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## Massachusetts Accordion Association

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# Summertime .....

It is an incredible time of the year.... bathing suits, barbecues, picnics, sea-shore strolls, birds singing and love all around....just wanted to give you some seasonal tune-ups for your accordion playing this time of year.....

Just a quick note.... Tony has been hard at work with our logo and merchandise...soon you will have an internet site with ways to display your membership with the MAAA.

Also, our Board remains hard at work planning upcoming events and additional membership activities.

Our May meeting was a really great time. Our membership participation in the play-along ensemble, coupled with Dan's coordination of the musical arrangements provided for definite listening pleasure. The play-along is always a treat. We not only were fortunate to have Jan Miller and her flute perform with the group, but Linda Walden also added some vocals with her enjoyable singing voice. Another special treat of the play-along was a visit from Gary Morin. A great accordionist who is with the N H Accordion Club.

David Rukhleman, Dave Magliozzi and James Gerke shared some of their accordion knowledge with us.....James did however offer to postpone his individual piece to a later date since we overran our schedule....

Paul Monte and Tal Kobi filled the last segment of our meeting with a beautiful combination of accordion and four string bass providing total listening enjoyment.

Our upcoming June meeting will continue with the excitement and enjoyment of all things accordion....details inside...you won't want to miss our June meeting.

My heartfelt thanks to all our members for making our club a really great place to meet for all matters of the accordion and overall music.

I regretfully have a commitment that I made a year ago, but I am most fortunate that Jim Avedisian will be at the controls for our June meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again,  
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!!!!

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 18th

December 16th



A note from **Rita Davidson**, the editor of the internet newsletter for all things accordion at Accordion USA.....

We are excited to announce that, beginning with this issue, the **USA News** can now publish videos in the news articles! You will see the first examples of that in the June news. This is another exciting dimension to add to our news. If you would like to send a video, it must be a video of a recent event, not a past video.

What do Mick Jagger and American Idol have in common.....*check out the rest of the story....*

### 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

# Our May Play-along session.....



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A truly great treat.....our members put on a tremendous performance and Dan's selection surely brought back many memories....Pieces performed were: a Mancini Medley of Dear Heart and The Sweetheart Tree; Begin the Beguine; Big Band Medley of: Jersey Bounce, Little Brown Jug and A String of Pearls....we also had the added enjoyment of Linda Walden adding the vocals.

You will not want to miss our June meeting...Dan has selected a really great Patriotic theme and I guarantee it will get your heart pumping and foot stomping feeling of pride for being an American and forever grateful to all our service people, currently active, retired or have paid the full price for our freedoms.

## If you are ever asked "How can I become a member?"

When anyone wants to join the MAAA, all they need to do is go to our web-site, click on prompt that says "About the MAAA", and then click on membership form, print it, fill it out and mail with your membership dues.

It's that Easy.....

# Our May Meeting Technical Sessions



## Our featured performers



Club members Paul Monte and Tal Kobi



Definitely a great combination of talent and instruments with a great selection of music for a truly enjoyable listening experience.

# Our May Meeting Members and Guests



## June's Meeting Highlights...

You won't want to miss.....

Play-along ensemble arranged and conducted by our very own Dan Mackowiak with a Patriotic theme of Strike Up the Band, Semper Fidelis, Civil War Medley, Armed Forces Medley and one of my most favorite pieces, America.

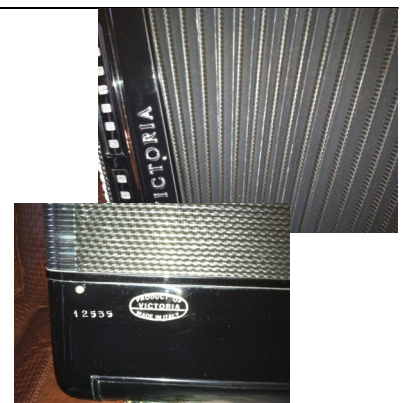
Our featured performer is scheduled to be Sam Falcetti. Sam will also be featuring a workshop for left hand changes to enhance your performance immensely.



## Accordion for Sale

A Victoria acoustic dry tuned accordion made in Italy, serial number 12535. This accordion was fully serviced by Accordion Connection and plays masterfully. Comes with hard case, dust cover, as well as, fairly new straps. Asking price \$1,200.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2012 COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL NOW ON-LINE.

[Full Schedule of Events Here.](#)

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SEE YOU AUGUST 18 & 19, 2012

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22st Annual  
**Cotati Accordion Festival**

Featuring the Legendary  
*Dick Contino*  
"The Accordion Man"  
Performing on the main stage  
both Saturday and Sunday  
August 18th & 19, 2012

Complete Schedule of Events  
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**Sunday, August 19, 2012**

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Time to start planning for  
this year's Accordions Now!  
Convention.

Friday, August 17th thru  
Sunday, August 19th

Courtyard Nashua,  
Nashua, NH

## ACCORDIONS NOW! 2012

[Register Now!](#)

ACCORDIONS NOW! Co-Sponsored by New Hampshire Accordion Association & Accordion Connection LLC

Brent Buswell ~ Christopher Gorton ~ Tony Lovello ~ Jeremiah McLane & Annemieke Spoelstra ~  
Gary Morin ~ Donna Maria Regis ~ ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra [ANFO] ~ Sam  
Falcetti Workshop ~ *More Performers To Be Announced*



ENJOY MEETING YOUR FRIENDS, OLD & NEW, at the "ACCORDIONS NOW! MUSICAL FAMILY" REUNION  
Concerts ~ Workshops ~ Open Mike Night ~ Play Along Groups [no rehearsal] NEW THIS YEAR!! ~ Jam Sessions ~  
ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra [ANFO] ~ Lively Luncheon Buffet ~ Cocktail Reception & Entertainment ~  
Gala Banquet ~ Vendor Displays, Demonstrations, Instruments to Try ~ Artist Photo Ops, CD Signing ~ **MORE!**

> **BRING YOUR ACCORDION** for Open Mike, Play Along Groups [no rehearsal] & Jam Sessions  
> **REGISTER** by JULY 20 to participate in ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra [ANFO]

2012 MILESTONES to be CELEBRATED in a UNIQUE MUSICAL COMBINATION:

- FRANK SINATRA -- 100 years
- TONY LOVELLO -- 80 years
- ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival & AN! Festival Orchestra [ANFO] -- 5 years

ANFO's 5th annual concert will feature the exclusive world premiere of a new TONY LOVELLO  
arrangement written especially for ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival by the soon-to-be  
octogenarian [Tony turns 80 December 17] to honor FRANK SINATRA's centennial [December 12].

**YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT** -- Register for ANFO by July 20

Our very own Jan and  
**Our very own Jan and Lou Borelli....**



July 8, 2012

**Lou Borelli Octet** will play at the Jazz on the Patio Summer Series at the Castle Restaurant, 1230 Main Street, Leicester, MA, 3 - 7 PM. NO COVER. The patio is lovely, overlooking the lake. If the weather is inclement, we will play in the dining room. The food at the Castle is outstanding. Our CD "Lou Borelli Octet Live at Nick's" will be on sale (\$10). Please join us for some summer jazz fun.

July 12, 2012

**Black Sheep Jazz Band (Dixieland)** plays a Summer Concert at the Sturbridge Band Stand in the center of town, 6 - 8 PM. Bring a lawn chair, the kids and grand kids



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

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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



### 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](http://www.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



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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: June 24th**