



# 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.

Ciociaro Social Club  
144 Bridge Street  
Newton, Massachusetts

## Next meeting:

**October 25, 1:30 pm**

**Detailed meeting info is available on our website:**

[www.MAAccordion.org](http://www.MAAccordion.org)



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## Coach Dave and Accordion Cool

*by Coach Dave Laprise*

Coach Dave Laprise produces Accordion Cool on DoubleACS, Attleboro's community cable station ([www.doubleacs.com](http://www.doubleacs.com)).

Like many things that happen in life, this television show came about by accident and being in the right place at the right time. I was playing at a farmers market in Attleboro in June 2014. A gentleman stopped by and complimented me on the music I was playing. We chatted for a few minutes and he told me he had a 10:00 a.m. to noon radio show on the local community cable station, and would I like to appear. After much consideration and thought, about two seconds worth, I said sure.

The radio station broadcasts from the same studio as the television station. After I appeared for an hour on his show, he suggested I speak with the television people. I thought that perhaps they had a similar show I might appear on. I was informed that there was



*Coach Dave with Angela Falcetti, who appeared on a recent episode of Accordion Cool.*

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## Accordion Cool, continued

no such show, but my frown became a smile when they suggested I do my own show. There was a meeting with the station manager to complete paper work, then a meeting with Emily Johnson who is the studio producer. So before I could say it, I was producing and hosting a tv show.

I wanted to call it Making the Accordion Cool, but that was too long so the name became Accordion Cool.

The station had many “canned” music intros but I was asked if I had something original they could record for a theme. I had been messing around a little with “Coach Dave’s Boogie,” a blues improv. We recorded it in one take and it is now the theme. We taped the first show in August of 2014.

We tape two shows each week, because I “go south” for the winter and need several shows “in the can.” The show is thirty-minutes long and is shown three times per week at three different times and changed every two weeks. After that it is placed on the station’s video on demand.

Several of the shows have received hundreds of hits and one has almost one thousand. None of the shows is dated in any way except Xmas, so they can be shown at any time.

I have had several guests appear already--accordionist Jim

Avedisian, drummer John Kerr, world champion Cory Pesaturo, the spectacular Sam Falcetti, and Sam’s similarly talented granddaughter Angela.

Upcoming guests include vocalist Linda Walden and Lou and Jan Borelli.

I have done many theme shows, including an Art Van Damme tribute, Tony Bennett, Ray Charles, Paul Bisch (piano, organ, arranger, friend, and recording engineer who passed away last March all too soon), Duke Ellington, and a country show. I also did a top 50 countdown of all the great jazz and big band songs. I do two Xmas shows which air the entire month of



*Coach Dave and Sam Falcetti, taping Accordion Cool*

December. I am doing two Elvis tribute shows next week.

**Download and view past shows at: [www.doubleacs.com](http://www.doubleacs.com).**



*Dave Magliozzi and James Gerke performed as part of Wellfleet’s 2015 Porchfest on August 29. Musicians performed throughout town on the porches of some of the oldest and most beautiful houses in the Cape Cod town.*

## CALENDAR

**Oct. 1, 7:30 pm**

**Revma**

**Shiraz Restaurant, 72 Bigelow Ave., Watertown**

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

Greek Night features music from Nisiotika (island music), Epirotika, Thrakiotika, Smyrnaika, kalamatiana, tsamika, zembekika, tsiftetelia. Accordionist Sandy Theodorou is also a vocalist and laouto player who specializes in traditional Greek village music and Greek urban rebetika.



*Regina Carter is coming to Scullers on October 16 and 17.*



**Oct. 3, 7:30 pm**

**Squeezebox Stompers**

**Simple Gifts Coffeehouse, UU Church of Nashua, 58 Lowell Street, Nashua, NH**

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

There's room for dancing to the Cajun, Zydeco, blues and Americana music of the Stompers.

**Oct. 16, 17 @ 8 and 10 pm**

**Regina Carter**

**Scullers, Doubletree Suites, 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston**

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

Carter's latest release, Southern Comfort, includes interpretations

of Cajun fiddle music, early gospel, coal miner's work songs, and contemporary tunes. In addition to some more contemporary tunes. Accordionist Will Holshouser is one of the highlights of her great band.



**November 12, 6:30 pm**

**Paddy O'Brien and Nathan Gourley**

**Theology and Ministry Library, Boston College**

[https://events.bc.edu/event/concert\\_of\\_irish\\_accordion\\_and\\_fiddle\\_music\\_paddy\\_obrien\\_and\\_nathan\\_gourley#.VgRC\\_NK6eEI](https://events.bc.edu/event/concert_of_irish_accordion_and_fiddle_music_paddy_obrien_and_nathan_gourley#.VgRC_NK6eEI)

An evening of traditional Irish music with accordion master Paddy O'Brien and fiddle player Nathan Gourley.

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