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Westmont Philharmonia
Accordion Orchestra

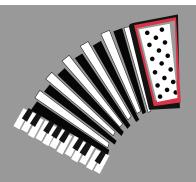
Mary Mancini & Mario Tacca

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Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra

Joanna Darrow, Conductor

The **Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra** was founded in 1960 by Stanley Darrow and Roman Pawlowski. The ensemble has toured in Canada, Iceland, Germany, France, The Netherlands, Serbia, and the Czech Republic. The orchestra was directed by Stanley Darrow until his passing and then by Joanna Arnold Darrow. The orchestra has recorded several LPs and CDs. Membership in the orchestra is by Audition.

Joanna Arnold is the personal protégé of Stanley Darrow. During her studies at the Acme Accordion School, she covered all aspects of musical training, specializing in music of the Baroque period and chamber music. Joanna has studied with Guy Klucevsek, and also composition and analyses with Dr. E. Avril. Performing in conjunction with bassoon, harp, harpsichord, strings, and piano, she has brought the accordion to the attention of local professional musicians and to members of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, for which she now serves as staff accordionist. Joanna is Director of the Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the AAA, Accordionists and Teachers Guild International (ATG), and A World of Accordions Museum. She has also been appointed adjunct accordion instructor for accordion majors at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.



Mary Mancini and Mario Tacca

Internationally acclaimed vocal artist **Mary Mancini** has been featured in the New York Times, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and the Journal News and has performed in a variety of venues around the world. Able to sing in eight different languages, Mary draws from a deep repertory reservoir. She is adept at pop, showtunes, operatic arias, and sacred music and has received worldwide acclaim. Mary has headlined numerous concert halls and festivals in North America, Europe, and China, and has performed at the Garden State Arts Center, Resorts International Casino Hotel, Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, and Mohegan Sun Resort Casino in Connecticut.

Accordionist **Mario Tacca** is a multiple International and National Competition winner, a prolific composer, teacher, recording artist, and dedicated AAA governing board member for many years. As a duo, the husband-and-wife team have performed together for over 40 years, sometimes clocking up as many as 200 concerts in a season. Dynamic entertainers, they engage audiences with musical genres that span classical, pop, gospel, and traditional music from Italy and France. As a popular performing duo, Mary and Mario have completed two concert tours of China.

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