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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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Knoff Performance Wows the Audience!



Jon Richard Knoff, along with his daughter Cassandra and son Johan, performed for the MAAA at its March 22 session. The Knoffs play the chromatic

button accordion - and they played wonderfully! The performance was presented as part of the MAAA's guest artist series.

Jon began the concert with three solo renditions, including two Frosini compositions. Johan then took the stage for a solo performance of Piazzola's Libertango, followed by a duet with his Dad. Cassandra next performed a spectacular free-base version of Bach's Toccata. Jon then played two selections on a chromatic button accordion fitted with a MIDI system. Finally, Jon and Cassandra collaborated on several duet pieces, culminating with the American Wooden Shoe Polka by Nils Lundin.

Jon began playing accordion in his native Norway, and continued his training at

the college level in the United States. Cassandra is 14 years old; Johan is 12 years old. Their current instructor resides in Montreal, Canada. (Since the Knoffs live in Randolph, VT, the bi-weekly trip is a mere 150 miles.) No doubt, however, the special attention devoted to each of them by their father has borne exceptional results.

At the conclusion of the concert, Jon spent some time explaining the history of the chromatic button accordion, as well as the features that make it the instrument of choice for so many of the finest accordion players in the world. Jon and Cassandra then fielded questions from the audience. Many were interested in the playing techniques employed compared to those used when playing the familiar piano accordion.

Indeed, their instruments captured the interest of the accordion players in the audience; but, the excellent musicianship of Jon, Cassandra and Johan captivated the entire audience.

Dan

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

1:00—3:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

April 26

Natick VFW Post 1724

113 W Central St
Natick, MA 01760

May 31

Note: this meeting shifted to the 5th Sunday due to Memorial Day weekend

1st Congregational

Church

2 East Street, Natick

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 27

October 25

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

Thank you to the performers at our March

Louis Howes

Dan Dempsey

Al Paradis

Jerry Tramontozzi

Joe Maciejowski :

(on his button box)




the 2009 National Button Accordion Festival will be held
 May 22, 23, and 24th, Memorial Day Weekend.
 The Bessemer Croatian Club, Bessemer, PA,
 is the permanent site for this event.

For more information on motels, RV parking, or other questions
 contact Ron Pivovar by email at rpivovar@verizon.net or
 call 724-588-3786.



'Weird Al' Is Stoked About His Digital Accordion

Sonic chameleon "Weird Al" Yankovic has been many things to many people over the years, shifting through a bewildering number of styles for his pop music parodies. Since he shared a surname with a top polka musician, his first musical instrument was naturally the accordion. His Al-ness does have one quibble with his instrument of origin: It's a pain in the ass to record.

The accordion is a hard instrument to mike, because if you put an acoustic microphone next to an accordion -- especially the left hand -- the bellows are always moving," he told *Roland Insider*. "So it's kind of hard to get an even sound, because the mike is always going to be closer and then further away from the sound source. Internal microphones are also always a problem, because you still get the sound of the bellows." BY ELIOT VAN BUSKIRK  MAY 21, 2008

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American Accordionists Association Event

The American Accordionists' Association presents the 7th Annual Afternoon of Music, Food, and Fun at the Magnanini Farm Winery in Wallkill, NY on Sunday, May 3, 2009 to benefit the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Fund for the advancement of promising young accordionists.

Traditional "Valtaro" music will be featured at the Carrozza Scholarship Dinner along with guest artists: Mario Tacca, Frank Toscano, Dominic Karcic, Frank Carrozza, Ray Oreggia, Beverly Roberts Curnow, Lenny Feldmann, Dr. Lou Persic, The Connecticut Accordion Orchestra, Mary Mancini (international vocal artist) and others to be announced.

The event begins at 12 Noon with wine tasting, 1:PM Dinner followed by entertainment. It will be a fun and entertaining afternoon with great food, dancing, and accordion friends! Reserve early! In the past, the event has sold out!

For more information, visit the AAA web site: www.ameraccord.com or email: drjiccone@aol.com. Phone: (914) 238 - 0041



May 6, 2009 has been established the first ever **World Accordion Day** by the Confederation Internationale des Accordeonistes (CIA).

That date marks the 180th anniversary of the first patent for a musical instrument called an "accordion." The CIA undertook the global commemoration project as a way to celebrate the diversity of the instrument and the musicians who play it.

The Massachusetts Accordion Association celebrates accordions and accordion players each time it comes together. So, the MAAA will be joining the World Accordion Day festivities at its regular monthly session on April 26, 2009 - beginning at 1:30 PM at VFW Post 1274 on 113 West Central St. in Natick, MA. There will be a brief discussion session about the beginnings of the accordion, as well as an opportunity to collectively create a musical tribute.

The Confederation Internationale des Accordeonistes is currently comprised of member associations from 28 countries. Its purpose is to promote accordion excellence around the world. Among other activities, the Confederation sponsors the Coupe Mondiale - the annual international competition among accordion players.

Do You Know This Guy???



Hi all,

Sorry I missed the March meeting. Normally I'd put the photos from the meeting, but alas, I was not feeling well and thought it be better not to spread what ever ailment I had.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting on the 26th.

Many thanks to Dan and Joe for covering for me. Download the attachments Joe sent on his meeting e-mail reminder. These are for the ensemble rehearsal—Patriotic and Waltz medleys.

Bob

Events Throughout New England

April 25

"Ludwig and Hilda"

aka Lou and Janet Borelli,

performing at Nick's German Restaurant and Bar.
9:30pm-12:30pm 124 Millbury Street, Worcester
Call 508-752-6213 for further details

May 3

Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Dinner

Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172 Straw-
ridge Road, Wallkill, NY
Call 845-895-2767 for further details

May 9

Cherish The Ladies

performing at the Somerville Theatre
Cherish the Ladies has been a leading group in the Irish traditional world for more than a decade now. Taking their name from the time-honored traditional Irish jig, Cherish the Ladies initially won recognition as the first and only all-women traditional Irish band. Now after two decades, they have become one of the most engaging ensembles in the history of Irish music. With beautiful vocals, virtuoso instrumental talents, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing, this powerhouse group combines all the facets of Irish traditional culture and puts on an engaging and entertaining show. An extraordinary ensemble including Mirella Murray on piano accordion.

8:00pm, 55 Davis Square, Somerville
Call 617-876-4275 for further details and tickets

May 23-24 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Bayou n' Boogie Fest

Various Zydeco and Cajun bands with accordion performing throughout the week including: Corey Ledet and Zydeco Revue, L'il Nathan and Zydeco Big Timers, Li'L Anne and Hot Cayenne Band, Curley Taylor and Zydeco Trouble, Cajun Hobo's Band and others... Indoor and outdoor stages for continuous music. Grill area serving food. Dance lessons. Accordion workshop with Corey Ledet.

Starts 12:00pm each day, Smithfield Elks Lodge,
329 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI
Call 401-965-0849 for further details and tickets

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4th Sunday of every month
1:00 p.m. @
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fellow accordionists meet
for an afternoon of music
and discussions.

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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

- [Janet Borelli](#) - 508-752-6213 (Paxton, MA)
- [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
- [Central Mass Accordion Club](#) (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083

Mark your calendars for this year's.....

American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

Member of the Confédération Internationale des Accordionistes - CIA (IMC-UNESCO)



The dates and place of the 2009 AAA Festival have been
changed to:

July 15-19, 2009

University of Memphis / Holiday Inn Suites

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We invite all our members and friends to join in the fun!!!

Remember, our meetings are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Special dates around national holidays...

Reminder— NEXT MAAA MEETING: April 26th