



# THE AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION AAA FESTIVAL JULY 15-19, 2009

## ELECTRONIC ENTERTAINMENT

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Own Choice Show/Entertainment Program.

### COMPETITION RULES:

1. Playing Time: Maximum 15 minutes; minimum 12 minutes. Failure to observe the time limits will result in a penalty.
2. There will be one (1) round, except when there is more than 8 candidates. Then a preliminary round will be held to select up to 8 finalists for a Gala Evening Concert. Candidates shall play the same own choice program for the preliminary round and the final round if two rounds are required.
3. External sound modules, i.e. MIDI modules, may be used. Backing tracks including SMF, audio files, CD or MP3 player, etc. MAY NOT BE USED.
4. The American Accordionists' Association (AAA) will provide a mixer sound system with a mixer plug-in for 1 or 2 channels and a single power plug (local plug) of 120 volt. The candidate must supply any additional power strips, quad boxes, etc. to plug in any additional electronic equipment.
5. The contestant must provide 1/4 inch standard audio (mono) cables necessary for the performance. No RCA, DIN, BIN plugs should be used. The AAA will not be responsible/required to provide for any adaptors for any plugs other than standard 1/4 inch MONO plugs.
6. All digital/MIDI/electronic/acoustic accordions of any make, model or manufacturer may be used. The electronic/digital/module volume of the instrument must be controlled via bellows, foot pedal or potentiometer or any combination thereof. Instruments with touch/velocity sensitivity will be allowed but this must NOT be the primary source of volume control.
7. Rehearsal time of up to 15 minutes per candidate will be scheduled prior to the competition.
8. Performance sound set up time - maximum 3 minutes. Performance sound break down - maximum 2 minutes.

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates up to 32 years of age are allowed to enter the competition - year of birth: born 1977 or later. All entrants are required to provide proof of age when they register.

JUDGING: A panel of prominent accordionists and performers will be assembled by the AAA to judge this category. The adjudicators marks will be based on: show/entertainment; musicality; and use of digital technology. The decision of the judges will be final and cannot be challenged. First place winner must have an averaged score of 95 or above. Judges reserve the right to withhold any prize if a suitable contestant is not determined.

AWARDS\*: There will be first, second and third place awards presented when entries merit them. The AAA reserves the right to grant less or no awards based on the quality of the submissions. A cash award in the amount of \$1,000 will be presented to the 1st place winner, 2nd place will receive \$500 and 3rd place \$250. Cash awards for this category have been donated in part by the Roland Corporation. Roland will donate \$500 toward contest prizes and will issue a check in this amount to the winner. They will also provide the winner with a Roland digital accordion on loan and an all-expense paid trip to LA to compete in their Roland digital contest on September 25, 2009. The winner of this competition will go on to compete in the Roland finals in Rome.

The AAA assumes no responsibility for any damage to contestant's equipment due to voltage spikes, 'bullets' etc. Contestants must provide any/all voltage protection system for their equipment.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: June 15, 2009. Submit entry form below.

***\*Roland has donated \$500 toward the first prize. All other cash awards are provided through fund raising efforts by the American Accordionists' Association.***

### ENTRY FORM

Contestant's Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate instrument name, make and model and also note the dynamic capabilities included on your instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee of \$50.00 for this category, plus the \$25 event registration fee (if not already paid with contestant's other entries) is enclosed by

check  Visa or  MasterCard Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the titles of pieces you will play, the styles and duration of each:

	Title	Style (i.e., Waltz, Tango, etc.)	Time
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

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