

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

www.MAaccordion.com

It's a wonderful accordion life.....

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and is playing more outdoors than before. Playing outdoors is a truly great experience and can lead you to becoming more comfortable with playing in front of others, even if your audience is just the squirrels and chipmunks...they can be very vocal most of the times.

Our July meeting was a really great time for all....Our play-a-long session seems too becoming more and more entertaining with each meeting....the different accordion sounds, playing techniques and song interpretation melds the orchestration into a totally ear-pleasing sensation.

We were graced with new performers at this meeting. New or long-time returning performers included Inessa Gilmore, Julie Ballantine, Emilian Badea, and Ben.

Please keep in mind, we are in our annual membership renewal drive and I hope you all will considered supporting our club by renewing your membership....Next year is in it's initial planning stages and it's keeps getting better. We will be providing sign-up cards for new guests inviting them to

have a few options when they visit with us at our next meeting. The card asks if they would like to receive the newsletter and the play-a-long sheet music just for our next meeting to share the fun of playing with others...and most importantly it asks if they would like to become



members of this great accordion club.

A very pleasing note is that Jan Millar, our flutist, was accepted in Monadnock

Flutes at Franklin Pierce University. Monadnock Flutes is a university-community flute choir, founded and directed by Denise Nolan. Acceptance is by audition only. Originally begun as an enhancement to Franklin Pierce private instruction, it now has a solid community-based membership in addition to university participation. They perform at both on and off-campus events.

Our heart-felt congratulations Jan!!!!!!

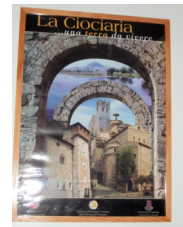
Our next meeting is Sunday, August 28th

I hope to see you there..... Bob

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

1:30—4:00 pm

Ciociaro Social Club
144 Bridge St
Newton



Mark your calendars for another great year!!!!

August 28

Sept 25

Oct 23

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

Thinking of improving your left hand techniques???

<http://www.musicforaccordion.com/Boutique/inform/seidel/index.htm>

Accordion Jazz Chords
Free improvising on the stradella bass accordion

An easy-to-understand instruction book
for beginners and advanced players

by
Robert Seidel

from the Prez



I am writing this within a couple days of returning from the Accordions Now! festival in New Hampshire. What a great day of accordion-related activities. It's always satisfying to meet people who love the instrument, and to listen to accordion players in a variety of settings. It's also heartening to talk to people from other parts of the country who have heard about the MAAA. Hats off to the New Hampshire Accordion Association and the Accordion Connection for another successful event.

We recently mailed MAAA membership renewal packages. Many of you have already returned your renewal form and dues payment. If you have not, please take a few minutes to consider your decision to continue your commitment to the MAAA. We appreciate your support.

country tunes - at least in the broad sense of the word. The idea was partially generated by my listening to recordings by the "Twin Country Accordions" - a couple of Pennsylvanians who play traditional country music in a smooth, simple style. The songs we'll be playing together fit that description. Feel free to bring along your cowboy apparel to help "set the stage."

We are very pleased to announce our guest artist at the September 25 meeting will be Cory Pesaturo - whose reputation as a world-class accordionist is leaping forward. His most recent accomplishment is to have won the Primus Ikaalinen Accordion Competition in Finland. More information about his appearance will be available at the August meeting and in a forthcoming press release.

The invitation to attend our meetings is always open to visitors and newcomers. Bring a friend, and share the fun.

Dan

The Play-Along music for our upcoming meeting on August 28 is comprised of

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Jim Avedisian and Chet Williamson

performed at Val's Restaurant in Holden, Ma on Saturday, August 6th...what a great combo for entertainment over three hours....Strongly recommend you catch this duo perform in the future, great tunes and great time.....

Pssst.....

P.S. if you know of someone who would like to learn how to play the accordion, but cannot afford a beginners' instrument, I have an Iorio Melody Accordion, in great shape, they can have. Although it has the Iorio name, it was made in China.....great sound for a beginner.....just e-mail me if interested....dealers not accepted.....this is free for a beginning student

bobguenther@comcast.net

Our open "mic" performers



Olivia Luey



Al Paradis



Lewis Howes



James Gerke



Jan Millar



Jim Avedisian



Dave Sullivan



Pat DiSantis

***Special Note:** Olivia Luey (pictured above) was selected to compete in the Roland V-accordion Festival, Junior Division, held in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the 71st Accordionists & Teachers Guild, International (ATG) Festival Competition and Festival, the Roland USA V-Accordion Festival featured 10 of the USA's top young Roland accordionists. What is really amazing is that Olivia is only 16 years old with 6 years of playing experience. Her performance was a truly enjoyable listening experience for all those in attendance. Congratulations Olivia and thank you for performing for us at our July 2011 meeting..... A note from her teacher, Emilian Badea (who is a teacher for 2 of the 5 Roland junior champs) "It takes a lot of effort to make things seem effortless....."

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.

September 11, 2011

The Lou Borelli Octet plays for the "Jazz on the Patio Series" at the Castle Restaurant, 1230 Main Street, Leicester, MA, 3 - 7 PM. If it rains, we'll be in the dining room. Reservations Welcomed. Phone 508 892-9090.

SQUEEZEBOX SLAM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th,
12-3pm (accordion flash mobs) and 3- 6pm (concert in plaza)
(RD: SUN., SEPTEMBER 18th)
www.somervilleartscouncil.org/programs/artsunion/events_producers11.htm

Join us for an event highlighting the myriad of cultures that use a variation of the squeezebox in their music! From Mexican to Irish to Kelzmer... and everything in between. The Slam will start at noon and continue to 3pm as loosely organized accordion flash mobs around various squares throughout Somerville. **Anyone** with a squeezebox is welcome to join in and play, either alone or together. Then all participating musicians will gather in Union Sq for a joint performance from 3-6 p.m. playing at least three predefined pieces followed by a giant squeezebox jam.

Our Play-a-long Ensemble



Carmen D'Angelo Arthur Richard Jerry Tramontozzi Pat DiSantis Jim Avedisian
 Inessa Gilmore Al Paradis Lewis Howes James Gerke Dan MacKowiak Jan Millar
 Penny Yunuba Emilian Badea Julie Ballantine Olivia Luey



Each issue of Making Music offers inspiration, instruction, and information for the amateur musician. Read stories about music makers from all walks of life, learn about the latest medical research into the benefits of making music, discover tips to make you learn better and get the most out of your hobby, and much more.

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Hey, have you thought of a Vegas vacation lately??????????

The Las Vegas International Accordion Convention

2011 the YEAR of the accordion

A vibrant poster for the Masquerade 2011 Las Vegas Accordion Convention. The background is a deep red with out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of orange, yellow, and white. In the upper left, a gold masquerade mask with black ribbons is partially visible. A large, diagonal banner across the top reads "MASQUERADE" in large, bold, silver letters, with "2011 LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION" and "OCTOBER 31 THRU NOVEMBER 3, 2011" in smaller white text below it. To the right, a sheet of yellow musical notation is draped over a white masquerade mask. In the bottom right corner, a white and silver Concerto accordion is shown. The text is arranged in a central column, listing the starring and featuring artists. A small logo for the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention is in the bottom left, and a promotional offer is in the bottom center. The website "AccordionStars.com" is at the bottom.

MASQUERADE
2011 LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION
OCTOBER 31 THRU NOVEMBER 3, 2011

STARRING
Frank Marocco
Angelo Di Pippo w/the Accordion Kings,
Alex Sevastian, Mary Tokarski,
Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini

FEATURING
Frank Toscano & Manny Corallo (Accordion Kings)
Peter & Mady Soave,
The Soundscape Trio,
Bruce Gassman, Gina Brannelli,
Gordon Kohl, Pete Barbutti

PLUS
The Fourth Annual
Las Vegas International
Accordion Orchestra Directed by
Professor Joan Cochran Sommers

Mention the LVAC and get hotel rooms
for only \$34 per night (Sun-Thur)
at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino

AccordionStars.com

MAAA @ NH Accordion Festival

Jim Avedisian, just back from the **Accordions Now 2011** event in Nashua this past weekend, gives us a quick overview and some pictures from the event....

attached are some pics of MHAA members at the Accordions Now Festival held at the Nashua Marriott Courtyard Hotel on 8-13-2011 that Carol took. Hard for her to get pictures there. It was a great time.

One pic has me at Open Mike the previous night

One has Jerry T. doing a performance

Another has Jerry T doing a Patriotic sing-a-long at his performance with a number of veterans along side him.

One shows Dan (in the red circle) performing with the festival orchestra

One shows James and Jerry performing with the festival orchestra.

In addition to performing with the Festival Orchestra, Dan and James did all the sound work setting up all amps and mikes as appropriate throughout the various rooms during the entire day.



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WWW.MAaccordion.com

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.

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)
- [Emilian Badea](#) —508-653-8441 (Natick, MA)
- [Inessa Gilmore](#) —inessagilmore@yahoo.com
- [A.T.A.M.](#)—Accordion Teachers of Massachusetts
- [CCE Boston Music School](#) Irish B/C Button Box classes at

Boston College & Harvard University

We're on the web:
MAaccordion.com



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

Did you know?????

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that there is an Accordion Pops Orchestra and it is in nearby New Jersey????The orchestra performs a repertoire of light classical, Broadway, big band, and popular music. The largest professional accordion orchestra of its kind on the East Coast, the group consists entirely of accordions plus percussion instruments.....The largest professional accordion orchestra of its kind on the East Coast, the group consists entirely of accordions plus percussion instruments.....If you are interested in joining the orchestra or finding out more about the concert season call:

732-762-6769

732-257-8198 or

email: accordionpops@hotmail.com



Check out the number 1 accordion news for us here in the USAmany thanks to **Rita Davidson** for her continuing great job as editor.....

<http://www.accordionusa.com/>

Hey, guess who has a new website....that's right , it's the American Accordion Association.....check it out at:

<http://www.ameraccord.com/>

Many thanks to **Linda Soley Reed**, who now is in her sixth year as president of this great association

American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

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



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: August 28th