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## Massachusetts Accordion Association

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### ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011

to Honor Tony Lovello, August 12-13  
by *Rita Davidson*



Tony Lovello, proclaimed "the living legend of the accordion world" and known widely as "The Liberace of the Accordion"

and "King of the Bellow Shake," will be the featured guest artist and special honoree at ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011.

The fourth annual ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival will be held Friday-Saturday, August 12-13, at a beautiful new location, the Nashua Courtyard Marriott, Nashua, New Hampshire.

Tony Lovello, Rita Davidson, and Evan Harlan [featured in a separate article, this issue] will perform at the Gala Concert on Saturday evening following the Gala Banquet.

"ACCORDIONS NOW! owes its very existence to Tony Lovello," co-founder Donna Maria Regis explains. "The idea for a New England accordion festival was inspired by Tony's performance at the first concert ever co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Accordion Association [NHAA] and Accordion Connection LLC." From the success of that inaugural event, Regis, NHAA's Music Director, and festival co-founder Suzanne Welch of Accordion Connection, brought the concept of ACCORDIONS NOW! to fruition, and, with Lovello's personal guidance, have made it an annual success. The ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011 Festival Orchestra's program, states Regis, offers "a musical 'thank you' to the festival's guiding light, Tony Lovello."

ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011 has a schedule packed full with talent.

Concert Artists & Workshop Presenters [in alphabetical order]: ACCORDIONS NOW! Festival Orchestra, **Rita Davidson**, Stephen

Dominko, Fabio & Fabio, Sam Falcetti, Lynda Fish, Evan Harlan, Tony Lovello, Gary Morin, Donna Maria Regis, Jerry Tramontozzi, Carmen Vitanza, Arthur Welch, and a surprise or two.

The Festival Schedule, updated, includes Friday meet & greet, open mike night, concert, and jam session; Saturday afternoon and evening concerts; morning workshops and lecture-demonstrations, casual jam sessions, vendor exhibits, door prize drawings, festive lunch buffet, cocktail reception with entertainment, gala plated banquet, and more.

### *YOU can perform, too!*

Join the ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011 Festival Orchestra. Pre-registration is required by **July 22**.

Fascinating, entertaining and useful workshops are on tap:

**Stephen Dominko:** Lecture-Demonstration on Technique and Style

**Sam Falcetti:** Secrets of Accordion Fingering

**Arthur Welch:** Avoiding the Pitfalls of Do-It-Yourself Accordion Repairs

**Rita Davidson:** Eugene Ettore [1921-1985]:

A 90th Anniversary Appreciation of His Life and Music.

Other concert performers on the roster:

**Fabio & Fabio:** Continuing a Family Tradition of Father-Son Duets

**Lynda Fish & Friends:** A Concert of Collaboration

**Gary Morin:** Music of Many Styles and Countries

**Donna Maria Regis,** Artistic Director of ACCORDIONS NOW!

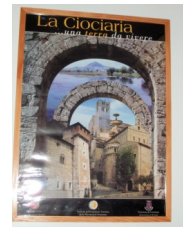
**Jerry Tramontozzi:** Enthusiastic Performer of Musical Favorites

**Carmen Vitanza:** Selections from a Seasoned Professional

Monthly meetings are the 4th Sunday of every month.....

1:30—4:00 pm

**Ciociaro Social Club**  
144 Bshaeridge St  
Newton



Mark your calendars for another great year!!!!

**August 28**

**Sept 25**

**Oct 23**

Due to some upcoming holidays, some dates may change.

Notification will be made thru e-mail, the newsletter, the website and the yahoo site

### **Come and enjoy the fun!!!!**

No experience is necessary, just a love for the instrument, either playing or listening, or both.

All instrument types, playing styles, and skill levels are welcomed.

The opportunities to perform on a sign up basis

Open forum accordion discussions are chaired to encourage MAAA member participation, involvement and resource sharing

# from the Prez



I recently had the opportunity to visit the Central Massachusetts Accordion Club - another group of accordionists who love to play and share their music. They were performing for a dance at Sovittaja Park in Rutland, MA - home of the Finnish Heritage Society. In fact,

the central Mass club originated at that location, and its primary mission is to provide the music for a series of benefit dances each season. Its repertoire is wide-ranging, but its forte is Scandinavian folk dance music. With only one exception, there is no membership overlap with the MAAA. I suspect that is largely due to geography. Wouldn't it be nice to get us all together one of these days?

The MAAA membership year ended on June 30 - at which point our membership roster totaled 59 - a new record, by far. We appreciate such broad and enthusiastic support of the MAAA - musically, financially, and otherwise.

The Play-Along music for our upcoming meeting on July 24 features songs made popular by Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass. Playing these songs on the accordion will be lots of fun - as we recreate melodies made famous in bullfighting rings, Mexican street festivals and romantic

sombreros and any other stage props - just for kicks.

We had planned to perform one or two community outreach concerts in early summer; however, those arrangements did not materialize. Our sights are now set on early fall. Program planning is already underway.

The invitation to attend our meetings is always open to visitors and newcomers. Feel free to spread the word.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Jim Avedisian has recently begun performing in a duo setting with harmonica player, Chet Williamson. We caught them at an outdoor venue in West Boylston, MA. The duo is called "Easy Reading." It features music from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

In addition to putting his Roland FR7X through the paces, Jim handles most of the vocals.

Chet Williamson is a popular performer in the central Massachusetts area. He can play the sweetest ballad, the dirtiest blues, and just about everything in between. Jim and Chet are developing a very cool sound. We'll keep you posted on their whereabouts.



## Club Officers

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cantinas. Feel free to bring along your



The Roland US 2011 V-Accordion Festival information is now online. The 2011 Roland U.S. V-Accordion Festival finals will be on July 29, 2011 during the 71st Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International

(ATG) Festival in Orlando, Florida at the

Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel, 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, Florida.

There will be three competition categories:

Senior (age 18 and older),

Junior (age 17 and younger)

Diatonic (age 18 and older).

Attend the many interesting workshops and master classes.

Please consider entering the competition.

For competition rules and entry form visit:

[http://www.rolandus.com/go/v-accordion\\_festival](http://www.rolandus.com/go/v-accordion_festival)



# What's up and coming

## NH Accordion Connection Event

**ACCORDIONS NOW! 2011**

4th Annual Music Festival

Friday-Saturday, August 12-13

Nashua Courtyard Marriott

Nashua, New Hampshire, USA

*Note our beautiful NEW LOCATION*

Do not miss this special accordion festival!

To register call: 800-328-5227

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Co-founders of ACCORDIONS NOW! Music Festival



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



## MAAA Members Performing



### First Tuesday Jazz

1st Tuesday of every month  
with the Lou Borelli Octet  
(Jan on accordion)

Nick's, 124 Millbury Street,  
Worcester 7:30-9:30 p.m.



### August 18, 2011

Lou Borelli Big Band plays at  
East Brookfield Band Stand  
for an outdoor concert of big  
band music, 6 - 8 PM. In case  
of inclement weather, the  
concert will be at the East Brookfield Elementary School.

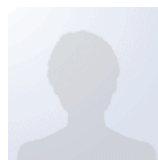


### July 31, 2011

The Lou Borelli Octet plays for the  
"Jazz on the Patio Series" at the  
Castle Restaurant, 1230 Main Street,  
Leicester, MA, 3 - 7 PM.

If it rains, we'll be in the dining room.

Reservations Welcomed. Phone 508 892-9090.



Let us know if you are performing anywhere  
and we will place your notice here.

It is really a joy when fellow accordionists and  
friends come out and hear you play.

Just let us know the date, time and place  
(and if there is a cover charge).....

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4th Sunday of every month  
Check the newsletter or  
website for locations

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(508) 529-6163

E-mail: use our website for  
direct contact

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fellow accordionists meet  
for an afternoon of music  
and discussions.

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### Local Resources for New and Pre-Owned Accordions

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Luca Music](#) (North Providence, RI)
- [Monte School of Music](#) (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



### Accordion Teachers throughout New England

- [Janet Borelli](#) - 508-752-6213 (Paxton, MA)
- [Donna LaRue](#)—781-646-3013 (Arlington, MA)
- [Paul Monte](#)—781-237-0554 (Wellesley Hills, MA)
- [Joe Maciejowski](#) —508-529-6065 (Upton, MA)
- [Bill LaPollai](#) —401-245-5209 (Barrington, R.I.)
- [Roberto Cassan](#) —617-413-8199 (Roslindale, MA)
- [A.T.A.M.](#)—Accordion Teachers of Massachusetts
- [CCE Boston Music School](#) Irish B/C Button Box classes at  
Boston College & Harvard University

### Additional resources for Accordion Music & Lesson Books

- [Accordion Connection](#) (Gilmanton, NH)
- [Mel Bay Publications](#) (Web)
- [The Button Box](#) (Sunderland, MA)



### Other New England based Accordion Clubs

- [Connecticut](#) (Cheshire/Plantsville, CT) <http://www.ctaccordion.com>
- [New Hampshire Accordion Assoc](#) (Gilmanton, NH) 1-800-328-5227
- [Central Mass Accordion Club](#) (Rutland, MA) 1-508-885-2083



American Accordionists' Association (AAA)

Member of the Confédération Internationale des Accoréonistes - CIA (IMC-UNESCO)



*We invite all our members and friends to join in the fun!!!*

Remember, our meetings are scheduled on the 4th Sunday of each month.

*Special dates around national holidays....*

**Reminder– NEXT MAAA MEETING: July 24th**