April, 2018

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Chetcuti Community Room 450 Poplar Street, Millbrae, CA 2:00 pm—4:45 pm



Our monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, April 15th, and you are invited to leave all your worries about income taxes outdoors and play your accordion as we gather in Millbrae once again. We will begin at 2pm.

Copies of the "Cat Binder" jam book of music typically used for these rousing meetings will be available so folks can follow along. It is perfectly OK to play just the right hand, or only the bass side – no judging will take place. Progress, not perfection is valued at these informal group endeavors. Don't let that stop you for joining, all are welcome. We're a gentle lot and no one will be put on the spot. The musical selections include *Pennsylvania Polka*, *Que Sera Sera* and *San Antonio Rose* – just to name a few.

Additionally, we wholeheartedly invite you to show us what you've been working on under the most informal easy-going conditions; this is the time to share your solos with the rest of us. Look for the sign-up sheet when you get there, and remember that the Jam Band sessions alternate with one month open to those holding an accordion and the alternating month we feature (professional!) performers.

See you there!



March Event Review

By Ken Schwartz [Photos by Steve Mobia]

Our March 18 event soared with brilliant exciting performances on the bayan, the accordion, and vocals.

Grigoriy Krumik, well known Bay Area bayan performer,

opened today's event with a short discussion on the bayan, which features 3 rows of buttons in the treble while the bass features the traditional button system we know in most piano accordions but with a fuller sound. Grigoriy entertained us with his virtuosity on the instrument, including a Russian folk waltz, a Russian folk dance, and renditions of *Dark Eyes* and *Two Guitars*. He



was then joined by fellow Ukrainian vocalist **Vladimir Zagadsky**, who sang *Dark Brows and Dark Eyes*, followed by another Ukrainian song about motherly love and a tribute to



the mother who raises her child in a small village, and a Ukrainian song about a couple enjoying winter snowing fields in a horse driven sleigh. The two performers perfectly complemented one another with rousing renditions of traditional

Ukrainian, Russian and Gypsy songs. Thank you, Grigoriy and Vladimir, for a beautiful performance!

The program next featured elegant duets performed by **Gail Campanella** and SFAC's own **Lynn Ewing**. Lynn and Gail have performed together at various accordion conventions but never together at the SFAC, so today's performance was a first. They opened with *Domino* (Frank Marocco arrangement) and *French Gaiety* (Anthony Galla-Rini arrangement). Gail and Lynn next performed compositions by their friend



and internationally recognized accordionist/composer Stas Venglevski, including Generation Relation Waltz, Ecstasy Tango, followed by Light and Shadow Waltz

(P.Pizziggoni), and 2 waltzes by Stas Venglevski: Short Visit and Cat's Ball, the latter complemented by Lynn's "meows," and what naturally follows when the cat's away? Of



course, the mice will play! So, Gail and Lynn concluded with Stas Venglevski's *Mice Party Polka*. Their flawless performance today reflected diligent rehearsals earlier this week. Many thanks, Gail and Lynn!

The second half of today's program featured virtuoso accordionist **Gail Campanella** in solo performance. Gail currently hails from Santa Barbara, CA and informed us that in addition to performing and teaching, there is a project now ongoing to bring accordions to elementary school children. She and colleagues currently have established programs with 4th and 5th graders at 2 elementary schools. A dozen

12-bass accordions have been made available and are on loan to the schools for instruction.

To implement the program, Gail needed to make presentations to the schools. So, how does Gail capture the imagination of young minds? She started today with the



series of medleys from the movies, well-known to 4th and 5th graders, which she uses in the schools, and challenged the older counterparts in attendance today to "Name That Tune!" Gail opened with a powerful rendition of the Theme from 2001: A Space Odyssey, followed by Theme from the Harry Potter Movie, Theme from Star Wars, and Star Wars Darth Vader's Imperial March. Gail's rousing renditions of these famous themes on her magnificent Pigini accordion were electrifying and blasted us into orbit! Next up were Funkytown (Steven Greenberg, 1980) and Waltz Allegro (Charles Magnante) followed by Scherzo (John Gart) and Donkey Serenade (Rudolf Friml). This familiar song was the theme from 1937 operetta movie The Firefly, starring Jeanette MacDonald. Gail followed with a mellow rendition of Nadia's Theme (Henry Mancini) and then picked up speed with Sixty Miles Per Hour (John Gart), Sabre Dance (Khachaturian), Zingarella (Little Gypsy Girl), and finally, Pietro Frosini's energetic Hot Points.

It's always a special treat to have Gail perform at the SFAC. Her performance today received a standing ovation, to which Gail concluded with an encore of her signature piece *Wrong Note Polka* (Di Pippo). Many thanks, Gail!

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If ever there was an inspiration for young and old alike to enjoy the accordion, the March gathering of the SFAC was it! Many thanks to all of today's performers! Please plan to join at upcoming events and enjoy more fine performances!



Pictured in the lower-left photo is Clarence, the man in the hat, a first-time visitor to our club in March! When Lynn spotted Clarence busking with his accordion at a BART station recently, she did a little outreach by inviting him to our Sunday club with an SFAC business card. Voilá! It's as easy as that, so be sure to carry one or two business cards yourself, because you never know when you might run into someone who also has good taste in all things accordion!

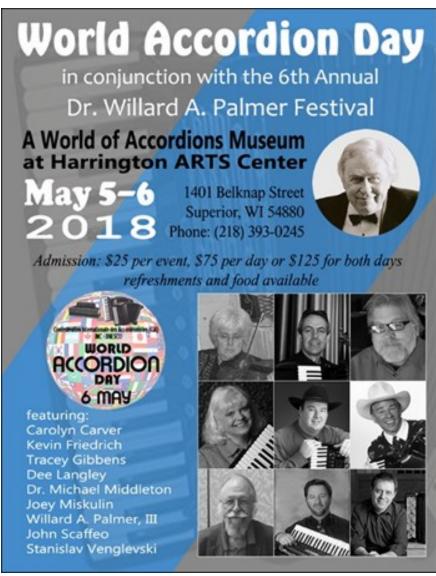
World Accordion Day—May 6

Since 2009, each May 6th the Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA) has promoted **World Accordion Day** (WAD). The CIA's first World Accordion Day was held on 6th May 2009, commemorating the 180th birthday of the accordion patent filing in Austria. WAD is a unified global effort to celebrate and promote the Accordion. The global events of WAD have been very successful in generating a lot of positive publicity for the accordion.

Past international accordion events from 2009 to 2017 have been shared and archived on the WAD Web Page at: http://accordions.com/cia/cia/wad_17_reviews.php. Last year 26 countries hosted WAD events.



The World Accordion Day is a unique global opportunity to promote public awareness of the accordion, an instrument without boundaries, one that spans all cultures and musical genres. From a solo performance to a Concerto with a 100 piece Symphony Orchestra, from a Duet or Trio to a 40 piece Accordion Orchestra, from the majestic sounds of the handmade acoustic reeds to the latest in Digital Technology, from newly commissioned original works to dazzling transcriptions of the classics, from Classical to Jazz, from Ethnic to Pop, from the pit orchestra in a Broadway Show to the background music in a TV Commercial, from Tchaikovsky to Gubaidulina, from the tiny diatonic instruments to the



multi octave concert models, from the shelves of a Museum to center stage at Carnegie Hall, from Private Music Studios to the most esteemed and respected Conservatories in the world, there is no limit to where one might find the accordion, or have the opportunity to enjoy the variety of ways in which it is utilized.

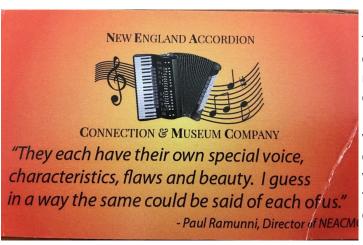
6th Annual Dr. Willard A. Palmer Festival World Accordion Day A World of Accordions Museum Superior, Wisconsin

Renowned accordionist Joey Miskulin headlines the 6th Annual Dr. Willard A. Palmer Festival and World Accordion Day hosted at A World of Accordions Museum (AWAM) in Superior, WI on May 5 and 6, 2018. Via the Internet on May 6, the AWAM will host a live streamed viewing of activities at the World Accordion Day Festival. Included in the live stream will be the popular seminar on the History of the Accordion as narrated by Helmi Harrington, PhD.

[For details on the live stream, e-mail Helmi Harrington at: accordion@sprynet.com]

How I Spent My Summer Vacation, by Stephen Marshall

As some of you may know, I was born and raised in New England. Massachusetts, to be specific, in a small town just west of Boston. Last summer, I returned home to visit my mother, and several other family members who still reside in the area. While staying with my mother, I dropped her off at work and returned to her home. With the entire day to myself and a car at my disposal, my thoughts, of course, turned to accordions!



I searched for Boston's foremost accordion shop. Not much luck finding



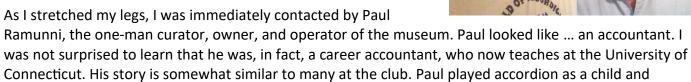
one. I considered a trip to Accordion Connection in New Hampshire. I have often browsed through their website and thought it might be worthwhile to try out some of their inventory first hand. I found their website and located a reference to what turned out to be my final destination. The New England Accordion Museum.

I had never heard of the place, but it appeared that

it was located in Canaan, Connecticut, a mere 110 miles from my current location! I called and made a reservation. I had about 2 hours to get there. I immediately hopped into my mom's car and was off. I couldn't

help but notice that my mother's car was far nicer than anything she drove when her teenage sons were borrowing it all the time, but I digress.

I discovered that Canaan was just a few miles from the Massachusetts border. I drove through a beautiful, almost rural neighborhood as I approached my destination. A small, unobtrusive wooden sign told me I had arrived. As I entered the driveway, I saw a large white New England Style home with a large separate garage next to it. I carefully parked my mother's car and got out.









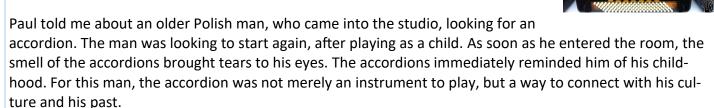
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stopped in 1966. In 2008, he decided that he wanted to start again, and bought another accordion. Now, he

is the proud owner of about 400 accordions in the largest privately owned accordion collection in the northeast!!

When I entered the museum, I saw hundreds of beautiful accordions, constructed between the early 1800's and recent times. We chatted about accordions (what else?), I told him I was a proud member of the San Francisco Accordion Club. After I spent a fair amount of time gawking at the museum pieces, we headed into the studio, a separate building on the property.

In the studio, Paul had a bunch of newer accordions for sale, and quite a bit of sheet music. I made my bones by performing a rousing rendition of *Accordion Boogie*, and we continued talking squeezeboxes and browsing. For those who are curious ... no, I did not leave with an accordion!!!





Paul explained to me how his accordions are not just instruments, but articles of history, many of which have fascinating, personal stories. So if any of you find yourselves in Connecticut, please feel free to stop by and say hello to Paul. I had a great time talking to him, and his accordion museum is a must for anyone interested in accordions and accordion history.





PLAY for your club!

Playing warm up or during the break for the SFAC's 3rd Sunday music program is a great, casual way to share your talent and hone your performance skills. Our bi-monthly scheduled performers are drawn from professional players and groups, and from talented amateurs as well. Call us—we're happy to add you to the schedule to play a 10-15 minute set, or even just a couple of songs.

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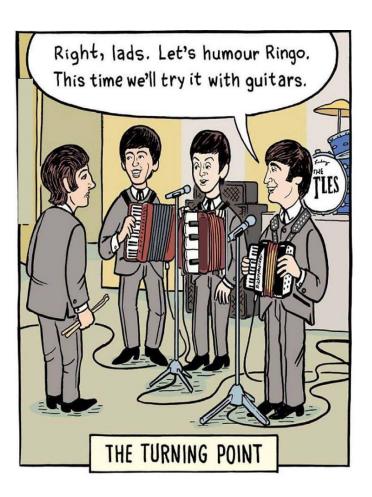
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May 22-26, 2018

See August 2017 newsletter for details Contact Peter LeGeyt <u>plg@plgmarketing.com</u> Tel: +44(0)20 8977 6680

https://www.accordionists.co.uk/viewtopic.php?t=5039

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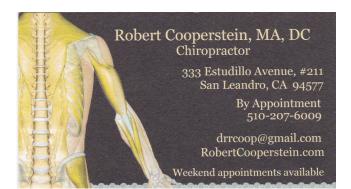
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