



# 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: Party in Everett

January 24, 1:30 pm

Detailed meeting info is available on our website:

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



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## MAAA meeting updates



### January meeting is a holiday party!

The next meeting will be MAAA's annual Holiday Party. An Italian dinner will take place on January 24, 2016 at 1:30 pm at the Orsogno Plaza at 316 Main Street in Everett. Check for more details at [www.maaccordion.org](http://www.maaccordion.org).

Many thanks to two of our members, Rocco Scenna and Carmen D'Angelo, for sponsoring this wonderful event.

### November recap

MAAA's November meeting featured a Christmas-themed playalong and open mike. Attendees also enjoyed a very informative demonstration by Ketron representative A.J. assisted by MAAA member Italo DeMasi. Ketron, which manufactures sound modules and

keyboards, is based in Ancona, Italy.

MAAA President Ed Wawrzynowicz commented afterwards, "The quality of the various voices and tempos were quite authentic. Many questions were asked by those in attendance. All in all it was a very informative session."



*Italo DeMasi and Dan Mackowiak explore the features of a Ketron keyboard assisted by local representation A.J.*

## RIP Pat DeSantis

It is with sincere sorrow that we note the passing of our friend and dedicated MAAA member, Pat DeSantis. Pat died on Wednesday, December 16th after a long illness. May he rest in peace.



Condolences may be sent to Pat's brother and sister-in-law: Cosmo and Fran DeSantis  
2 Temple Terrace, Bedford, MA 01730



*The bearded Welsh gentleman on the left is none other than MAAA member James Gerke, who sang in this year's Christmas Revels and performed a Welsh carol on his accordion.*

## 2016 events around the world

### Feb. 14-21, Kokkola, Finland

Kokkola Winter Accordion,  
Kokkolan Talviharmonikkary

### Feb. 20, Northern Ireland

NAO Northern Ireland Area  
Festival

naouk@btinternet.com

[www.accordions.com/nao](http://www.accordions.com/nao)

### March 10-12, Plano, TX

2016 National Accordion  
Association (NAA) Convention

[www.accordions.com/naa/](http://www.accordions.com/naa/)

### March 18-20, Calabria, Italy

CIA Winter Congress  
secretariat\_cia@harmonikkaliitto.  
net

[www.accordions.com/cia/](http://www.accordions.com/cia/)

### April 17, Cortlandt Manor, NY

A Lifetime Achievement Award,  
Mario Tacca

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

### April 22-24, Liverpool, England

NAO UK Championships and  
Festival

naouk@btinternet.com

[www.accordions.com/nao](http://www.accordions.com/nao)

### May 5-8, Innsbruck, Austria

12th European Accordion Music  
Festival

### June 4-5, Auckland, New Zealand

2016 South Pacific & NZ  
Accordion Championships &  
Festival

<http://accordion.co.nz>

### June 11-12, Sydney, Australia

2016 Australian International  
Accordion Championships  
[www.aata.org.au/](http://www.aata.org.au/)

### June 16-21, Leavenworth, WA

Annual Leavenworth  
International Accordion  
Celebration

### July 6-10, Buffalo, NY

AAA Competition and Festival  
aaa1938@aol.com

<http://www.ameraccord.com>

### July 20-23, Chicago, IL

Accordionists and Teachers Guild,  
International Festival

squeezermn@yahoo.com

<http://www.accordions.com/atg>

### Sept. 11-17, Rostov-On-Don, Russia

69th Coupe Mondiale 2016  
World Accordion Championships

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

### Sept. 27-Oct. 1, Portimão, Algarve, Portugal

Trophée Mondial de l'Accordéon

<http://cma-accordions.com/>

### Dec. 2-4, Neuenbürg, Germany

CIA Winter Congress

[www.accordions.com/cia/](http://www.accordions.com/cia/)

**These are just a sampling  
of the local, national, and  
global accordion events  
coming up in 2016. Send  
event info to:**

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