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## *The Maddalena Belfiore*

### ENTERTAINMENT COMPETITION for FEMALE ACCORDIONISTS

Competition sponsored by the Mauro Greco family, under the auspices of the AAA

**Thursday, July 16, 2009**

If you are an entertainer, an accordionist and female, be sure to enter The Maddalena Belfiore Entertainment Competition for Female Accordionists. Age limit: maximum 32 years as of December 31, 2009. Prior first place winners are not eligible.

According to contest originator, Sylvia Prior, "This competition is to promote accordion through recognition of female accordionists in the entertainment field, while honoring Maddalena Belfiore as one of the outstanding female accordionists of her time."

**Prizes:** \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second prize, \$250 third prize. If eight (8) or more accordionists compete, fourth and fifth prizes may be awarded, \$150 and \$100 respectively.

**Instrument and Limitations:** Competitors may play any kind of accordion; however, MIDI, amplification or electric devices are not allowed. No singing is permitted. Competition is based upon playing the accordion as a solo instrument, in conformity with the competition rules.

**Entry Fee:** \$50 entry fee, plus \$25 event registration fee (if not already paid with contestant's other entries) must accompany Entry Form (below).

**Closing Date:** Entries must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2009. On-line entries will be accepted until that date.

**Time and Place:** Competition will be held at the Holiday Inn Suites, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111. Draw for position will take place on Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 pm.

**Music Requirements:** Competitor's repertoire must consist of at least four (4) different selections. Three pieces will demonstrate three (3) different styles and moods, e.g.: Tango, Jazz, Virtuoso Variations on Themes, French Musette, Polka, Swing, Semi-Classical, etc., and a fourth selection, which must be either one of these two Belfiore compositions: Valse Diane or Pan Polka\*. Contestants are not required to supply any music for judges.



Maddalena Belfiore



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\*Music can be ordered from

Ernest Deffner Publications, P.O. Box 11663, Alexandria, VA 22312 703-941-9300

Website: [www.accordions.com/deffnermusic](http://www.accordions.com/deffnermusic)

**Time Limit:** Playing time, excluding brief breaks between pieces, may not exceed 15 minutes, nor be less than 12 minutes.

**Penalties:** There will be point penalties for any infraction of the rules including time limits.

**Judging Criteria:** Entrants will be judged on musical ability, professional presentation, appropriate attire, projection and rapport with the audience. Judges' decisions will be final and cannot be challenged. Judges reserve the right to withhold any prize if a suitable contestant is not determined.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:** Contest Chairman, Mary Tokarski 203-484-5095; Fax 203-335-2048 or at the address below.

#### ENTRY FORM

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

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

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

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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