

Where knowledge and fun meet

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Massachusetts Accordion Association

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Not just a bellows shake.....

It's unbelievable how much is happening.... First and foremost the most important news is the new location for our September meeting. It will be at the Ciociaro Social Club in Newton. Many thanks to Tony Marini for securing this location for us. More info on this later in the newsletter and on the website. Secondly, the annual meeting is coming up at the October 25th meeting. I strongly urge that all attend since we will be having the election of officers and board members at that meeting. This means that this Sept meeting is just as important since it is the meeting where you can nominate or opt to run for one of the positions. The board has been extended 2 additional positions to get additional ideas in the think tank for the events and direction of the club.

We will be losing the second of our founders. Joe will not be seeking an additional term of office for personal reasons. It will be hard to fill Joe's shoes since it is amazing how far the club has come since Tony attended an accordion event somewhere in Texas and had a dream for an accordion club in Mass. My hat is off to Joe for a tremendously wonderful and dedicated job.

More news just keeps on coming....Roland has just announced a new FR-7x accordion with features that many are excited about and many seem undaunted. Tony has been keeping me informed with the info he's been getting from worldwide Roland users via a Yahoo.com users group for Rolands.

More on the October annual meeting on the 25th. There will be paper ballots to select the officers and board members nominated at the September meeting. Please attend. Your nomination for an officer or board member and your vote does make a difference.

Many thanks to Dan's work on the club's play a long. All attendees are invited to bring their accordion and regardless of skill level, just get together and play-a-long. It is proving to be a truly enjoyable time (not only that, we're getting a few free arrangements).

And my heartfelt thanks to Donna and her tireless efforts in coordination and arranging the ensemble. One time I didn't bring my accordion and just sat back and listened. It was truly an enjoyable and entertaining experience. See you on the 27th.....Bob

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

1:30—3:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Ciociaro Social Club
144 Bridge St
Newton

September 27

Songs in 3/4 or 6/8
time

October 25

Open mic
Annual Meeting
Election of
Officers and Directors
Guest Artist:
Jeremiah McLane
Concert and Workshop

November 22

Song Rehearsal

December 20

Holiday Song Fest

*Look for any changes
to our meeting places*

**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

Thank you to the performers at our August meet-

Paul Castonguay

Al Paradis

Patty Simmons

Dave Sullivan

Jerry Tramontozzi

Bob Guenther

Dan Dempsey

Lewis Howes

James Gerke

Our August meeting at the VFW Hall



More great photos on
the MAAA website

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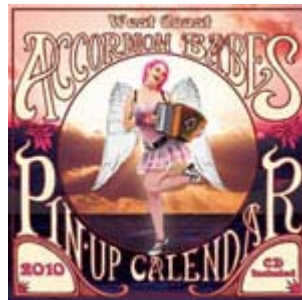
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Forget puppies or creepy babies dressed in animal costumes. Instead, treat yourself to a calendar with some class — the 2010 West Coast Accordion Babes Pin-Up calendar. We picked up our copy at Cotati last weekend and, like last year's calendar, it features a year's worth of artsy photos of professional accordion babes showing off their bellows. And if that wasn't enough, each contributed a track to the calendar's companion CD, resulting in a fun mix of folk, jazz, gypsy, pop, and more.

Artists in this year's edition include Big Lou, Jessica Fichot, Tara Linda, and the ladies of Those Darn Accordions. The calendar is just \$20 and can be ordered here or directly from many of the accordion babes themselves. I recommend acting fast — last year's calendar sold out in just three weeks!

The annual Accordion Babes calendar is put together by San Francisco accordionist Renée de la Prade of the band Culann's Hounds. Renée's become a fixture as a street performer in San Francisco, belting out tunes on her Irish button accordion; check out her recent feature and audio slideshow on the SF Chronicle website.

Source: *Let's Polka—An Accordion Blog* <http://www.letspolka.com/>

Events Throughout New England

Sept 12

Bob Trottier

performing at the Finnish Heritage Society
Dinner/Dance

6:00pm - 11:00pm, Finn Park Road, Rutland, MA
Call 508-885-2083 for further details

Sept 13

"Risotto/Porcini"

featuring accordion music by Mario Tacca.

1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
Call 845-895-2767 for further details

Sept 20

"Harvest Fest"

featuring accordion music

by Mario Tacca with vocals by Mary Mancini.

1:00pm Magnanini Farm Winery and Restaurant, 172
Strawridge Road, Wallkill, NY
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Sept 27

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SEPTEMBER 25, 26 & 27

20th Annual Northeast Squeeze-In

Bucksteep Manor * * * Washington, Massachusetts

A WONDERFUL FREE-REED GETAWAY in the heart of the Berkshires! Bucksteep Manor is surrounded by 350 acres of towering pines and majestic maples. The Inn provides two lounges, a bar, and plenty of space for playing music and meeting friends old and new in a comfortable, low-key setting. We'll have splendid meals, workshops, and spontaneous squeezings throughout the weekend. Hobnob with a variety of free-reed aficionados and behold an assortment of squeeze-boxes and their paraphernalia for sale, swap, and hagglement.

TRADITIONAL CONCERT AND CONTRA DANCE
ON SATURDAY NIGHT!
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Las Vegas

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Stas Venglevski
Silvia Marie
Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini
Michael Bridge

LEGENDS
Dick Confino
Art Van Damme
Pete Barbutti
Peter & Mady Soave
Gina Brannelli

FEATURING
The Las Vegas International
Accordion Orchestra
Directed By Joan Cochran Sommers
Also Performing And Teaching
Ron Borelli, Gordon Kohl,
Mary Tokarski And Many More!

October
The Las Vegas
International
Accordion
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At The
Gold Coast
Hotel
19-22, 2009



**Music Magic Accordions USA
to host USA's first public premiere of the new
ROLAND FR-7x V-Accordion**



On October 11, 2009 Music Magic USA, LLC and Roland Corp. US will present an afternoon of **"V-Accordion X-citement"** to be held from 1:00PM-4:00PM at the **Holiday Inn, 1 Route 46W in Totowa, NJ** - centrally located just 30 min from New York City, 45 min from Westchester, NY, 60 min from Connecticut, and 90 min from the South Jersey, Philadelphia and Allentown, PA areas. Music Magic USA, LLC operates two musical cyber stores at www.MusicMagicUSA.com & www.AccordionsUSA.com, as well as their accordion and midi sales, distribution and repair facility and showroom in Clifton, NJ - just a few miles from Manhattan, NYC.

This will be the first such event in the Greater New York City area, featuring a unique program of live V-Accordion musical performances by special guests including **Roland V-Accordion Clinicians - Jazz Great Eddie Monteiro and the 2009 Coupe Mondiale International Digital Accordion Competition Champion Cory Pesaturo**, as well as US National V-Accordion Festival Junior Division finalist Peter Chudolij with other performers to be announced. The program also includes activities designed to entertain, educate and enhance the audience's understanding of today's electronic accordions, provide a forum where participants can ask the V-Accordion Clinicians, the National V-Accordion Director of Marketing or a Roland authorized V-Accordion service technician any question they may have regarding the amazingly successful V-Accordion product line.

Attendees can audition the FR-1, FR-2, FR-3s and FR-7 models and also will be the first to attend a public demonstration and workshop premiering the **new FR-7x**, complete with on-board capabilities and engineering advances that will ensure Roland's dominance of the electronic accordion market. All models will be available for sale. An interactive mini **"Town Hall" Meeting will be hosted by Ron Lankford, Roland's National V-Accordion Director of Marketing**. A free V-Accordion Tune-up and Optimal Settings Check will be offered to current V-Accordion owners who bring their "V"s to the event. Tips and Hints for maximizing V-Accordion satisfaction will be offered by Music Magic USA owner, **Alex Chudolij**, himself an accomplished award-winning accordionist and bandleader. There will also be exhibits of new accordions, including other new reedless, midi and acoustic models as well as accordion amplifiers and V-Accordion accessories. Special Event Pricing will be offered on all featured accordions. Beverages and snacks will be served.

For tickets and information, please call Music Magic Accordions USA toll-free at 888-887-0975 or via e-mail at info@MusicMagicUSA.com. All reservations should be made by October 4th. Seating is limited so please reserve quickly to secure admission to one of the most unique accordion events of the year. All RSVP's received by October 4th will receive **FREE ADMISSION**, preferred seating, and two entries each towards valuable door prizes. Accordionists and accordion lovers alike are invited to come and bring a friend to what is sure to be a fun afternoon filled with great music, great products and a great time for all!

Cory Pesaturo

In concert at NH Accordion Association monthly meeting.



Sunday, September 13, 2009
2:00 PM
Accordion Connection LLC
136 NH Route 106, Unit 1
Gilmanton NH 03237-4924

General admission \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door
NHAA members only \$3
Limited Open Seating - Reserve Early
1-800-328-5227

Cory Pesaturo is a proud alumnus of the venerable New England Conservatory [Boston, MA], which was founded in 1867. In 2008, Cory became the first student in the prestigious school's history to graduate with accordion as his major instrument.

Accordion legend Dick Contino has said, "Of all the accordionists I've seen over the years, Cory is the one to pass the torch to, the only one who has all the tools to bring the accordion back to its former glory."

Pesaturo's extensive résumé includes four appearances at the White House for President and Mrs. Clinton. On one of those occasions he became the youngest person ever to perform at a State Dinner. He is also featured in Mrs. Clinton's book *An Invitation to the White House*.

At 11, Pesaturo, a Rhode Island resident, substituted for the ailing Myron Floren at the former Warwick Musical Theater. In Providence he has opened at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel and performed for Waterfires. He has also appeared as a guest star at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford, Ct.

For nine consecutive years he has performed at the Sergio Franchi Memorial Concert [North Stonington, CT]. Other past concerts include Festa Italiana [Milwaukee, WI], numerous appearances with crossover tenor Aaron Caruso, and duo performances with World Champion accordionist Mario Tacca.

In 2002, Cory became the youngest ever National Accordion Champion, going on to represent the United States at the Coupe Mondiale (world competition) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

A win in a concerto competition at New England Conservatory of Music gave Pesaturo the opportunity to perform as a featured soloist with the Brockton Symphony Orchestra where, at the 2003 Christmas Pops Concert, he became the youngest accordionist ever to solo with a symphony orchestra.

Having just won the 2009 Leavenworth International Accordion Champion in both open and jazz categories, Cory Pesaturo will represent the USA at the 2009 Coupe Mondiale in New Zealand.

Pesaturo has recorded two CDs with saxophone legend George Garzone and his famous band, "The Fringe," and has been performing with them in the Boston and Providence areas.

Visit [Cory's website](#) to learn more about this exciting young musician whose eclectic interests include motor sports and weather tracking.

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

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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)
- [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

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Yes, it's true.....thanks to Tony Marini we have been invited to use the Ciociaro Social Club's meeting place in Newton. Ciociaro leases the former Nonantum Branch of the Newton Public Library. The Ciociaro building is located at the intersection of Bridge and Watertown Streets in Newton, about one mile from Exit 17 off the Mass Pike. Exit 17 is approximately 10 miles east of the Natick exit. Please check the MAAA

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: September 22nd