



# THE AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION

presents

*The Vivian Vivio Stolaruk*

## International Entertainment Competition for Accordionists

July 15-19, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Suites

3700 Central Ave. • Memphis, TN 38111 • For Reservations: 901-678-8200

**\$2,000**  
First Prize

**\$750**  
Second Prize

**\$250**  
Third Prize

Accordionists from all countries are welcome to enter this International Entertainment Competition. It is for acoustic solo accordion only -- either piano accordions or chromatic accordions. No electronics, amplification or microphones are permitted. Age limit: maximum 32 years as of December 31, 2009. In addition to musicianship and a varied, entertaining program, contestants will be judged on basis of originality, professionalism and stage presence. Specific requirements are listed below. If the first place winner is a United States citizen, he/she may be asked to represent the American Accordionists' Association at the Coupe Mondiale for the year 2009.

- **ENTRY INFORMATION:** The American Accordionists' Association must receive entry form accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of US \$50 plus \$25 event registration fee (if not already paid with contestant's other entries) must accompany Entry Form (below) no later than June 15, 2009. Payment must be in US Dollars (check drawn on a US bank), or with a credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). There is an entry form on the reverse side of this circular. Additional forms can be found at the AAA website: <http://www.ameraccord.com> or may be requested from the AAA.

Entries are subject to acceptance by the Executive Committee. In the case of non-acceptance, the applicant will be advised in writing of the reason(s) for refusal and, if early enough, will have an opportunity to remedy the problem. Non-payment of fees by the entrant will constitute reason for non-acceptance.

Competition registration and selection of playing position will take place on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the AAA registration desk of the Holiday Inn Suites, Memphis. The competition will begin on Thursday, July 16, 2009, and may continue on to another day.

- **MUSIC REQUIREMENTS:** Contestants are required to play their own choice program consisting of at least four different compositions. Each selection should exemplify a different musical style, character and mood, such as Pop, Jazz, Latin, Blues, Cajun, Zydeco, Musette, Folk, etc. (Classical music is not acceptable in this entertainment category.) A minimum of 12 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes playing time is required, excluding breaks and/or brief pauses in the program. If contestant chooses to make announcements, they must be brief. A copy of each piece of music, or a lead sheet, must be submitted with the entry form. Printed music is required on published works; photocopies may be used only if the music is out of print and manuscript form will be accepted for unpublished, original compositions.

NOTE: Depending upon the number of participants, the highest scoring contestants may be required to repeat their program in full or part in a playoff. After having competed, all contestants may be asked to perform a three-minute segment of their program in a non-competitive setting for a video tape which shall be the sole property of the American Accordionists' Association.

- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Suitable ability and compliance with the rules are required for prizes. Contestants will be scored on basis of a 100-point maximum. No monetary prizes will be awarded to a candidate who scores below 90 points for first place, 85 points for second place and 80 points for third place. Judging will be done by a panel of qualified musicians and/or people within the entertainment field. Rule infractions will result in point penalties and possible disqualification. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all cases. Prior first place winners of this competition may not compete again.
- **HOTEL INFORMATION:** Holiday Inn Suites, 3700 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111. For reservations, call 901-678-8200 and request the special AAA room rates at \$99.00 plus tax (same for single, double, triple, quad) and mention American Accordionists' Association.

*All prizes for the Vivian Vivio Stolaruk International Entertainment Competition have been donated by Steve Stolaruk in divine remembrance of his wife, Vivian Vivio Stolaruk.*

The AAA Festival will run from Wednesday, July 15 through Sunday, July 19, 2009. Plan to attend the concerts, workshops, contests, exhibits and other activities which will take place.

**AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION**

Contest Chairman, Mary Tokarski

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### Entry Form

**Deadline for Entries: JUNE 15, 2009**

*One form per contestant. Please type or print clearly.*

ENTRY FEE: US \$50.00 plus \$25 event registration fee (if not already paid with contestant's other entries) must accompany this Entry Form. **NO REFUNDS**

check or money order  Visa  MasterCard

Card no. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ If under 21, parent or guardian signature is required below.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

***Photo of contestant and biographical information must accompany Entry Form.***

#### PROGRAM (Please list selections)

Title	Composer	Time Length	Music Style	Music Enclosed
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Performance Time \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that the American Accordionists' Association is not responsible for any delay, bodily injury, or loss or damage to the property of the participating contestants or spectators. I hereby attest that all information given is correct and that I am familiar with and will abide by the rules governing the contest.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of the Competitor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*If under 21, parent or guardian signature required.*

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**Mail this entry to American Accordionists' Association, c/o Mary Tokarski, Contest Chairman  
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