



# 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:

April 24, 2016

Detailed meeting info is available on our website:

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



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## MAAA members to perform with NE Digital Accordion Orchestra

On Sunday, April 10, the New England Digital Accordion Orchestra will perform in the Orchestra Division of the annual Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts (ATAM) Festival (see event info below). The performance will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Newton Marriott in Newton, MA.

MAAA members performing in the Orchestra are Jim Avedisian, Carmen D'Angelo, and Guy Lombardi. The orchestra is conducted by Sam Falcetti, for whom it is a "dream come true." It is the only digital accordion orchestra in the US.

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*The New England Digital Accordion Orchestra at a recent rehearsal*

## 54th New England Music Festival April 8-10, 2016

### Boston Newton Marriott, Newton MA

In addition to the New England Digital Accordion Orchestra, the festival features more than 2,000 entries and a performance by world champion Cory Pesaturo, who will be joined by vocalist Claire Dickson at the Saturday evening awards banquet. All events are free and open to the public. For further information visit the [ATAM website](http://ATAM website) or email the festival's chair, Peggy Falcetti: [peggyf1944@gmail.com](mailto:peggyf1944@gmail.com).

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The Orchestra performed at this event for the first time in 2013, and its unique sound is history in the making. In performances of Celebration, Fiddler/If I Were a Rich Man medley, Conflict (a medley of Civil War Songs), and New York, New York, the audience will hear horn and wind sections, strings, guitars, and of course the accordion, in beautifully orchestrated arrangements. Articles about the orchestra have appeared in Germany and in Music Trade Magazine in the US.

Throughout centuries, many types of orchestras and bands have had their own identities, from the symphony, woodwind, and string orchestras to swing, marching, and ethnic bands. Each served a purpose in musical evolution; in the 1930s and '40s, banjo, Hawaiian, guitar, and accordion bands were popular throughout the United States.

But there has never been an orchestra that could do it all until now. After a two-year hiatus, the Orchestra re-formed in March 2015 in response to many requests from the original performers and other Roland Accordion owners who wanted to join. On August 1, the Orchestra opened for Deanna Martin and Bobby Rydell at the Mt. Carmel's 90th Italian Festival in Enfield, CT.

Its conductor, Sam Falcetti, is a renowned accordionist, musical pioneer, professor, competition judge, and founder of [Falcetti Music](#) in Springfield MA. Read more about MAAA's special celebration of Sam in the [July 2015 issue](#) of this newsletter.

**Upcoming performances:** On May 29th the Orchestra will be performing at the International Food Festival in the Coliseum on the Eastern States Grounds in West Springfield, MA.

**Further information:** To learn more about the Orchestra and for booking information, contact Sam Falcetti:

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## Coming to town

**April 20, 7:30 pm**  
**Valinor Quartet**  
**Rgattabar, Charles Hotel,**  
**Cambridge**

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

Victor Prieto, jazz accordionist, joins the International String Trio-- Jakub Trasak (violin), Slava Tolstoy (guitar), and Greg Feingold (bass).

**April 23, 8 pm**  
**Canadian-American Club**  
**202 Arlington St., Watertown**  
[www.canadianamericanclub.com/](http://www.canadianamericanclub.com/)

Eastern Canadian traditional music lead by Joe Deleault on accordion, with Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki on fiddle; Janine Randall on piano; Cam MacMaster on guitar.

## MAAA calendar

**April 24: Monthly meeting**  
 Open mic and play-along.



Featured performance by [Gary Morin](#), accordion, and Rick Bieniek, violin.

**May 14: Road trip**  
 Join us in a visit with our northern colleagues at the May meeting of the New Hampshire Assordion Association.

**May 22: Monthly meeting**  
 Featured performance by [Cory Pesaturo](#)

**June 5: Special performance**  
 The Massachusetts Accordion Association Orchestra, conducted by Rocco Scenna, will perform at a festival at Christopher Columbus Park in Boston's North End.



*The Massachusetts Accordion Association Orchestra, conducted by Rocco Scenna*