

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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Hey, It's Springtime

Well, I bet you never thought it would get here. It's truly a refreshing time of year. Even though the sun is warm and the air remains cold, it is not long before the robins and the bluebirds are singing along with your practicing.

My apologies for the delay in the newsletter. I've had the flu forever and I cannot find my notes. I apologize for any parts I may leave out.

The February meeting was incredibly informative and entertaining. Joe brought us up to date on the progress of the club's newly elected board of directors. Everyone should have received an e-mail from Joe with the club's bylaws for their review. We look forward to your participation at the March 30th meeting to discuss and finalize with your vote to make us an official Massachusetts organization.

Donna LaRue's incredible talent to move a group of accordionists to perform in unison continues with the new handout for

the ensemble's next performance of the Jenny Lind polka. Everyone who chose to participate received a section of the orchestration to practice for the March meeting performance. Donna's last attempt at bringing the different talents, styles and accordions together was a tremendously entertaining success. I strongly think she will supercede that with the March performance. **You don't want to miss this**.....The ensemble is open to any member wishing to join. It's a great way to have fun and further get to know your fellow colleagues.

That's all I have for now. So we'll see you at the March 30th meeting and look forward to your opinion and vote on the club's bylaws. Again, my apologies for all the parts I left out. I probably will pin next meeting's notes on my jacket, just the way my mom did when I was in kindergarten.

Happy Spring !!!!

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Thank you to the performers at our February meeting!

Dan MacKowiak
Vito Aiello
Jerry Travantosi
Bill LaPolla

Bob Guenther
Lewis Howes
Joe Maciejowski

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:

April 27

May 25

June 22



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



March 28

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



March 30

Evan Harlan and Andromeda4
Jazz Quartet featuring Evan Harlan on accordion

7:30pm, Club Passim
47 Palmer St, Cambridge, MA
Call 617-492-7679 for further details

April 4-6

A.T.A.M. New England Music Competition and Festival

Including Accordion Competitions in Solo, Duos,
Ensembles, Bands and Orchestra categories.
Newton Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA
Call 603-882-8940 for further details

April 11

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April 19

Northeast Concertina Workshop - sponsored by the Button Box

Last year's workshop started with an open house the Friday evening before
to meet, jam, check out wares and socialize.

Followed by a Saturday day-long workshop series of sessions (20 of them!),
with a staff concert that evening,
and winding up with a session at a local restaurant.

The Button Box was open for a few hours on Sunday
for those wanting a last contact before heading homewards.

Times/schedule to be finalized in Feb,
42 Amherst Road, Sunderland, MA
Call 413-665-7793 for further details and reservations

Contact MAAA with additional New England accordion news and events.

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Congratulations Al Paradis



The American Accordion Musicological Society (AAMS) held its annual Festival on March 7-9 in King of Prussia, PA. The event included concerts by renowned accordionists, workshop presentations by experts, and professionally adjudicated competitions in a variety of categories.

Al Paradis (Treasurer/Clerk of the MAAA) competed in two categories, Ethnic-Senior and, Festival Virtuoso, which is the elite category in the competition. He was rewarded for his thorough preparation by winning the first place award in both categories.

Al is currently studying with Joanna and Stanley Darrow at the Acme Accordion School in Westmont, NJ. His monthly lesson schedule includes an in-person session with the Darrows at their New Jersey studio and an interim telephone lesson to monitor progress.

We are looking forward to a reprise of Al's award-winning performance at an upcoming meeting of the MAAA. Congratulations Al!

Article taken from the MAaccordion website.

Highlights of our February meeting

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This section will expand as our participation continues to expand. Thank you for your efforts and contributions. See you for our own type of "March Madness".....

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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

- [Donna LaRue](#)—781-646-3013 (Arlington, MA)
- [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



Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts

46th Annual Festival

April 5-7, 2008

Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA Contest Co-chairman:

Peggy Falcetti and Roger Latulippe

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: March 30th