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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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The Most Wonderful time of the Year



Hi everyone....I hope you are having a wonderful time during this holiday season, dining and playing your accordion amongst friends. I also pray that this new year finds you all healthy, happy and with nimble fingering throughout the year.

Big note—our January 22nd meeting is our holiday party. We will be having a "musical" version of a Yankee swap. This is **only** for sheet music, no gifts or anything else. If you would like to participate, just bring a copy of your favorite song's sheet music and we will trade as they do in Yankee Swaps. You could end up with that piece of music you've been looking for and had even forgotten about.

Thanks to everyone who attended our December meeting. It was a really great turnout considering all the hustle and bustling going on this time of year. My utmost thanks and gratitude to Dan.... the play-along ensemble had some really great holiday festive arrangements and were a true joy to listen to.

Also a great thank you to our "open mic" performers who facilitated the guide of performing only 2 songs. This enabled us to hear so many more performers.

If you would like to assist in any way at the holiday party on Jan 22nd, just e-mail our coordinators for the party, Penny or Tony and let them know (*e-mail addresses on*

page 2 of club officers).

Hey, our new website is up and available. My thanks to Jim Avedisian and all his efforts. Jim has also agreed to be our web master to keep the pages current. Should you have any thoughts or ideas, please e-mail Jim through the site's contact page or his e-mail address on page 2.

We have had 28 members cast their votes for our logo. It is not too late to cast your vote. Out of the 12 logos that were submitted we have 3 that are significantly preferred over the others. Your vote does count, so please respond, only if you've haven't yet. The results will be at our holiday party, so the last date for you to cast your vote will be Friday, January 20th.....



Just a quick additional positive note....the days have started to get longer—feeling a little warmer already.

P.S. This guy plays a New Years Eve gig and afterward the club owner says "Great job, can you play again next year?" The accordionist replies, "Sure, can I leave my instrument here until then?"

P.P.S. And a great message for not only the holidays, but for all time, from one of my favorite holiday personalities Tiny Tim, son of Bob Cratchit "A Christmas Carol"....

"May God bless you one and all"

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!!!!

Jan 22

(winter party)

Feb 26th

Mar 25th

April 22nd

May 20th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

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

A Special Treat



Our very own Jerry Tramontozzi brought in a wonderful hand made accordion from Italy that was owned by his uncle.

Just before the meeting, Jerry demonstrated this wonderful instrument. The sound for an accordion almost a century old was absolutely fabulous. Sadly, the strap broke just before the meeting, so it was a treat that was missed.....Hopefully, Jerry will return in the future with this incredible instrument. Just having it on display was really great, but wait until you hear it played, especially by Jerry.



Our new website

Same web address, updated content

[www.http://www.maaccordion.com/](http://www.maaccordion.com/)

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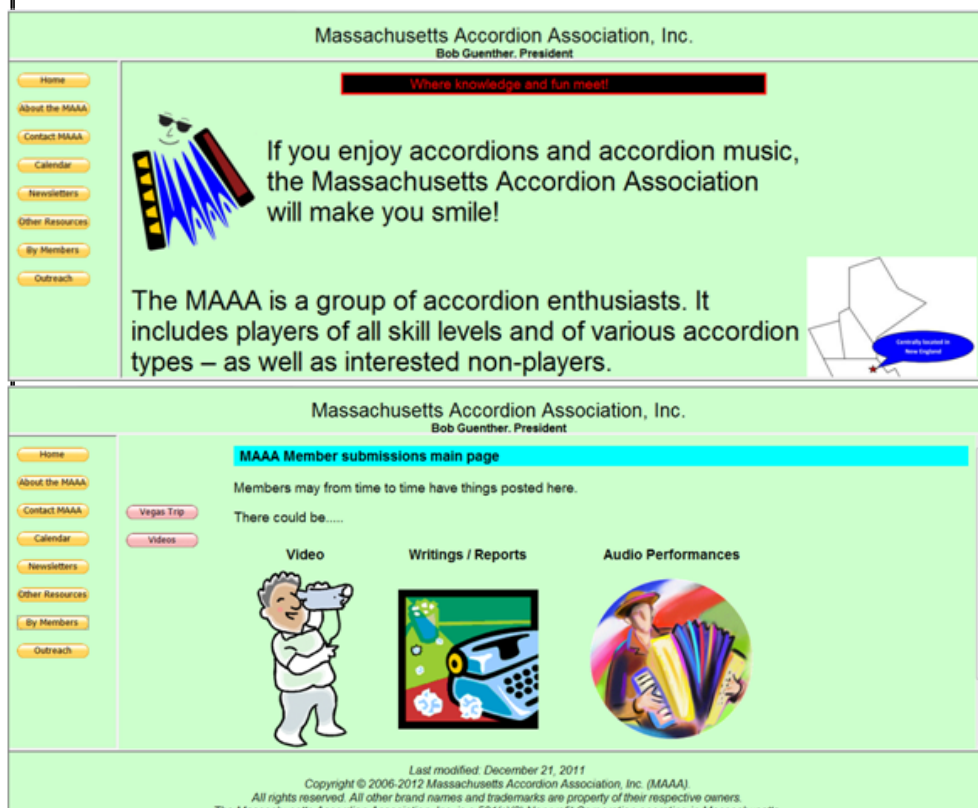
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Our play-a-long ensemble



Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts Celebrates 50 Years *by Rita Davidson*



The Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts invites you to celebrate their 50th year of "Making Music" at the New England Music Competition and Festival to be held at the Marriott Hotel, Newton, MA, April 13-15, 2012.

The event will include competitions, exhibits, workshops, scholarships, cash awards, banquet plus more! Peggy Falcetti and Roger LaTulippe are contest co-chairmen. The ATAM is proud to announce the New Super Accordion Championship sponsored by **Dr. Emilian Badea**. This all new category is open to all former accordion champions excluding Coupe Mondiale winners. The age limit as of April 1, 2012 is 32 years old. There will be a \$1,000 Cash Award to the 1st Place Winner. It is open to piano-accordion competitors only. More details will be available in the January 2012 Accordion USA News.

For further information: peggyf1944@gmail.com.

Our December meeting



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Our wonderful open "mic" performers



February 21, 2012

If you can't make it to New Orleans this year, celebrate Mardi Gras with Black Sheep Jazz Band at Nick's on February 21, 2012, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. No Cover Charge.

Featuring our very own Jan and Lou Borelli. Dress up in Twenties style if you like, complete with jazz beads and a Mardi Gras mask. Bring your parasol for the Mardi Gras Parade!

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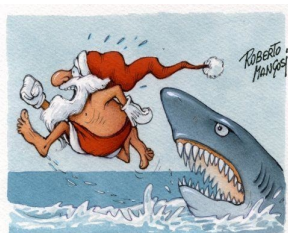
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4th Sunday of every month
Check the newsletter or website for locations

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.



Happy Xmas from the Accordion [USA News](#), Roberto Mangosi and [Accordions Worldwide](#)



Starting to feel warm already....

The 2012 World Accordion Day,
May 6th

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



Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)

We're on the web:
[MAaccordion.com](#)

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

AAA Festival 2012 July 11-15, 2012
Sheraton City Center Baltimore, MD

Mention AAA Festival 2012 for special rates

<http://deals.sheraton.com/Sheraton-Baltimore-City-Center-Hotel>

Guest Artist and Conductor of the 2012 AAA Festival Orchestra **STAS VENGLEVSKI**

The Sheraton City Center is surrounded by shops, restaurants and in walking distance of the famous Baltimore Inner Harbor, National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center and numerous other attractions

Participation in the AAA Festival Orchestra is open to registered participants only
Details about performers, workshops and other Festival events will be online soon. Save the date!



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: Jan 22nd