

August, 2022

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THE COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL

AUGUST 19-21

NEXT SFAC MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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The Cotati Accordion Festival

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Cotati Accordion Festival - August 20-21 - Schedule:

SATURDAY, August 20

9:45am – 10:25am	Matt Tolentino
10:30am – 11:10am	Sourdough Slim & Robert Armstrong
11:15am – 12:05pm	Sergei Teleshev & Maria Telesheva
12:10pm – 12:50pm	Nuevos Aventurosos
12:55pm – 1:45pm	Ginny Mac
1:45pm – 1:50pm	<i>Honorary Director</i>
1:50pm – 2:05pm	<i>Lady of Spain</i>
2:05pm – 2:55pm	Alex Meixner
3:00pm – 3:50pm	Cory Pesaturo
3:55pm – 4:35pm	The Mad Maggies
4:40pm – 5:15pm	Nathan & Jessie
5:20pm – 6:00pm	Junk Parlor
6:15pm – 6:45pm	Lucky 'ol Bones
7:00pm – 7:50pm	Motordude Zydeco

Saturday Polka Tent

9:45am – 12:00pm	Sheri Mignano & Jim Lehmann
1:00pm – 5:00pm	The Steve Balich Polka Band

Saturday Zydeco Dance Party

1:00pm – 5:00pm	Mark St. Mary
5:15pm – 7:00pm	Iko Ya Ya

RAY'S DELI STAGE

10:30am – 11:10am	Laurie & Elan
11:30am – 12:10pm	Amber Lee Baker
12:30pm – 1:10pm	Art Peterson & Laurie Miller
1:30pm – 2:10pm	Renee de la Prade & Leslie Jackson
2:30pm – 3:10pm	Zla Vila
3:30pm – 4:10pm	5 Cent Coffee
4:30pm – 5:10pm	Gun Street Girls



SUNDAY, August 21

9:45am – 10:20am	Renee de la Prade & Leslie Jackson
10:25am – 11:10am	<i>Future Stars</i>
11:15am – 11:55am	Ginny Mac
12:00pm – 12:40pm	La Agencia
12:45pm – 1:35pm	Sergei Teleshev & Maria Telesheva
1:35pm – 1:45pm	<i>Lady of Spain</i>
1:45pm – 2:35pm	Matthias Matzke
2:40pm – 3:30pm	Cory Pesaturo
3:35pm – 4:25pm	Sam Reider & Jorge Glem
4:25pm – 4:35pm	<i>Raffle</i>
4:35pm – 5:25pm	Free Reeds
5:25pm – 6:05pm	Alex Meixner
6:15pm – 7:30pm	<i>Grand Finale</i>

Sunday Polka Tent

9:45am – 12:00pm	Sheri Mignano & Jim Lehmann
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Sunday Zydeco Dance Party

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5:20pm – 7:00pm	Les Amis Zydeco

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3:30pm – 4:10pm	Junk Parlor



COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Friday, August 19, 2022 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM

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August 20 & 21
9:30 - 8:00

For more information: cotatifest.com

Plan your Jam Tent participation! - Cotati Accordion Festival

Jam Tent schedule with group leaders below. All players welcome. All instruments welcome.			
SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
9:45-11:00AM	ECLECTIC - Joan Traverso	9:45-11:00AM	ECLECTIC - Larry Del Carlo
11:00-12:15PM	ECLECTIC Larry Del Carlo	11:00-12:15PM	ECLECTIC - Students - Janeen Murray
12:30-1:30PM	ECLECTIC - Charlie V	12:30-1:30PM	ECLECTIC - Charlie V
1:30 - 2:15PM	ECLECTIC Barb & Vic Corsiglia	1:30 - 2:15PM	ITALIAN HOUR - Sheri /David Noferi
2:30 - 3:15PM	FRENCH HOUR - Xavier de la Prade	2:30 - 3:15PM	FRENCH HOUR - Xavier de la Prade
3:30- 4:15PM	BLUEGRASS - Buckeye Boys -Ted	3:30- 4:15PM	BLUEGRASS - Buckeye Boys -Ted
4:30-5:00PM	ECLECTIC - Barb & Vic Corsiglia	4:30-5:00PM	OPEN - Wrap up & Raffle - Sheri & Xavier

Anyone who's stopped in at the **Jam Tent** knows that it's for the hearty players! Although that is only a statement of pure jest, it can also sound a bit intimidating. There can be 10-20 accordions and other instruments playing at once. But, please, don't be intimidated. It's so much fun, and quite welcoming! You won't want to miss out on it.

This year's Jam Tent presents a variety of fun activities. Whether you play in the tent, lead a session, enter a raffle or buy an inexpensive, good reliable accordion, you'll learn a lot about accordions. The Jam Tent is a vast umbrella that can help you enjoy the festival even more! Every activity is tied to supporting scholarships for up-and-coming accordion students who will be seen on the festival stage as they grow up and advance in their skills. In the meantime, the Jam Tent can keep you informed about what we are planning and how students will be featured in and around the Jam Tent.



Jam Tent players. 9:30am-5:00pm
All musical instruments are welcome.

For more than a decade, the Jam Tent has served as an anchor to all accordionists in search of connecting with others. Under the auspices of the Golden State Accordion Club, it grew into a popular hub at the festival. It's a great place to hang out, meet a friend, swap stories, and share the latest in the accordion world. Stop by and play for an hour or so. Make the most of your festival experience! Sign up to lead a session or kick back and just enjoy the music.

When you visit the tent, you can chat with George Bachich, who brings a lifetime of experience to restoring old accordions. He loves to share his stories and will offer tips about repairs at the "Accordion Autopsy" table. If you like, you can stop by the Jam Tent headquarters and discuss the history of Italian accordion sheet music with Cotati's historian Sheri Mignano Crawford. She's available in the afternoons. Plus, we expect to sell accordion-related ephemeral items such as sheet music and CDs. You never know what treasure you'll find and be able to take home as a souvenir.

In addition, the Jam Tent is just a great way to relax and meet folks who also love to play the accordion or enjoy listening to it. The Jam Tent welcomes all musical instruments inside and encourages everyone to participate. Maybe you'll learn a new tune or see an old friend again. Create some lasting memories and take them home to share with family and friends. Music binders provide the sheet music, and you provide the musical excitement. A rotation of leaders keeps the enthusiasm high and organized. Small, featured groups may appear throughout the day to hold everyone's attention and provide respite from the jam sessions. On both days, accordions are sold all day until 4:45P. Toward the end of the festival, the principal accordion will be raffled off at 4:30P Sunday. Buy your raffle tickets and please plan to attend the raffle at 4:30P. You must be present to win. This raffle is separate from any other raffles that might be offered by the festival administration. Proceeds from sales and raffle all go toward the Cotati Accordion Student Scholarship program. Each year students compete for cash prizes and this is a great way to support the next generation of students. The tent is open on two sides, chairs for guests surround the players. Even if you don't intend to play, sit down and enjoy listening. The music is non-stop from 9:45 to 5:00 both days. It is located at the north gate entry. (SMC 2022)

See you there!

COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL

COTATI TICKETS ARE ON SALE

\$19.00 for one-day ticket purchased **in advance**. **\$28.00** for two-day ticket purchased **in advance**.

\$23.00 for a one-day ticket **at the gate**. **\$32.00** for a two-day ticket **at the gate**.

\$17.00 for **one day senior** ticket purchased **in advance**. **\$21.00** for **one day senior** ticket purchased **at the gate**.

Kids 15 and under **FREE** when accompanied by a paying adult.

For questions, send email to info@cotatifest.com or call 707-664-0444.

Tickets may be purchased [online](https://cotatifest.com/ticketing) at [Cotatifest.com/ticketing](https://cotatifest.com/ticketing), at the gate, or by sending a check to Cotati Accordion Festival, 29 Mission Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952

SFAC Represented at ATG Festival!!!

Submitted by Pamela Tom; Photos provided by Paul Cain

Three SFAC members (**Paul Cain, Gail Campanella and Gay Castellano**) attended the 80th Accordionists & Teachers Guild International annual festival in Lisle (Chicago), IL. The Festival's well-planned program included guest artists Michael Bridge, Stas Venglevski, Mirco Patarini, Nikolay Bine and Murl Allen Sanders. Also performing were The University of Missouri Kansas-City Community Accordion Ensemble and the ATG Festival Accordion Orchestra. Other Festival highlights included an introduction to the accordion "Petting Zoo", workshops, concerts, competitions, exhibits, and more. The ATG Syllabus is described at <https://www.atgaccordions.com/>. Next year's ATG will take place mid-late July (date TBA) in the Chicago area. According to ATG President, Mary Ann Covone, ATG is "looking at a potential regional event in California in January/February."



Gay, a first-time ATG attendee, defines her "awesome" experience: *"This was my first time attending an ATG festival. There was so much going on, I could not take it all in and desire to return in the future to experience more. The events I attended were informative, relevant, entertaining, and filled with infectious camaraderie. It was an honor and an exhilarating experience to be a member of the 80th Anniversary ATG Festival Orchestra under the direction of Joan Cochran Sommers. That was the highlight of the festival for me. Lastly, the guest artist performances were the finest one can ever expect to experience. I have ordered a copy of the new ATG Syllabus to begin to work through that program to improve my knowledge and skill."*



Gail Campanella is in the foreground and **Gay Castellano** is in the background at the ATG's 80-member accordion orchestra rehearsal at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.



A Message from SFAC President

Ken Schwartz

Hi all – Our successful July picnic was a great example of the camaraderie associated with Club membership. San Mateo’s Beresford Park rocked with fine food, great company, and spirited accordion music. Where else could we have enjoyed our common interests in such a perfect setting? This newsletter includes 2 pages of photographs from this joyous event, pages 7-8. We encourage all to participate in Club events and keep our “village” thriving.

On another note, the **Cotati Accordion Festival** returns to La Plaza Park August 20-21, 2022. Look for the SFAC tent near the back of the park, where Club members and friends can hang out and browse through sheet music and accordion-themed trinkets to take home for the cost of a donation to our Club. Hope to see you at Cotati!



Thank You, Donors!

Sincere Thanks to those who generously donate to support the SFAC. We thank these members who have made extra donations during our current membership year.

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Event Reviews:

Volunteers are *very much* needed to assist with the monthly event summaries. This is a great opportunity to express your creative writing skills while assisting your club! Please volunteer to write up a meeting review for an upcoming newsletter.

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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408-569-2579



SFAC Picnic
San Mateo, CA
July 31, 2022



The Gerald Uelmen Figurine Collection Donated to the SFAC

by Ken Schwartz

The club has received a donation of accordion-related figurines from Mr. Gerald Uelmen. Rosemary Busher and I visited with Mr. Uelmen and his family to thank him for this extremely generous and unique donation.

The collection represents a lifetime of Mr. Uelmen's interests and is extensive and diverse - there are 300 or so figurines, which range in size from miniature (1" salt shakers and small figurines) to large (perhaps 12" or a bit more). There's even a doll (photograph included here)! Some are music boxes that rotate to various melodies. One even featured musical bellows, which opens and shuts to a musical melody! Just to name a few of the themes – angels, clowns, cowboys, children, babies, various cultures, a Keane-like child, the list could go on.

The Club is currently photographing and cataloging the collection and looks forward to updating you in the future.



Membership Update

by Robert Cooperstein

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Shirley Roller of Belmont, CA. Thanks for joining us, Shirley!

Our first letter inviting SFAC members to renew for the 2023 membership year will be sent early in September. If you have a chance to visit <https://www.sfaccordionclub.com/membership.html> and renew online via PayPal or credit card at any time before then, it will certainly make things easier for us: less paper-shuffling, less expense, less work at the post office.

You will see an updated version of this at our webpage→

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Our good friend **Stas Venglevski** appeared with the **ATG Orchestra** and the Racine Symphony Orchestra at the **Accordionists & Teachers Guild International** festival on July 23, 2022. The sound produced by this this very large (mostly) accordion orchestra, conducted by the inimitable Joan C. Summers, has to be heard to be believed. Treat yourself to this performance at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?bmCddQ6gDM>.

New Accordion Book!

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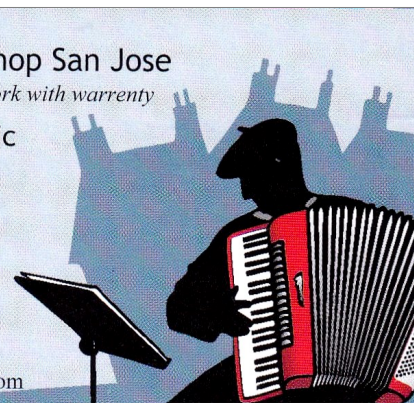
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Friends of SFAC— Accordion Groups/Clubs

Many clubs are on hiatus or meeting virtually (online) only. Check each club's website and/or club contacts for meeting schedules

Accordion Club of the Redwoods¹ (Santa Rosa)
Meetings 3rd Wednesdays—Cibo Rustico Pizzeria
(707) 318-0474, dcdacapo@gmail.com

Accordion Lovers Society International (ALSI)³
2nd Sundays—Mt. Miguel Covenant Village
Spring Valley, CA
gkohl5890@gmail.com (619) 427-4344

Accordionaires of Los Angeles
Online 4th Sundays³ - Meetings 3rd Tuesdays¹
Victorio's Ristorante, North Hollywood, CA
dnorferi@aol.com or "Accordionaires" on Facebook

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS)¹
2nd Saturdays—Roseville, CA
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
cvalashan@aol.com (610) 209-4496

San Antonio Accordion Society²
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

ACCORDION INSTRUCTION

- ◆ **Gail Campanella*** GailCampanella@gmail.com
- ◆ **Reno DiBono** 30-minute group lessons* - Sundays 11am, request link from OurHike@AOL.com
- ◆ **Lou Jacklich*** 510-317-9510
- ◆ **Marian Kelly** 650-954-3711
- ◆ **Joe Simoni*** jsimoni2000@gmail.com, 650-867-1122
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- ◆ **Mike Zampiceni*** www.mikezamp.com

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



ACCORDION HAPPENINGS

LIVE IN-PERSON & ONLINE/VIRTUAL EVENTS

Gordon Kohl Workshops (Virtual) gkohl5890@gmail.com
3rd Sundays each month - Topics vary monthly

Chemainus Accordion Festival, Vancouver Island August 13
cvas.ca/event/accordion-festival/
Contact: membership@cvas.ca

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

33rd Carrefour Mondial Accordion Festival - September 2-4
Montmagny (Chaudière-Appalaches), Quebec, Canada
Contact: projets@accordeonmontmagny.com
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Not Just Oompah - Virtual- contact laurajniland@outlook.com
September 11-13 - **Matt Tolentino** (*Music of the Golden Age, early jazz, early swing & ragtime*)

The Northeast Squeeze-In
September 16-18 — Litchfield, Connecticut
Contact: lynnh1947@gmail.com Web Site: squeeze-in.org

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September 29 - October 2 — Joseph, Oregon
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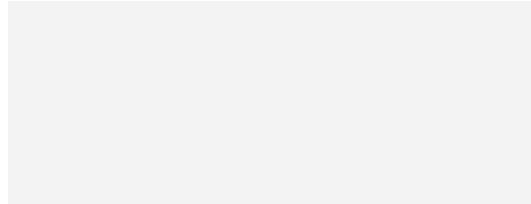
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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM
MIKE ZAMPICENI & STUDENTS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
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SEPTEMBER: Chetcuti doors open at 2:00 PM,
performance begins approximately 2:30 PM

See email for link to online streaming

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