



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:

March 20, 2016

Detailed meeting info is
available on our website:

www.MAAccordion.org



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MAAA March meeting

Our next meeting takes place on March 20, a week earlier than usual because we have a March Easter this year. Join us for a playalong and open mic. There will be no guest artists during the winter months.

Please remember that meetings start at 1:30. Help with cleanup and refreshments is greatly appreciated!!

New England Music Festival: April 8-10, 2016

by Peggy Falcetti

The Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts (ATAM) will sponsor the 54th New England Festival at the Boston Newton Marriott in Newton, MA on April 8, 9, and 10. Contest Chairman Peggy Falcetti states that this year's event will be larger than last year's, with more than 2000 entries. In addition to accordion, drum, guitar, and piano championships, entertainment categories, a vocal championship, and accordion entertainment category (up to 13) have been added. Over \$4,000 in cash awards will be awarded throughout the weekend and a \$500 scholarship will be presented to a deserving student who is majoring in music and starting college in the Fall.

President Frankie Coelho is happy to announce the return of internationally famous digital accordionist Cory Pesaturo, who will be joined by vocalist Claire Dickson at the Saturday evening awards banquet with more than 400 in attendance. Following the banquet will be a dance party which is free of charge and open to all contestants.

The ATAM will recognize Bob Ferrier as a Lifetime Honorary Member. Mr. Ferrier, a graduate of Berklee and Guitar Studies at University of Massachusetts, was a former contestant of this competition many years ago and has been adjudicating at the festival for over 25 years.

All events are free and open to the public. For further information visit the ATAM website or email peggyf1944@gmail.com.

February meeting highlights

We had great attendance and participation at our February meeting. You'll find updated information about future meetings at www.MAAccordion.org.

A moon-themed playalong, directed by Gary Morin, included several great tunes: Moonlight Serenade, Moonlight Becomes You, Moonglow, Moonlight and Roses, The Moon Was Yellow, Blue Moon, and Moon River.



Photos by Carol Avedisian

Local accordion music calendar: March 2016

March 5, 8 pm

**9th Annual Herb Pomeroy
Memorial Concert**
**Kresge Auditorium, 48 Mass.
Ave., Cambridge**
www.eventbrite.com

Cory Pesaturo, world champion, performs at MIT's annual event honoring Boston jazz legend and MIT's "Father of Jazz," Herb Pomeroy. Also appearing: MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble, Mark Harvey, and Arni Cheatham playing music by Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Chick Corea, Count Basie.

March 11, 8 pm

Between Worlds Tour
**New England Conservatory, 30
Gainsborough St., Boston**
[http://www.celebrityseries.org/
avital/index.htm](http://www.celebrityseries.org/avital/index.htm)

Mandolinist Avi Avital performs works by Kreisler, J.S. Bach, Villa-Lobos, Bartók and traditional Turkish and Israeli music with Ksenija Sidorva, accordion, and Itamar Doari, and percussion.

March 12, 7 pm

DukeLevine record release
**Atwood's Tavern, 877 Cambridge
St., Cambridge**
www.atwoodstavern.com

Guitar master Duke Levine releases his first new record in quite a while! Appearing with him, Sonny Barbato on accordion.



Rebetoparea appears March 31 at The Burren

**March 17, 7:30 pm, Hanover
Theatre, Worcester**
**March 18, Zeiterion Theatre, New
Bedford**
March 19, 3pm and 8pm
March 20, 3 pm
**Sanders Theatre, Harvard
University, Cambridge**
[http://www.wgbh.org/support/
stpatrickssojourn.cfm](http://www.wgbh.org/support/stpatrickssojourn.cfm)

The 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn brings The Outside Track to town. The band includes highlander Fiona Black on accordion, Scotland's Allie Robertson on harp, and others.

March 29, 7:30 pm
Russian Folk Music: Zolotoj Plyos
**Jewett Art Center, Wellesley
College, Wellesley**
[http://www.wellesley.edu/event/
node/79436](http://www.wellesley.edu/event/node/79436)

Members of this Russian folk ensemble play 30+ traditional

instruments, including the bayan and chromatic and diatonic accordions (plus Russian bells!). Their repertoire also features Gypsy music, Russian popular music, and Jewish music.

March 31, 7:30 pm
Rebetoparea
**The Burren, Davis Square,
Somerville**
www.burren.com/

Rebetoparea is a group of Boston musicians with a passion for rebetiko, the Greek music of the "underclass," performed on traditional rebetiko instruments (bouzouki, baglama, guitar, violin and accordion).