



MASSACHUSETTS ACCORDION ASSOCIATION

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The MAAA is a group of accordion enthusiasts that welcomes players of all skill levels and accordion types, as well as interested non-players.

Join us! Open to the public.

1:30-4 pm

Ciociaro Social Club
144 Bridge Street
Newton, Massachusetts

Next meetings: May 4 & 25

Detailed meeting info is available on our website.

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MAAA in May

The past month of April showers--made worse by cold winds and no MAAA meeting--is bringing May flowers and many ways in which you can participate.

Two May meetings! MAAA meets twice this month, on May 4 and May 25, bringing twice as much accordion music into our lives.

May 4

Brand new playalong. Dan Mackowiak has arranged new play-along music for the May 4 meeting, including:

- Theme from the "The Third Man" movie soundtrack, a beautiful and haunting classic
- Laura's Wedding Waltz, by midwest accordionist Dan Newton
- Last Sunday, a tango by a Polish composer
- Rum and Coca Cola, a hit for the Andrew Sisters in 1945 (to help us *finally* get into a summery mood)

As always, Dan makes it possible for less experienced players to participate by providing a Level One version of the music, while challenging more experienced players with his Level Two arrangements.

If these titles entice you to want to play along but the PDFs got lost in your inbox, get in touch with Dan at dcmackowiak@verizon.net.

Special presentation: Janet Borelli is ready to present her topic of how to play with another instrument, with the assistance of her trumpeter husband, Lou Borelli.

First rehearsal of the MA Accordion

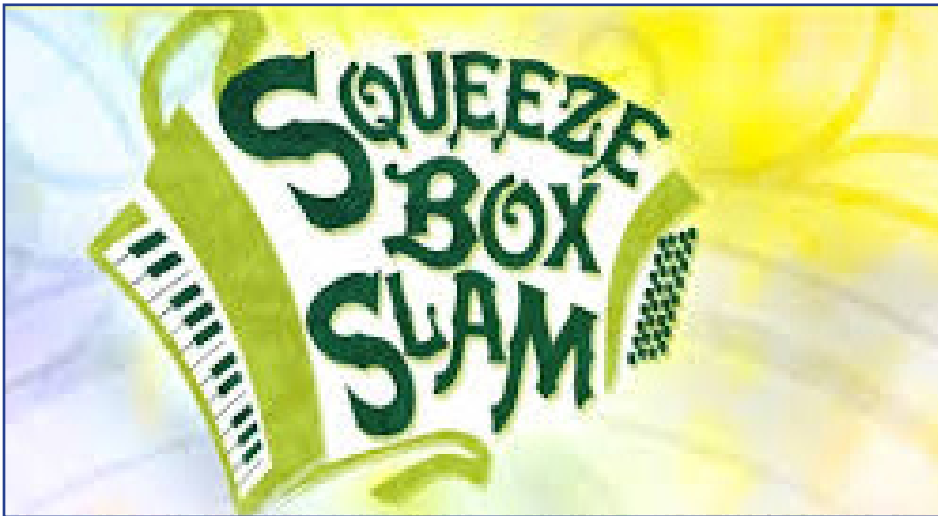
Group: After the meeting, Carmen D'Angelo is hosting the first meeting of this group. There are currently 14 participants. If you want music or more information, contact Carmen at dangeloc@comcast.net.

May 25 meeting

The open mike theme is "Duets."

More info will be available on the [MAAA website](http://www.MAAA.org).





Somerville Squeezebox Slam June 14, 2014

A Somerville art gallery owner had a hankering to see “a happening in which 1,000 accordionists strolled around Somerville.” A Tufts University music professor had an accordion.

Bellows shake! The Somerville Squeezebox Slam was born. The Slam is a celebration of all free standing reed instruments--an opportunity for squeezebox players to play in the streets and squares of Somerville, and for New England’s finest accordionists to perform together.

Needed: 999 more accordionists

“From noon until 3 pm, it’s the Big Stroll,” says [Michael McLaughlin](#), the event’s co-founder, who is a multi-instrumentalist performer and instructor in the Tufts University Music Department. “People show up all through the city with their accordions, alone or in groups.”

Do you teach music? “Anyone with a teaching studio is welcome to have their students play around the Square or in Powderhouse Park,” he notes. “They can contact me (strizimusic@gmail.com) and we’ll help them set up a good location and time.”

People can also just show up and play under a tree or on a street corner. It’s open to everyone—all styles, all levels. Michael will be there playing his accordion, as will the Ladies Accordion Orchestra, which several MAAA members are part of. But it will take many more to reach the goal of 1,000 accordions that co-founder Susan Berstler, of Somerville’s [Nave Gallery](#), hopes to attract.

Paul Monte in concert

The Squeezebox Slam concert takes place from 3-6 pm in Seven Hills Park, behind the Somerville Theater in Davis Square. MAAA member Paul Monte is one of this year’s featured performers.

MAAA needs event volunteers

Last year several MAAA members staffed a table at the event which was successful in increasing our visibility and attracting new members.

Volunteers are needed for this year’s event. It’s fun, you’ll hear great music, and it’s a great opportunity to spread the word. Please contact Tony Marini to help out:

AnthonyM@lmmcpas.com

“We’re really excited that Paul is performing his continental repertoire for us this year,” Michael notes. “This is a great opportunity for younger players, or people relatively new to accordion music, to hear this great style and this great accordionist.”

Other performers are:

[Dallas Vietty](#) and the Musette Project: Parisian swing-waltz style of Musette and Gypsy Jazz.

[Alec Redfearn and the Eyesores](#): “A complex mix of psychedelic folk, progrock, old-time country, acidic cabaret, dark circus music, and sinister dream fragments that haunt in recurring motifs.”

[Tom and Barbara Pixton](#): Balkan and Romanian and roma style.

Christina Crowder: Klezmer

CALENDAR



May 3, 11 am-4 pm
Schwarze Schafe German Band
South Shore International Festival
Hingham Shipyard, Hingham
 The German Band will play on stage from 1:15 to 2:15 pm, then Lou and Jan Borelli will play songs from Italy, France, and Scandinavia on the Plaza from 3 to 3:30 pm.



May 8, 8:30 pm
Debo Band
Lizard Lounge, 1667 Mass Ave.,
Cambridge
<http://lizardloungeclub.com/>
 Accordion-esque Ethiopian funk

May 8, 7:30 pm
Courage & the Bear
Nu Cafe
335 Chandler Street, Worcester
www.nucafe.com
 Folks in the Worcester area can check out this four-piece Americana band.

May 11, 3 pm
Evan Harlan Memorial
Center for the Arts at the Armory,
191 Highland Avenue, Somerville
 A celebration of the life of Evan Harlan. Please respond at his website: www.EvanHarlan.com

May 14, 7:30 pm
Matt and Shannon Heaton CD
Release
Burren Backroom, 247 Elm St.,
Somerville
<http://www.burren.com/>
 Winners of Live Ireland's "Trad Fusion Album of the Year," Boston-



based Matt and Shannon Heaton perform traditional and updated Irish music with voices, Irish flute, accordion, guitar and bouzouki.

May 16, 8 pm
Romanian Night
Folk Arts Center of New England
50 Paul Revere Road at Park
Avenue, Arlington Heights
<http://www.facone.org/programs/fridaydance.html>
 Tom Pixton leads this annual all-request fest.

May 21, 7 pm
James Fearnley
Brookline Booksmith
292 Harvard Street, Brookline
www.brooklinebooksmith.com
 The founding accordionist of the Pogues, a Celtic punk band, reads from his new memoir "Here Comes Everybody: The Story of the Pogues"

May 22, 8:30 pm
Debo Band
Lizard Lounge, 1667 Mass Ave.,
Cambridge
<http://lizardloungeclub.com/>
 Final residency show

May 25, 4-6 pm
Klezmer Jam
1762 Beacon St., Brookline
 The Permanent Floating Klezmer Jam plays classics and originals together from sheet music and by ear. Welcoming musicians of all instruments and of varying levels.

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