [Monte School of Music](#) (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



Accordion Teachers throughout New England

- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Joe Maciejowski](#) —508-529-6065 (Upton, MA)
- [A.T.A.M.](#)—Accordion Teachers of Massachusetts
- [CCE Boston Music School](#) Irish B/C Button Box classes at
Boston College & Harvard University

Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



Other New England based Accordion Clubs

- [Connecticut](#) (Cheshire/Plantsville, CT) <http://www.ctaccordion.com>
- [New Hampshire Accordion Assoc](#) (Gilmanton, NH) 1-800-328-5227
- [Central Mass Accordion Club](#) (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083

Do you like polka music? Do you think that every song sounds better when played as a polka? Did you know that there is a web-cast site that broadcasts polka music 24/7 from around the world.....Catch out:

<http://www.247polkaheaven.com/>

We invite all our members and friends to join in the fun!!!
Remember, our meetings are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Reminder– NEXT MAAA MEETING: January 27th