

April 2022

Sunday, April 24, 2022

♪ SFAC ACCORDION CIRCLE! ♪

**ONLINE-ONLY OPEN-MIC STYLE GATHERING
VIA ZOOM - 2:00 PM**

♪ SFAC Members will receive Zoom link via
email from Kenneth.E.Schwartz@gmail.com ♪

Our April meeting will return to our traditional small, informal Accordion Circle format, which will be open-mic and virtual via ZOOM.

If you would like to play (about 5-8 minutes of performance time) simply email Ken Schwartz to request a spot on the list. Accordionists of all skill levels are welcome – from beginners to seasoned experts, and everything in-between. And, if you don't play the accordion, join in anyway to cheer on the players.

Regrettably, there will be no jam session due to the limitations of internet-based meetings. This is a great opportunity for our members to polish their stage skills and share a few favorite pieces. Even a few minutes of performance will be enjoyed by all!

An email announcement to members will be forthcoming in the week prior to the event with additional instructions on how to join the meeting. Please RSVP to us at info@sfacclub.com, so we can plan for how many will join this event.



Save the Date
May 22, 2022

San Francisco Accordion Club Salutes

Maestro Lou Jacklich

His Life in Music!

Live & In-person May 22, 2022

Millbrae's Chetcuti Community Room

Mr. Lou Jacklich will devote an entire hour (or more, how does one cover 90+ years in 60 minutes?) to a musical presentation of his life story - on the road performing with Bob Hope, major bands, western bands, at San Quentin prison, etc., the list goes on. A truly special SFAC "Homecoming"!





Two Accordions! A Perfect Afternoon for Great Music!

For our March event, the Club hosted a soaring performance by **Two Accordions!** Sergei Teleshev and his daughter, 14 year-old Maria Telesheva, performed in duet and as individual soloists. It



was a truly special treat to host these world-class champions for an afternoon with our Club! Maria, who has studied with dad Sergei, won her 1st competition 2 months after she started playing the accordion at age 6! Their program featured classical, tango, rock, and other musical styles. Maria graced the cover



of the recent Dec/Jan issue of **Accordion Stars** as the Musical Prodigy of the Year, which is no surprise, given her outstanding performance for our Club. Colette Ogata emceed perfectly.

They opened with *Firedance* (composed and arranged by Bill Whelan, of *River Dance* fame), in duet on their Jupiter chromatic button, free bass accordions. The beat was frenetic, perfectly synchronized between the



two, punctuated with tempo-setting bellows beats. What a great way to start! Next was a beautiful Finnish piece, *Berceuse* (Armas Jarnefelt).

Next, Sergei performed a lovely solo of *Prelude from 1st Cello Suite* (JS Bach). Continuing the Bach theme, Maria next brilliantly performed solos of JS Bach's *Inventions No 4* and *No 8*, followed by his *Prelude and Fugue in C minor*. Maria performed them with

expression, impeccable timing, and precision, far beyond her 14 years. BRAVO, Maria! Next, Sergei performed in solo JS Bach's masterpiece: the famous *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor*. Wow! It was brilliant, riveting! Next, Sergei soloed with *Theme from Schindler's List* (John Williams).



The Bach program concluded, **Two Accordions** moved on to pieces originally for clarinet and piano, which they've arranged for accordion, *Dance Preludes* numbers 1, 4, and 5 (Witold Lutoslawski). These pieces present with difficult timing, are written in 2 parts with different measures, and even have different time signatures. Sergei and Maria performed them flawlessly, in perfect synchrony! Next the duo performed a lovely waltz, *Kärleksvals* (*Love Waltz*) by Ulrik Neumann.



Following was a scintillating virtuoso duet version of *Tango La Cumparsita* (Gerardo Matos Rodríguez), *Ole!*, and next *Por Una Cabeza* (Carlos Gardel). Switching to something French, Maria and Sergei performed the beautiful *Valse Musette Indifference* (Joseph Colombo and Tony Murena). Performed brilliantly, Maria perfectly echoed Sergei. This piece is already difficult, so imagine performing it in harmony! It was flawless! Next, for a bit of a jolt, was their soaring rendition of *Thunder-*

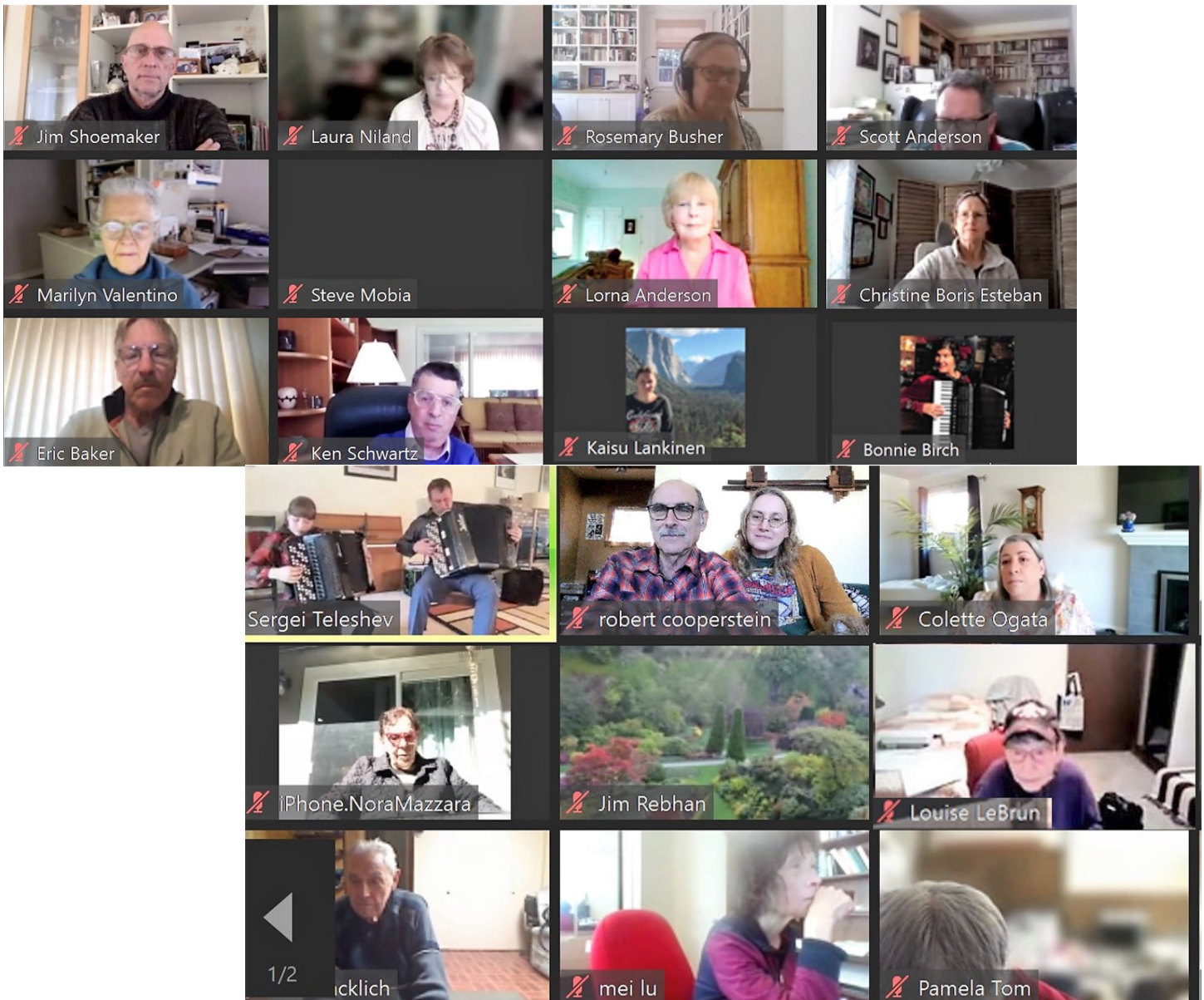
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struck, by the Australian hard rock group AC/DC. Lift off! They next performed their virtuoso version of the Brazilian samba *Tico -Tico* (Zequinha Abreu), with wonderful harmonies between the 2 performers! Finally – a very special encore treat! Maria is an equally talented singer, in English and Russian, no less! She sang Leonard Cohen’s *Hallelujah* to Sergei’s accompaniment. It was lovely, conveyed with emotion, far beyond her young age! You are so special, Maria! Concluding the afternoon was another short, terrific encore – *Diamond Fingers*.

The Club offered a standing virtual ovation for this talented duo! The Club was so fortunate to be able to host one of the premier accordion duos in America. The last time the Club hosted Sergei (with violinist Natasha Popova) was in October, 2019 (please see the Nov, 2019 newsletter). The San Francisco Accordion Club looks forward to hosting Sergei and Maria again, next time in person. We don’t plan to wait another 2 1/2 years! You’ll also have another opportunity to enjoy this world-class musical team at June’s Leavenworth accordion festival.

Thank you Sergei, Maria and Colette, for making this such a phenomenal event! And thanks to our club members – your memberships and support enable us to sponsor these fine programs!



New Petosa Book: “An American Accordion Story”

By Pamela Tom, Accordionist

The Petosa accordion name is associated with being one of America’s finest quality brand-name accordions. This year the Seattle-based Petosa Accordions company is celebrating its centennial anniversary (1922-2022) by releasing a limited first edition, hardbound 128-page book, *An American Accordion Story: A Four Generation Family Legacy Honoring the Accordion, the Musicians, and their Unique Places in American Culture*, authored by Joseph Petosa Jr. Available June 2022, this publication focuses on Italian-American Carlo Petosa and his family’s generations of artisan accordion makers. Furthermore, *An American Accordion Story* also gives a chronological history of the accordion and honors many of America’s leading accordionists, past and present. This gift book (coffee table format) honors over 230 leading accordionists in stories and 380+ photos. The limited first edition is signed and numbered. Order your book (\$35) today before they sell out! Copies may be reserved by placing an advance order at www.petosa.com.



Pamela Tom (writer) with great grandson Joey Petosa, III of Petosa Accordions (Seattle, 2018) prior to the company’s move to Lynnwood, WA.



Accordion Star International Competition Postponed to May 2022

The 2nd annual Accordion Star International Competition and Festival, originally scheduled on Facebook for April 15-24, 2022, has been postponed until May. The competition entries are due May 1. See the February 2022 issue of the SFAC Newsletter for information, or contact Sergei Teleshev, ASI founder and director, at e-mail: accostarfest@gmail.com.



Mark your calendars for **World Accordion Day Celebration & Dr. Willard A. Palmer Festival at A World of Accordions Museum (AWAM), May 6-8, 2022**. To receive news on future AWAM events, sign up on the AWAM web site (<http://www.worldofaccordions.org>).

SFAC Members on Tap for Cotati Student Scholarship Stage Concert

by Pamela Tom

On Friday, August 19, 2022, a Cotati Student Scholarship Stage fundraising concert precedes the 31st Cotati Accordion Festival (August 20-21). SFAC members Lou Jacklich, Colette Ogata, Pamela Tom and Mike Zampecini have been invited along with Lou Di Maggio (yes, a cousin of baseball legend Joe Di Maggio!) and Paul Betken to entertain with their own unique styles of accordion music. The fundraiser starts at 4 PM at the Church of the Oaks in Cotati. (See poster below for details.) This concert is a free event, while donations and proceeds directly support the student scholarship fund for youth under 18 years-old. Avoid the early morning commute to Cotati by arriving Friday afternoon and supporting a good cause!

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Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration June 16 - 19, 2022



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TWO Accordions
Maria & Sergei Teleshev



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Richard Noel

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Check our website for Updates, Schedules, Tickets, and Competition Registration
 www.AccordionCelebration.org

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2nd Sundays—Mt. Miguel Covenant Village
Spring Valley, CA
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Online 4th Sundays³ - Meetings 3rd Tuesdays¹
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Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS)¹
2nd Saturdays—Roseville, CA
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cvalashan@aol.com (610) 209-4496

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2nd Tuesdays online - Meetings on last Tuesdays
Chester's Hamburgers, San Antonio, TX
LauraJNiland@outlook.com

Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS)²
1st Sundays, online (in person schedule TBD)
Christ Episcopal Church, Los Altos, CA (pending)
www.svasociety.org

¹ In person meeting only

² mixed: in-person and ZOOM meeting

³ ZOOM only meeting



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- ◆ **Mike Zampiceni*** www.mikezamp.com

* = remote lessons (ZOOM, Facetime, Skype) available

ACCORDION HAPPENINGS

LIVE IN-PERSON & ONLINE/VIRTUAL EVENTS

Not Just Oompah - ZOOM - contact laurajniland@outlook.com

April 23—Raif Hyseni (Music of Albania)—Rescheduled

April 27 - Rita Barnea Workshop (Music of Eugene Ettore)

May 19 - Raif Hyseni Workshop

May 20 - Raif Hyseni Concert

**A World of Accordions Museum World Accordion Day,
Willard Palmer Festival & Polka Service**

May 6-8 — Superior, Wisconsin— & Video Stream

Sign up for notification: worldofaccordions.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/worldofaccordions/survey.jsp?surveyId=1&

2nd Annual Accordion Star Int'l Virtual Competition/Festival

May 1 (competition entries due) Festival date TBA

Contact: accorstarfest@gmail.com

Accordion Extravaganza & Band Camp by Kim & Dan Christian

May 12-14— Albuquerque, NM www.accordioncelebration.org

Gordon Kohl Workshops (Virtual) gkohl5890@gmail.com

3rd Sundays each month - Topics vary monthly

Django in June June 13-19 Northampton, MA djangoinjune.com

Accordion-friendly immersive gypsy jazz music camp for adults

Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration

June 16-19— Leavenworth, Washington

Schedule: www.accordionusa.com/2022graphics/2022Leavenworth.pdf

Website: www.accordioncelebration.org

Not Just Oompah - Virtual- contact laurajniland@outlook.com

June 26 - Alex Meixner (Texas Heritage Music: Czech, German, Tejano)

American Accordionists' Association Competition. Virtual.

Entry Forms Due July 1. Video Submissions Due August 1.

Info: www.accordionusa.com/2022graphics/2022AAARules.pdf

ATG 80th Anniversary Festival July 20-24

Chicago (Lisle), IL www.atgaccordions.com

AAA Accordion Master Class (aka the Seminars) July 29 - 31

New York, NY Contact: Accordionbill@gmail.com

Cotati Accordion Student Scholarship Fundraiser Concert

(local players) **August 19** Church of the Oaks, Cotati, CA

Contact: cotatiaccordionstudentstage@yahoo.com

Cotati Accordion Student Scholarship Competition

August 20— Church of the Oaks, Cotati, CA

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Cotati Accordion Festival - August 20-21

La Plaza Park, Cotati, CA www.cotatifest.com

Oregon Alpenfest

September 29 - October 2 — Joseph, Oregon

www.oregonalpenfest.com or alpenmeister@mail2oregon.com

Rose City Accordion Club Camp

June 4 - 9, 2023 Eagle Creek, OR maddoxfran43@gmail.com



A Message from SFAC President

Ken Schwartz

We're looking forward to return to in-person events starting May 22nd with Maestro Lou Jacklich as our featured performer. We'll follow with our 1st jam session in over 2 years. It will also be available via a virtual connection, but we hope you'll want to attend this very special "Homecoming!" Of course, this is subject to local guidelines remaining stable. As I noted last month, it's been 2 years, so we're in new territory and could use a bit of your help! There are numerous opportunities: try emceeding an event, writing an event summary, contributing to the newsletter, volunteering to assist with hosting live meetings when we return to our Millbrae venue, or even joining the SFAC Board. Volunteering for the Club will be more important than ever; we can't do it without you.

As always, please feel free to send your comments and suggestions for performers you'd like to recommend for future events to us at info@sfiaccordianclub.com. Many thanks!

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Event Reviews:

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Contact: Kenneth.E.Schwartz@gmail.com

SFAC Scholarships

Your club has scholarship funds available to support accordion students studying with teachers who are SFAC members in good standing. Preference is given to students who demonstrate dedication to pursuing the study of the accordion. Contact **Mike Zampiceni** for a scholarship application.

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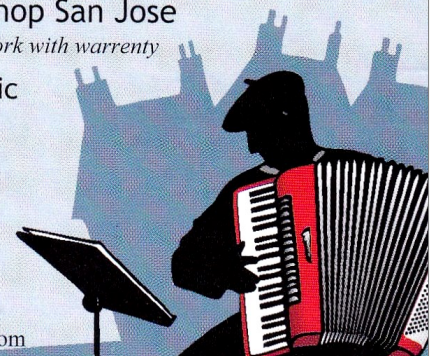
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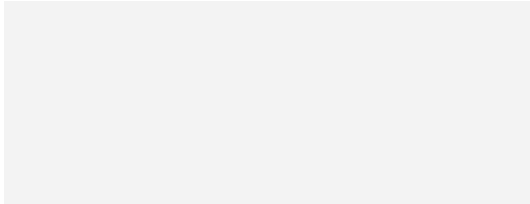


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Sunday, April 24, 2022

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Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm

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