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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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Hope you are enjoying your summer...

Ah, summertime....a time for cook-outs, families, vacations, and so many outdoor activities....I hope you've caught some of the accordion festivals that have been happening around New England and the rest of the country.

Next weekend, August 17/18th in Nashua is the 5th annual Accordions Now festival. This year promises to be the biggest and the best, filled with many local and national accordion favorite performers.

Dan Mackowiak will be arranging and orchestrating a play-along session Saturday the 18th at 1:30, more information on page 6. If you wish to participate, please contact the Accordions Now website listed on page 5 to get your music in an e-mail before the festival or maybe to have it available for you on that Saturday. If you've never have gone to an Accordions Now festival, this should be the year you make it.

Many thanks to Ed W. and Jim Avedisian on arranging Alex Chudolij to perform and give a technical session at our October meeting. Alex, the owner of MusicMagic



USA in New Jersey, is a former multiple champion accordion player. In addition to being a composer, having composed several of the songs on his popular Electric Kozak album, Alex has been instrumental in promoting the accordion with library lectures, grade school appearances and other goodwill affairs where he has showcased the beauty and uniqueness of the accordion to audiences of all types. To learn more about Alex, visit the website:

www.accordionsusa.com/new_page_1.htm

On page 4, you will find Patty Simmons excitedly getting all the new membership cards updated and ready for distribution. If you haven't yet, please mail in your dues for this upcoming year, it promises to be better than ever. If you need to, let us know how we may better serve your accordion needs.

Penny did announce that additional volunteers for meeting refreshments are needed for the remainder of our upcoming meetings. We truly appreciate all our members and their contributions and volunteerism.

My thanks to all our members for their participation and enthusiasm. It makes for a great accordion club.....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 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 18th

December 16th

January 27th

February 24th

March 24th



Thanks to Tony Marini's untiring efforts, there is a website for MAAA related souvenirs and products.

Check it out at.....

<http://www.jumbledesigns.com/maaa/catalogmaa.html>

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 July Play-along session.....



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Dan Mackowiak arranged and orchestrated another entertaining and talented play-along session.

Dan provided the great arrangements of some very familiar favorites: Sweet Gypsy Rose, Tie a Yellow Ribbon, Morning Has Broken, Playground in My Mind, Last Tango in Paris, Y.M.C.A., Jersey Bounce, Little Brown Jug, String of Pearls.

Many thanks to Carol Avedisian for taking the video that Jim Avedisian edited and uploaded to YouTube.com.

Check out the site to catch snippets of our July 2012 meeting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXMweX_Jsys



Our Illustrious open "mic" performers



Always a special treat when members add more flavor to our open mic sessions.....some of our past treats we've had in past meetings (*and my apologies if I overlook someone*), Linda Walden sang and at another meeting played a percussion instrument, Jan Miller our incredible flutist, Lou Borelli on trumpet and flugel horn accompany his beautiful wife Jan, Dan Sullivan with his "out of the box" Roland techniques for "voices" and USB chip accompaniments, Dave Ruklehan's mastery of the button accordion, Dave Magliozzi's addition of arpeggios and "jazz" additions to standard songs. This meeting wasn't any different....We had George Lessard, with the introduction from his teacher Emilian Badea, perform for the first time, James Gerke introduced another of his skill sets with great vocals as he sang while Dave Magliozzi played and another teacher\student combination that has played for us before and is always enjoyable, Inessa Gilmore and her student Ben Polen. We were also entertained with Jan Borelli and Dave Magliozzi just "jammin'" Many thanks to **all** our truly wonderful open "mic" performers, a definite great part of our meetings.

Our July Meeting Members and Guests



Accordions 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.

vaiello@verizon.net



Paul Monte has available an:

As new I20 Bass Dallape Professional model black piano accordion, full size 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ " keyboard with musette tuning, 15 treble switches, and 7 bass switches, 4 and 5 sets of hand made and hand-finished reeds.

LIST PRICE VALUE \$10,500 - SPECIAL PURCHASE PRICE; \$4,200.

Call PAUL MONTE: 781-237-0554 or 617-780-7555

Sorry, no picture available at this time.....please contact Paul directly for a hands on look at this great instrument

5th Annual Accordions Now Festival August 17th - 18th



Date: 8/17/2012 - 8/18/2012

Address: Courtyard Nashua, 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063, USA

Location: Nashua, NH

Hours: Friday 5 PM - Close, Saturday 9 AM - Close (whenever post-concert jam sessions end)

Cost/Cover: All-Events PACKAGE [includes Saturday Festive Luncheon Buffet and Gala Dinner] \$119 Adult (\$129 after August 1, 2012, if space available), \$59 Age 12 & under; Friday 5 PM-Close \$20, Saturday 2 PM-Close [includes Gala Dinner] \$70

Web Page: [Event Web Page](http://www.eventwebpage.com)

Details:

ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival -- its motto says it all:

LOTS OF ACCORDIONS, LOTS OF MUSIC, LOTS OF FUN!!

Sign up, bring your accordion, and join the fun! Or just relax, listen, and enjoy yourself with music-loving friends, old and new.

Excellent music, warm friendship, and high spirits characterize the annual ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival, celebrating its fifth year of success.

You won't want to miss this year's outstanding lineup of talent: Tony Lovello, Christopher Gorton, Brent Buswell, Jeremiah McLane & Annemieke Spoelstra [accordion & piano duo], Dan Mackowiak, Gary Morin, Donna Maria Regis, ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra, Sam Falcetti [workshop], and more.

Bring along your friends and loved ones to enjoy all the fun -- concerts, workshops, open mike, jam sessions, reunions with your accordion pals old and new, festive luncheon buffet, cocktail reception with entertainment, gala dinner, vendor displays of the latest instruments for you to try -- and much more.

BE PART OF THE MUSICAL ACTION! This year you have more opportunities than ever to participate:

~ Open Mike Night -- sign up to guarantee your spot
~ Informal Jam Sessions
~ Play-Along Ensemble [no rehearsal] -- NEW THIS YEAR!
Go to the webpage link for more ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival information and to register online.

Hotel: Special Room Rate \$91 [+ tax] per room (up to 4 people)

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



Our very own Jan and Lou Borelli....
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September 2, 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.

September 30, 2012

Schwarze Schafe (Trio) plays for Oktoberfest at Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01104, 11 AM - 4 PM. Come on down and show off your yodeling skills, learn a German Dance and some German lyrics, dance some polkas, drink some beer and have a good time. There's lots to do at Sacred Heart Oktoberfest and they have great food!



Schwarze Schafe Trio

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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.



Play-Along Ensemble Session 1:30 pm



Dan Mackowiak
Coordinator

NEW THIS YEAR!!

Just-for-Fun
Play-Along Ensemble

Music is sent in advance
but ...
NO REHEARSAL !!

The first-ever ACCORDIONS NOW!
Just-for-Fun Play-Along Ensemble
BE PART OF IT from the START of IT !



EVERYONE who registers will receive the
Play-Along music and be invited to
participate.

Of course, you are free to decline, but...
why miss out on all the fun?!

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

FREE GIFT to ALL Registrants -- Play-Along Session Music

The Play-Along Session Music will be emailed to all registrants prior to the festival. The music is yours to keep and enjoy whether or not you participate in the first-ever - perhaps the first annual? -- ACCORDIONS NOW! Just-for-Fun Play-Along session Saturday, Aug 18 at 1:30pm
From Coordinator Dan Mackowiak:

"The objective is to get players of all skill levels to make music together -- and to share in the thrill of doing so. It's guaranteed to be a fun event, so please consider participating."

Dan has skillfully arranged the music on two levels. He explains:

"Less experienced players may be more comfortable with the Level One version. More experienced players will find the Level Two version more interesting, since it includes a harmony line and a few more complicated passages. Feel free to choose whatever level is the best for you."

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

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

Reminder– NEXT MAAA MEETING: August 26th