Where knowledge and fun meet

## Massachusetts Accordion Association www.MAaccordion.com

# 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 !!!!

### Thank you to the performers at our February meeting!

Dan MacKowiak Vito Aiello Jerry Travantosi Bill LaPolla Bob Guenther Lewis Howes Joe Maciejowski

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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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## Highlights of our February meeting



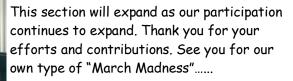
















#### Local Resources for New and Pre-Owned Accordions Where knowledge Accordion Connection (Gilmanton, NH) • Luca Music (North Providence, RI) 4th Sunday of every month Monte School of Music (Wellesley Hills, MA) • 1:00 p.m. @ The Button Box (Sunderland, MA) . . . . . .

#### Accordion Teachers throughout New England

- Donna LaRue—781-646-3013 (Arlington, 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 (Chesire/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





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