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"THE M.A.S. REED"

Our Monthly Music Events are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Forestre Banquet Center in Rochester Hills at 1919 Star Batt Drive (West side of the Concorde Inn) Near M-59 at Crooks Rd exit. Our Events are open to the public so bring a friend and children 12 and under are free!

Our Board Meetings are also open to the public. Your welcome to join and help us. We hold these meetings on the Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Concorde Inn lobby in Rochester Hills.

ITS OFFICAL! The Michigan Accordion Society is now a 501(c)3 Tax Deductible Organization, Thanks to Past Treasurer Jerry May! Any and all donations are welcome!

The Michigan Accordion Society is pleased to announce our September Musical extravaganza. Returning is Stas Venglevski who ranks among the greatest players in the world and who always provides an evening of incomparable artistry and technical perfection with touches of brilliant music and comedy. For the first time at MAS, he will be joined by Rosa Borisova an amazing cellist.. The duet is highly praised in past performance reviews and we can expect them to rise to an even higher level for our enthusiastic Michigan Accordion Society members and their friends. Remember, our events are always open to the public!

Proudly Presents,....a wonderful evening of innovative musical adventure and brilliant artistry featuring:

Stas Venglevski, Bayan

Rosa Borisova, Cellist



Event Location:

Forestre Banquet Center
West End of the Concorde Inn
1919 Starr Batt Drive
Rochester Hills, MI
Near M59 and Crooks Road
Special Room Rates Available

September 16th, 2014

Doors open at 7:00 PM
Pizza, Snacks & Cash Bar
Open to the Public
Tickets at the Door
\$10.00 Members
\$15.00 Non Members
Children 12 & under free



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept 12th**—Aaron Caruso - Andiamo's Celebrity Showroom Warren, MI
- **Oct 3 & 4th** - Oktoberfest on Main Street in Downtown Ann Arbor, MI
- **Oct. 21**— Bellini Opera Company Forestre Banquet Center
- **Oct 23**—Eva Evola Concert - Andiamo's Celebrity Showroom Warren, MI
- **Nov 18th** - Special Member Appreciation event with HUGE raffle and NO entrée fee. Forestre Banquet Center
- **Dec 9th**— One week earlier due to holidays. Tentative GM Choir! Forestre Banquet Center
- **Dec 31st**— Mark your Calendar for a New Years party planned at "Carpathia Club"



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www.facebook.com/michiganaccordionsociety

We are at 379 Likes & our Goal is 500 Likes by years end, please help us to meet our goal!

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Michigan Accordion Society (MAS) Members,

On behalf of the MAS Board, I would like to make you aware of the tremendous amount of work that the MAS has been and continues to do in bringing you value added resource, first rate entertainment, new programs along with remarkable recognition MAS is receiving, including obtaining our long awaited 501c 3 Tax Deductible status thanks to our past Treasurer Jerry May. Our Scholarship funding and scholarship distribution along with our new "Accordion for kids program" are doing remarkable things to help change the lives of music students in our community. We also continue to receive wonderful local, national and international recognition of the hard work our Society is doing which has been fantastic, but the recognition our Society is receiving from our local membership base is quite disappointing with **low monthly attendance**, difficult in receiving **membership renewals** and lack of help in filling **open board positions**. These 3 factors are negatively weighing against our ability to help properly fund our Society and to promote the Accordion and its music in our community!

Last year MAS paid a third party internet based survey company to help solicit data from our members to gain feedback and insight on how MAS is doing and what MAS can do to improve. This survey was sent to all our members and we received approx. 50% returned responses from you. The survey results yielded valuable feedback with what our members liked and did not like about MAS. After receiving the results, the MAS Board worked very hard to summarize the responses and over the course of this year we have worked diligently to provide our members what you had asked for. One of the big items was that nearly 70% of the respondents wanted to keep the Monthly Music Events and continue to bring in both local and out of state talent to perform for us! This level of work and coordination is very demanding and the MAS board has done what you have asked for without hesitation. Despite our hard work and attempts to make the changes you have requested, our attendance levels continue to be very troubling. Our Board set a break even goal in having at least 100 people at each of our monthly events and so far this year we hit our goal only twice. Most troubling is that we lost nearly \$1,300.00 in operating expenses due to a very poor turn out at our recent July & August Music Events despite incredible marketing efforts and hiring exceptional out of town and local talent along with a wonderful music program in which we worked very hard in orchestrating for our Members and their guests to enjoy. Today, we have approx. 280 Members and personally I just can't understand why we can't achieve our goal of having 100 people at each of our Monthly Music Events. We are doing what you asked for...so have some fun, relax, come out bring a friend and enjoy a great evening and support us! If each person who came to the July and August event brought one more person with them, we would have easily hit and exceeded our attendance goal! Going forward, we are asking for your help to....**Support MAS by attending our events and bring a friend or send a friend if you cant make our events.** I would like thank the small majority of our Members who are doing this, but we need more help and have no choice but to increase attendance at our events or significant changes will need to be made.

In addition, we currently have approximately sixty 2013 MAS members who have yet to renew their dues for 2014 CY. We have reached out and tried to contact the unpaid members and despite our e-mail requests, letters sent, phone called attempts, I am sadden to report that many of our 2013 members have not returned calls and/or have promised to renew and still have not. Each year as a Society benefit we provide a membership list which has been included in this newsletter mailing. You will notice that we added a column for those 2014 Members who are paid up to date and those who have yet to pay their annual membership fee. Please reach out and help us to either renew or cancel your membership. It is very time consuming task to coordinate the Membership list, distribute membership cards and continue to work at collecting membership fees. Remember your dues help pay for various operating expenses which includes, Society insurance, Subsidizing Monthly Music Events expenses for entertainment, marketing, operating expenses, food, hall rental, office supplies, postage and other expenses in order to properly fund and run our Society to help support the great instrument of the Accordion & its music in our community. **Help us by renewing your memberships for 2014 CY!**

Lastly, throughout the 2014 calendar year, we have solicited all of our Members and made numerous requests through our Monthly Music Events, emails and in our Newsletter that we have both MAS board & officer openings. In return, we have received very little relief in filling these positions. This Society can't continue to run properly as currently staffed and we need more help. Please volunteer your time to help us continue to be a great Society so we can work together to keep the instrument and music of the Accordion alive in our community and beyond! **Step up and help the MAS, our Board and Members need your help!**

In closing, keep in mind that the MAS Officers and Board members are 100% volunteer positions and also remember this is your organization and if **memberships are not collected**, **attendance does not pick up** and if we can't get **more help to fill open Board positions**, we will be forced to take drastic action that may include shutting down the Michigan Accordion Society. Please contact one of our friendly board members and/or simply attend our events and offer your help such as volunteering as a board member and/or assisting for things like setup, tear down, raffle ticket sales, etc. By working together and obtaining more help this will keep our organization healthy which will allow us to better promote the music of the accordion so that together we will continue to be known for having the best accordion organization in the world.

Musically,  Joe Recchia, MAS President

MAS MEMBERS APPEARING SEPT & OCT

AARON CARUSO
ANDIAMO CELEBRITY SHOWROOM
FRIDAY 9.12.14

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 - Joan Rivers

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2014

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MENU:

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Dinner Roll	Apple Sauce
Sour Cream	Beverage
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CASH RAFFLE
 1st Prize: \$500 • 2nd Prize: \$250
 3rd Prize: \$150 • 4th Prize: \$100
\$5.00 EACH or 3 FOR \$10
DRAWING: SAT., OCT. 25th
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 For tickets, contact:
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Invites you to Oktoberfest 2014:
Featuring the all MAS Member Band, the...
Immigrant Sons®

We're closing off the streets and putting up the beer tents for our annual street party! Enjoy a cool autumn evening under the stars with beer, brats, music and dancing on Fri Oct 3rd and Sat Oct 4th from 5 to 12 PM at 114 East Washington Street in Ann Arbor, MI. Event takes place at the corner of Main and Washington and there is parking available at the 4th and Washington parking structure. No cover. Must be 21 with valid ID. Children welcome with parents. Brats, veggie brats, chips, pretzels, beer, wine and soda will be available. Lederhosen optional but pants are required. For more info call Beth at 734-213-1393 or visit www.arborebrewing.com

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Presents "Opera Night" Featuring.....
Dino Valle, Eva Evola, Lisa Agazzi and Gina D'Alessio
on October 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.
Forestre Banquet Center 1919 StarBatt, Rochester Hills, MI
admission \$6.00 members \$9.00 Non Members
Children 12 and under are free
Pizza, Snacks, Cake and Cash Bar provided

This event is supported by our partners
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AUGUST EVENT FEATURED ALL MAS MEMBER BAND **“THE IMMIGRANT SONS” & OPEN MIC NIGHT!**



For more information on this all new, all MAS Member Band from Michigan please visit their website at www.ioerecchia.com/immigrant_sons

**JULY EVENT FEATURED VIRTUOSO'S "CORY PESATURO & SONIA LEE"
& KICKS OFF OUR NEW "ACCORDION FOR KIDS PROGRAM"**



For more information our new "Accordion For Kids Program" see page 8 and 11 in this newsletter

JUNE 19th MAS SUPPOURTS PICANO'S ACCORDION NIGHT & MAS CELEBRATES OUR PAST AND CURRENT HONORARY MEMBERS BY RELEASING OUR NEW WEB PAGE LINK

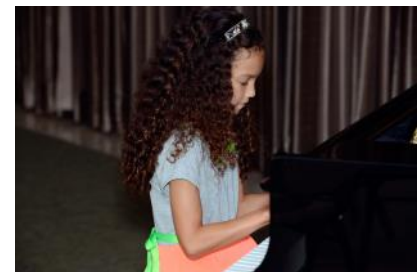


Michigan Accordion Society	
Honorary Members	
The Michigan Accordion Society has awarded Honorary Memberships to outstanding musicians who have been a major force in contributing to the promotion of the accordion. Below you will find links (which include photographs along with detailed biographies) to those who have received this honor. We are grateful for their contribution.	
	1997 Mr. Tony Benson
	1998 Mr. George Calio
	1999 Mr. Joe Massimo Sr. Mr. Chie Petric
	2000 Mr. Bob De Santis Mr. Sam Jones
	2001 Ms. Lora Gore
	2002 Mr. Ray Belfer
	2003 Mr. Carl Schwedter
	2004 Ms. Linda Lee Mr. Ben Lugo Mr. John Shilack
	2013 Steve B. Carlene Stolarik
	2013 Mr. Bobe Adams Mr. Dick Cardino
	2014 Mr. Aaron Caruso Mr. Tom Leo



Our new Web page link features detailed information on our Past and Current Honorary Members
To learn more, please visit our new link at <http://www.michiganaccordion.org/mashonor/honors.html>

JUNE EVENT FEATURED “STUDENT YOUTH NIGHT” AND **ISUSSES 24 MUSIC SCHOLORSHIPS**



MAS STUDENT YOUTH NIGHT RECOGNIZED IN ITALIAN TRIBUNE



ARTICLE BELOW REPRINTED FROM THE (July 4th - July 17th) ITALIAN TRIBUNE PAPER

The Michigan Accordion Society (MAS) awarded \$2,700.00 in Music Scholarship to Music Students at their Monthly Music Event on Tuesday June 17, 2014 at the Forestre Banquet Center in Rochester Hills, Michigan to a packed audience. The evening was wonderful as many students participated playing a variety of instruments...Accordions, Guitar, Trumpet, Piano and Voice. Students ranged from 7 years to 22 years of age. Tri County Music Studio's that participated in the program were Evola Music Shelby Township, Gus Zoppi Music Center Troy, EDB Studio's Warren and The Music Authority School Dearborn as well as private Instructors Mike Zawojksy, Bob George & Yakov Todromovich. "The Event was a big success and we are very pleased that the scholarship money was paid out directly to the student's teachers so that the money will be used for future music lessons for these talented kids" said Joe Recchia MAS President.

Recchia also mentioned that "as a 501c3 tax deductible nonprofit Music Society we have been awarded significant funding from family's in our community that have lost loved ones and in lieu of flowers they wanted memorial funds to be set up so that these funds can be used to promote accordions and music education programs for local area children. The proceeds that were paid out came from the Ray Battani, Jerry May and Tony Dannon Memorial Scholarship Funds that the Michigan Accordion Society Manages. This is a win/win for both the families of the deceased and the Music Students in our community"

The funds that were awarded is only the beginning as the MAS also unveiled a brand new "Accordion for Kids Program" and has already signed up several students immediately after the announcement. The program is great because MAS will supply the instrument and music educational books. Then the student's family is provided with several MAS Accordion Teachers that they can choose from. The student is then off to the races learning the instrument and all that is asked in return is for the student's commitment to learn the instrument. "We have seen a very interesting resurgence in folks wanting to be around accordionists and that is great for not only the instrument but for the music students in our community as well. It's something great for the students to do that will keep their mind sharp and stay out of trouble" said Recchia.

MAS was founded in 1996 and has grown from a small handful of members to nearly 280 members today. Our members range in age from 4 to 100 which include Guitarists, Singers, Accordionists, Wind Instruments, Bass Players, Drummers & Accordion fans and enthusiasts. MAS holds monthly music events which are always open to the public and always with an interesting line up of featured musicians. "The key to our success has been building a positive, enthusiastic and visionary membership base along with embracing the right people that want to see the instrument and music benefit our community in positive ways" said Recchia.

Attached Photo Notes:

Music Scholarship recipients photo'd are: (Photo Courtesy Bob Berta, MAS Vice President)

Front Row, left to right: Joe Recchia MAS President, Jaixai Reineke age 9, Karter Wells age 7, Lukas Stachurski age 9, Maria Magnoli age 10, Jessica Fligger age 9,

Back Row, left to right: Natalia Lacki age 16, Arianna Hosinski age 17, Morgan Ross age 13, Vanessa Carr 22, Sabrina Carr 18, Serafim Mazurs age 11, Johnathan Oestringer age 13, Mario Simone age 16, Anthony Wiederhold age 13, John Orischak age 17, Joey McLennan age 18, Bernadette Kathryn age 14, Andrew Oughton age 16, Emma Burgin age 18, Michael Galbenski age 13, Justina Gaynor age 12, Delaney Garron age 12 & Tara Cicillian age 12



MAS MAY EVENT FEATURES “Frank Petrilli from LA & local Jazz Artists; Billy Carlo, Ralph Armstrong & Angelo Primo”



MAS "REED" NEWS

MAS MOURNS THE LOSS OF OUR TREASURER GERALD MAY

Our dear friend and long time MAS Treasurer for 17 years passed away on May 28th, 2014. He was one of the pivotal people in our Society who helped start out organization back in 1996. He had been with us from day one and was relentless with his passion and work to better our Society.

Shortly before his death, he advised that the Michigan Accordion Society had finally received our 501c3 non-profit status. That was something Gerry had worked on very hard since Nov, 2012. We are sure it gave him immense personal satisfaction when he received word from IRS that we obtained our tax deductible status. This will open up many avenues in our future endeavors. We are dedicating our 501c3 status in his name going forward. His spirit will live on through the music and work he has done to help make our Society the most successful Accordion Society in the world (as recognized with the awarding of the Frosini award by the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention Committee).

Jerry also served as president and treasurer for the Rochester Symphony at various times and still found time to travel and sing in a choir...which sang in St. Peters Cathedral in Rome, Italy!

May you continue to rest in peace Gerry, from your Michigan Accordion Society Family & Friends!



FAITHE DEFFNER PASSING

MAS mourns the loss of a true giant in the accordion world. Faith Deffner passed away on June 3, 2014 in Florida. The link below will take you to more details on her life achievements and obituary. There isn't much in the accordion world that her life didn't touch. Anything one could write would only partially describe how much she accomplished. I suggest that you click on the link below to learn more about her incredible life. In particular check out the video. You may recognize a few faces there and come to the realization how much we owe her. I had the pleasure of meeting her a couple of times when she traveled to California. She was a shrewd business woman and dedicated to anything to do with accordions.

- Bob Berta



www.accordions.com/fdeffner

MAS "REED" NEWS cont.

MAS Member Vicky Gus Zoppi Robasin remembered MAS June Student Youth Night dedicated to Vicki!

Dear Joe Recchia and the Michigan Accordion Society,

On behalf of Vicki Robasin, our family would like to thank you for all of your support during this difficult time. We truly appreciate you playing at Vicki's funeral and sharing in the special service to honor the legacy that she left behind. The accordion was an incredibly special addition to the scripture service, and we think it really helped to represent Vicki's passion for music that she shared with others throughout her life. From the time her father opened Gus Zoppi Music Center in 1934, the accordion played a major role in her life, and the family music business was the foundation of her passion for music. Vicki always felt so honored to be part of the Michigan Accordion Society, where she was able to join such a talented, passionate, and encouraging community of musicians, while also being able to honor her father and include her students in the celebration of music that took place at every MAS event. Thank you again for all of your involvement in Vicki's interment, as well as continuing to honor her at the Annual Youth Night event. Your kind words about Vicki were very healing, while giving our family a wonderful way to reflect on Vicki's devotion to the accordion. Please extend our gratitude to all of the members of the Michigan Accordion Society that showed incredible support during this time.

With much appreciation, *The Family of Vicki Robasin*

VITTORIA ROBASIN
February 27, 1935 - May 16, 2014



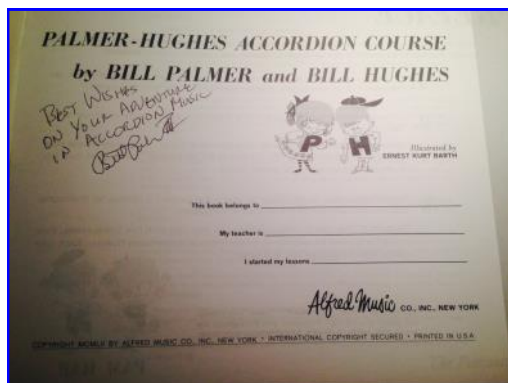
We are please to welcome our 45 new Michigan Accordion Society Members

Ralphe Armstrong, Peter & Gudrun Babicki, Tom Beshara, Sally Bolle, Emma Burgin, Sabrina Carr, Vanessa Carr, Tara Cicillian, Fred & Kathy Cull, Andrew (Andy) Desso, Jessica Fligger, Michael Galbenski, Delaney Garon, Chris Gassel, Justina Gaynor, John Giordano, Peter Halabu, Arianna Hosinski, Bernadette Kathryn, Cathy LaTona, Natalia Lacki, Marshall J (Big Daddy) Lackowski, Rose Lang, Sonia Lee, Maria Magnoli, Serafim Mazurs, Joey McLennan, Johnathan Oestrinyer, Andrew Oughton, Frank Petrilli, Angelo Primo, Jaixai Reineke, Morgan Ross, Ronald Schmidt, Betsy Scislowicz, Bob & John & Julie & Mat & Nike Serracico, Frank & Gina & Mario Simone and Carter Wells!

If we missed anyone we apologize! We are doing our best to coordinate the membership lists and could use more assistance!

OUR VERY FIRST ACCORDION FOR KIDS PROGRAM STUDENT VALANTINA D'ANNA IS DOING A WONDERFUL JOB WITH HER NEW ACCORDION!

MAS officially kicked off our new ACCORDIONS FOR KIDS program July 2014. We provide the accordion, Music Book at no charge....what a deal! And then we put you in touch with a MAS Teacher! If you know of any kids or grand-kids that would love participating please let them know of this incredible way to start playing accordion, we have more Accordions available and Music Books which were autographed and donated by our MAS Member Mr. William Hughes, son of Music Publisher Palmer and Hughes, Thank you Mr. Palmer! MAS has obtained Ten 12 bass accordions from MAS Member Gene Van, Photo below Thank you Gene Van! We already have teachers standing by and ready to go. We are doing our part to make it easy to learn accordion. You can help by getting the word out to family members, schools and churches. For more info on this program contact Joe Recchia or Bob Berta



MAS MEMBERS VISIT BRITISH ISLES

Many of our members visit exciting places throughout the world on our vacations. Why not send us your photos and stories when you run across accordions? We will try to run them in our newsletter.

The photos below were taken by our editor, Bob Berta, when he and his family spent 3 weeks in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland this summer. Free Reed instruments were noticed throughout the trip...often played by street musicians but also in some of the pubs and shows they attended. Concertinas were often seen in Ireland and England and piano accordions in Scotland.

During the trip the Commonwealth Games were in Glasgow (like summer Olympics but only for British Commonwealth countries...England, Wales, Ireland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and a few island countries). Edinburgh had both the Tattoo (a military band performance by the branches of the military) and the huge Edinburgh Festival. So musicians were everywhere and kept the Berta's entertained while the family spent money at the gift shops.

After hearing some terrific tunes native to each of those countries, Bob is adding some of them to his play list. The accordion is an important part of the traditional music from these countries and when Bob spoke to these musicians they were thrilled to tell him their musical experiences and were very curious about the accordion in the US.



Berta family at Edinburgh Tattoo



Fantastic family played traditional music in a pub in Ireland.. The youngest girl played terrific concertina, sang and danced.



Every city had street musicians. This one was in England. That piece of curved sheet metal under his foot was his improvised drum.

THE SEPTEMBER ACCORDION LESSON



TAKE CARE OF YOUR BABY

Past issues of this column featured accordion music that taught some new skills like playing a bass solo, playing a duet with the same piece of music but played from different directions. This time I thought it was time to get serious about helping your accordion maximize its life span. Accordions have never been more pricey and it is important to make them live as long as possible.

We all love our accordions and some of us really baby ours. Others well...if you treated a real baby that poorly you would be arrested for child abuse!! Since your accordion (or in many of our cases...accordions) is expected to provide hours of entertainment you would think we would go out of our way to take good care of it. But often you may not know damage you are causing by bad habits. Lets talk about some of them and see if you have been guilty of one or more of these.

1. Never store your accordion in an area that is too hot or too cold. That means don't keep it in your car trunk for a long time when it can get too cold or too hot. How much is too much....I figure if it is too hot for you or vice versa...that can't be good for the accordion,. And don't leave that black accordion in a black case sitting in the sun.
2. When removing your accordion from its case NEVER pick it up by the keyboard. Only lift it by holding the main box of the accordion. You might think...how about lifting it by the straps...that is item 3.
3. While you can wear your accordion and support it with the straps when anchored at the top and bottom, it was not designed to be picked up with all the load on the top strap anchor. Those top connections are held with wood screws into the thin wooden box shell and are quite fragile. My late friend who was a repairman extraordinaire told me this and described some accordions he repaired that were severely damaged in this way.
4. Make sure your finger nails are trimmed and any sharp corner on your right thumb is filed smooth. Since your thumbnail tends to come in contact with the keys it is not unusual to see a series of gouges on the treble keys. This is even more pronounced with women with long nails. I have a Hammond Organ that was previously owned by a woman with long nails....as she left some pits on my keys. Some plastic types are more resistant to this but best prevention is don't take a chance. Watch out for dings caused by the accordion strap hardware when in the case too.
5. You may wonder why I didn't include moisture damage at item #1. That is because damage can be caused by too much moisture (obvious) or NOT enough (less obvious but equally important). This last is well known by string instrument and clarinet owners who often place a container with water inside their case to keep the humidity at the correct level. Yes high humidity can cause rusty reeds (often terminal) and mildew during our summers....but our very low humidity Winter conditions will cause your accordion wooden case to shrink, warp, and possibly crack. If you notice keys sticking or your registers getting harder to push, this is a sign of a overly dry condition. I keep my accordions in a closet in an area that does have low humidity during our Michigan Winters and found that I needed to get a Tupper ware container, punch some holes in the top and put some wet sponges inside. It was placed in the closet. You may want to consider obtaining a humidity gauge from a string instrument vendor such as Psarianos or Shars (check the internet for addresses). It is a good idea to play the accordion...put some fresh air through it! Don't store it and never play it....it will only deteriorate.
6. Be very careful when transporting your accordion...this is often the most likely time serious damage can result but to cover this topic requires more space than we have this time...that is a topic for a future article.

Bob Berta

FEATURED ACCORDION MUSIC THIS MONTH

If I Didn't Care

Music by Jack Lawrence

B♭maj⁷ Faug⁷ B♭maj⁷ B♭maj⁷ Faug⁷
 If I did - n't care more than words can say,
 B♭maj⁷ C⁷ Adim⁷
 if I did - n't care, would I fell this way? If this is - n't love
 D⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷
 then may - be I'm worng; but why do I lie a - wake all
 Cm⁷ F⁷ B♭maj⁷ Faug⁷
 night and dream all day long? If I did - n't care,
 B♭maj⁷ B♭maj⁷ Faug⁷ B♭maj⁷ C⁷
 would it be the same? Would my ev - 'ry prayer be - gin and
 Adim⁷
 end with just your name? And would I be sure that this is
 D⁷ G⁷ C⁷
 love be - yond com - pare? Would all this be true if I did - n't
 Cm⁷ F⁷ B♭maj⁷ Cm⁷ F⁷
 care for you? If I did - n't you?

MAS MEMBERS AROUND TOWN

The MAS banner proudly on display on the Main Stage at the Detroit Italian Festival on July 18 - 20th. Special thanks to our MAS member Dino Valle and the Festival Board at Freedom Hill in allowing us to market our organization at a very successful 2014 Italian Festival with well over 5,000 people in attendance each day!



MAS President Joe Recchia with legendary Italian singer Louie Prima's daughter, Lena Prima who was one of this year's featured artist at the Detroit Italian Festival 2014!



MAS Member Natal Emmanuel with some new Accordion Fans at the Wyandotte Friday Night Summer Street Festival, August 2014!



"Accordions in Heaven" featured at Chihuly Gardens in Seattle, Washington . Photo by Dr. Gina Conflitti! a friend of a MAS member

If you have a photo of one of your performances or a special interest photo and would like it posted on our Newsletter, send it to one of our newsletter committee members!

MAS Business & Classified Section

MAS Members Please Support the Business that support MAS!

	<p>Accordions International offer MAS members: 20% discount on Accordion Straps and cases and special Member pricing on the lineup of Roland V Accordions</p> <p>Address: 1760 South 450 West Salt Lake City, UT 84115 Phone: (800) 935-0013 Website: www.accordionfactory.com Attention: Paul Pasquali</p>
	<p>EDP Studios offers MAS Members:</p> <p>20% off all in stock items, including Lessons, Instruments and Professional Recordings!</p> <p>Address: 30640 Dequindre Rd Warren, MI 48092 Phone: 586 751-8616 Website: www.edbstudios.com Attention: Eric or Donna</p>
	<p>Gus Zoppi Music Center offers MAS Members:</p> <p>20% off all in stock items, including Lessons & Instruments!</p> <p>Address: 38944 Dequindre Road Sterling Heights, MI 48310 Phone: (586) 978-1816 Website: www.guszoppimusic.com Attention: Tom</p>
	<p>Music Authority offers MAS members:</p> <p>Buy four lessons & get two free!</p> <p>Address: 24736 W. Warren St. Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 Phone: (313) 551-5420 Website: www.musicauthoritieschool.com Attention: Pavel</p>
	<p>ConCorde Inn offers MAS members:</p> <p>20% discount on Rooms at both locations</p> <p>1919 Star Batt Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, Phone: 248-299-1210 Attention: Erin</p> <p>44315 Gratiot, Clinton Township, MI 49036 Phone: 586-493-7300 Attention: Erin</p> <p>www.concordeinn.com</p>
<p>JR PRODUCTS LLC is offering A new Portable Charger and Power Adaptor now available for your Roland FR7/FR7x V Accordion which is specifically engineered and designed for your BP 24-45 Battery pack. Stop carrying around your bulky Roland Foot Pedal unit and upgrade with these great very small and portable devices. MAS Members receive a 25% discount.</p> <div data-bbox="115 1129 349 1199">  </div> <p>Please visit our new website at http://www.joerecchia.com/jrproducts</p>	
	<p>MAS Members receive A wonderful 30 Plus % off on a brand new Borsini Accordion!</p> <p>www.borsiniaccordions.it</p> <p>Please contact Mr. Jeffrey Iacono, President of Borsini Accordion of America 1814 Tanger Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714)-269-8648 Jeffrey@borsiniaccordion.it</p>
	<p>MAS Members receive one free Dance Lesson with any Dance Package Purchase</p> <p>www.argentinatangodetroit.com</p> <p>7758 Auburn Road Utica, MI 48317 586-254-0560 ask for Lori lori@argentinatangodetroit.com</p>

ACCORDIONIST WANTED

A Toledo Ohio based German Dance Group is seeking an Accordionist to work with in a German Culture Dance Group will pay If interested please contact jrecchia@comcast.net

ACCORDIONS FOR SALE

We have a lot of great accordions and other items for sale, way to much to list here, so please visit our MAS Website link at www.michiganaccordion.org/classified_ads

Join MAS and Enjoy these 2014 Membership Benefits!

visit us at www.michiganaccordion.org and  "like" us on facebook

Your \$30.00 MAS membership entitles you to:

- Receive our brand new official Membership card and use it to save money at local area business (please refer to our website for the latest list of our MAS business supporters and discount listing)
- Monthly Music Event Entrance Fee Discounts
- Be added on our Website Performers Directory and Teachers Directory
- Promotion of your CD's, events & performances
- Periodic Updates / Email News Flash & Newsletters
- Free Classified Advertising in our Newsletter and Website
- Receive a copy of our MAS members list and begin to access a great network of Musicians
- Membership Incentive—a little effort and you can get your membership for free (see below incentives)
- Invitation to work shops and special appearance as they become available
- MAS Membership is still a great deal for only \$30.00 a year!
- Membership Dues Expire December 31 of 2014

Membership Incentive Programs:

FREE CURRENT C/Y COMPLIMENTARY MAS MEMBERSHIP!

In order to qualify, all of the following must apply:

- Solo Music performance during one of our Membership Meetings
- Placed on our playing roster by the Clubs Music Editors
- To qualify, you must not have been a past MAS member.

\$5.00 Finders Fee Details:

- You must be a current and paid in full MAS member
- The new member you refer must have never been a MAS member
- The new member must also be paid in full
- Your name must be placed on our MAS Application form where it says "Referred By"



Michigan Accordion Society Application Form

We would be delighted if you would join the Michigan Accordion Society! Please fill out the form below and mail back with your enclosed check at:

"Michigan Accordion Society, 37365 Hanson Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Dues are to be made payable to the "Michigan Accordion Society" with application for membership. Single Membership dues are \$30.00/year or \$15.00/year for students. Spouse / Family Plan (Includes children 18 and under) just \$20.00 extra with Single Membership Purchase.

2014 CY Sliding scale for new single members/ Spouse & Family plans are:

Jan—Feb = \$30.00/\$20.00
March—April = \$25.00/\$18.00
May—June = \$20.00/\$15.00
July—August = \$15.00/\$10.00
Sept—Oct = \$10.00/\$5.00

*Nov—Dec = \$30.00/\$20.00
(*paid through 2015 CY)

Membership Type

☐ New Member

☐ Membership Renewal

I express my talent as:

☐ Accordion Fan / Supporter

☐ Student (must be under 18 yrs of age)

☐ Play For My Own Enjoyment

☐ Performer

☐ Teacher

☐ Other

Please print clearly

Amount Paid \$ _____

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, ZIP:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
"Referred by"	

Signature: _____ Date: _____



MAS Last Note News



ACCORDION FRIENDLY OPEN MIC CLUBS

Many of our members enjoy attending not only MAS but OPEN MIC clubs in the area. There are a few outstanding Open MIC clubs that are particularly popular with our members. An OPEN MIC club has attendees sign up to play 2-3 tunes when they arrive. On any given night you will hear just about every possible type of instrument, different types of music such as folk, country, jazz, classical, and some light pop music. The performers skill level ranges from the low end to professionals but everyone supports all the players whatever their ability and it is common for attendees to get together for future duets, combos, etc. Ages range from young to "well seasoned" and all are family & Accordion friendly events. Please help us by supporting our partners below and attend their events:

THE SHELBY MUSIC SOCIETY—Meets the second Saturday of each month from 7:00-10:00pm at the Shelby Senior Center Auditorium on Van Dyke near 23 Mile Rd. Shelby Township, MI. Center is located at the rear of the city library. Admission is by donation. Attendees often bring desserts to share at the break.

THE STARKWEATHER ARTS CENTER IN ROMEO—Meets the fourth Friday of each month from 7:00-10:00 pm. Admission is \$4 for non-members and \$3 for members. Location is at 219 N. Main St. in Romeo, MI

SLOVENE AMERICAN CLUB, Melvindale, MI Accordion Jam, Every Friday Night 7:00 pm, MAS Members welcomed!

WHERE CAN YOU GO TO HEAR ACCORDIONS? DO YOU TEACH ACCORDION?

You may want to let others in the clubs know...we can promote you! That is one of the Member benefits!

IF YOU ARE A MAS MEMBER, YOUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS INCLUDED WITH THIS EDITION OF YOUR NEWSLETTER!



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