

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

www.MAaccordion.com

Almost time to play outdoors...

Tired of staying cooped in to practice ...don't fret, just go out on your porch, your deck, or just find a local gazebo and start playing....it airs out the cobwebs in my mind and kind of gratifying when folks gather to listen....



Our February was another wonderful gathering of accordion players. Our play-along session consisted of 15 performers and was a total joy to listen to. Dan informed us that our next play-along and open "mic" will have the theme of songs about places.

Some highpoints were:

Paul and Lillian Monte swung by to say hi on their way to a prior engagement, Ed W. spoke about having a combined meeting and play along with the American Theater Organ Society sometime around the Oct\Nov timeframe and James

Gerke spoke on the Castelfidardo, Italy accordion conference in July.

We were entertained with a multitude of open "mic" performers and song styles, consisting of 8 accordionists, 1 flutist and 1 trumpet player.

At the end of the open "mic" session, David Magliozzi, along with Lou and Jan Borelli, demonstrated the e-books app of backing tracks for accordion. The tracks are based on "The Real Book of Blues". James Gerke and David spent some time earlier in the meeting setting up audio



hook-ups and timing.

It was really amazing when you consider just hooking up your iphone to an amplifier and play-along. Really starts to drop the number and weight of systems when you play out in public.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our March meeting on the 27th. Bob

An accordion revival it is!

Amazing instrument. While watching "Outsourced" on tv, which takes place in India, one of the girls was playing a strange instrument that DaVinci's instrument reminded me of. Imagine a small piano keyboard with bellows going in and out perpendicular to the keyboard, almost like a flat accordion with no left hand buttons.



I can imagine there are all kinds of instruments out there and throughout history that we haven't seen or heard.

Jim Gansett (as posted on the MAAA Group blog in Yahoo.com)

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

1:30—4:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Ciociaro Social Club
144 Bridge St
Newton

Mark your calendars for another great year!!!!

March 27

April 24

May 22

Due to some upcoming holidays, some dates may change.

Notification will be made thru e-mail, the newsletter, the website and the yahoo site

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

from the Prez



As I am writing this piece for the Newsletter, the temperature is coming off its high for the day, which was in the upper 60s. The official change of seasons is only a couple days away. It certainly seems like spring is here!

One of the things spring brings is the beginning of a new round of accordion festivals. Two in the near future may be of interest to you. The first occurs over the weekend of April 1-3 in Whippany, New Jersey. It is sponsored by the American Accordion Musicological Society (AAMS), and will feature a series of twelve workshops over Saturday and Sunday. The presenters are experts; and the admission fee is reasonable.

You can learn more about "Accordion Workshops 2011" and related activities at www.aamsaccordionfestival.com. This event attracts many accordion enthusiasts from the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, so you'll be in good company. On the following weekend, April 8-10, the Accordion Teachers Association of

Newton Marriott in Newton, MA. This event showcases the talent of young musicians from New England - including many, and some of the best, accordionists. The weekend is packed with competitions and performances - and admission is free. One of the highlights occurs on Sunday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom where you can see a concert by Chris Gorton - the winner of last year's Roland competition in the U.S.

You can learn more about this event at www.atamnemusicfestival.com.

The music for the Play-Along session at our upcoming meeting on March 27 was recently distributed by e-mail. The overall theme for the music at this meeting is "places." The six Play-Along songs will take us to three continents, including the Volunteer State and the Big Apple in the U.S. We may all experience a bit of jet lag after an afternoon of music about such widespread locations. As is now our practice, look for two subsets of Play-Along music: the Level One version is geared to the skill of most players; the Level Two version is geared to more experienced players. Playing together is really fun.

Continue to spread the word about the MAAA to your accordion acquaintances.

The more, the merrier. Dan

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Massachusetts (ATAM) will host its annual festival at the

Accordion Teacher's Association of Massachusetts



Some additional information to the event announcement on page 4...

Christopher Gorton, the U.S. Roland V Accordion 2010 Champion, will perform in concert on the Roland Accordion at the Newton Marriott at the New England Music Festival. Christopher received an all expense paid trip to Rome, Italy and a Roland FR-7X V-accordion. He represented the U.S. at the international Roland Festival in Rome, Italy, September 2010.

Where: Grand Ballroom

When: Sunday, April 10, 2011

Time: 1:45 pm

No reservations necessary, concert open to the public.

Our Play-a-long Group

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Featuring:

Jan Borelli
Stephanie Desisto
Emily Green
Patty Simmons
Carmen D'Angelo

David Ruhkelman
Pat DiSantis
Jan Miller
Lou Borelli
Arthur Richard

David Magliozzi
Penny Yunuba
James Gerke
Lewis Howes
Dan Mackowiak

What's up and coming

Come Play with us...



AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION

2011 AAA Festival

July 13-17, 2011

The Sheraton at Charleston Airport
4770 Goer Drive • Charleston, SC

International Accordion Orchestra Competition

International Orchestra Entries must be confirmed by 2/28/11

CASH AWARDS

WORKSHOPS • EXHIBITS • CONCERTS • COMPETITIONS for all ages

Tentative Schedule

WEDNESDAY	REGISTRATION • PRESS & SQUEEZE
THURSDAY	LUNCHEON CONCERT • CABARET NIGHT
FRIDAY	MASSED BAND PERFORMANCE conducted by Frank Busso GALA CONCERT
SATURDAY	AWARDS CONCERT • BANQUET LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA conducted by Joan Sommers
SUNDAY	BREAKFAST MEETING and FAREWELL

Join us as we honor
JOAN COCHRAN SOMMERS

With the AAA's prestigious

Lifetime Achievement Award



AAA Festival Coordinators

Mary Tokarski • Frank Busso • Linda Soley Reed
for details, contact AAA1938@aol.com



Mark your Calendars for the 21st ANNUAL
Cotati Accordion Festival
August 20 & 21, 2011

2011 ATAM Festival

49th Annual Festival

April 8-10, 2011

Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA

- * Battle of the Bands
- * ATAM Entertainment Competition
- * Competitions
- * Solos, Duos, Ensembles, Bands
- * Some Non Competitive Categories
- * Cash Awards
- * Over \$3,000.00 in prizes
- * Awards Banquet

Contest Co-chairman:

Peggy Falcetti and Roger Latulippe

MAAA Members Performing



First Tuesday Jazz

1st Tuesday of every month
with the Lou Borelli Octet
(Jan on accordion)

Nick's, 124 Millbury Street,
Worcester

7:30—9:30 p.m.



Lou and Jan Borelli play at
Greendale People's Church,
25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA
for the Nordic Lodge. We will be
playing Scandinavian music and

ballroom dancing music, 7:30 - 10:30 PM.

For reservations, call Bob Belden 508-842-8468



Smooth dinner and dance music by

Accordionist **Bob Guenther**

Every Monday 5:00p to 8:00pm

The Black Olive Restaurant,

1866 Main St., Tewksbury, MA
www.black-olive.com

Let us know if you are performing anywhere
and we will place you notice here.

It is really a joy when fellow accordionists and
friends come out and hear you play.

Just let us know the date, time and place (and if
there is a cover charge).....

Our Open "mic" Performers



Al Paradis



Patty Simmons



Jan Miller



David Ruhkelmam



Carmen D'Angelo



Dave Magliozzi



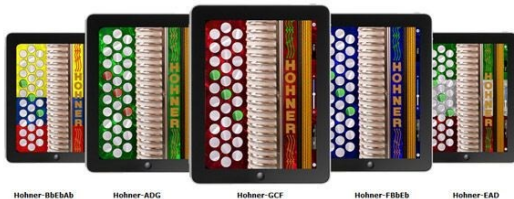
Lewis Howes



Pat DiSantis



Lou and Jan Borelli



Hohner-BBEBBb Hohner-ADG Hohner-GCF Hohner-FBEBb Hohner-EAD

Hohner announces the introduction of a revolutionary new app for the Apple iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch: the Hohner SqueezeBox. Mimicking the layout of Hohner's Corona Classic diatonic accordion, this intuitive virtual accordion app feature a super responsive, three-row fingerboard that plays and sounds like the traditional instrument. The Hohner SqueezeBox allows musicians to practice chord combinations, scales,

and songs on-the-go in five different key combinations and colors. Headphones can be used for private practice or, the audio output of the virtual accordion can be amplified by plugging into computer speakers or other sound enhancing devices. "While not intended to replace a real accordion, the app is a convenient and easy tool for practicing, learning, or teaching. SqueezeBox is great for any style of music." comments Hohner US Accordion Product Manager Gilbert Reyes Jr.

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4th Sunday of every month
Check the newsletter or
website for locations

MAaccordion phone:
(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



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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)
- [Bill LaPollai](#) —401-245-5209 (Barrington, R.I.)
- [Roberto Cassan](#) —617-413-8199 (Roslindale, 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



American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

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



A short note from Tony Marini.....

I got this from Sam and thought we should share this. I am not going because of work but some of our members may be interested.

See you soon,

Tony

ROLAND NEW PRODUCTS SHOWCASE & WORKSHOP

Listed below is what you can look forward to at this event:

- *Ethnic demonstrations by our own customers including German, Polish, Portuguese, Irish and more.
- *The new FR18 Diatonic Accordion.
- *New Oberkrainer sets, available for FR7X/FR3X.(bring your instrument).
- *Workshop: Changing octaves on orchestral sounds using dual mode with accordion and also layering other orchestral instruments.
- *Introduction to new Roland products for V accordion players by Tom Glenn, our Roland D.S.M.

WHEN: 4/17/11 TIME: 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Falcetti Music, 1755 Boston Rd., Springfield, Mass.

Please RSVP by 3/19/11 by emailing your reply to "peggyfalcetti@falcetti.music.com" or leaving a message on my home phone 413596-6940.

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: March 27th