



AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION

88th Anniversary Festival - August 13-16, 2026

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 13, 2026

5:30pm	Registration Desk opens (until 7:00pm)	Ballroom Foyer
6:00pm	Welcome Reception	Ballroom Foyer
	<i>featuring Don Gerundo and Ray Oreggia</i>	
7:00pm	Welcome Concert	Ballroom B
	<i>featuring The Accordion Pops Orchestra</i>	

Friday, August 14, 2026

9:00am	Registration Desk opens (until 11:30am)	Ballroom Foyer
	Exhibit Room opens (until 11:30am)	Forrest Room
	Competitions (until 11:30am)	Academy Room
10:15am	Workshop #1 presented by Guenadiy Lazarov (until 11:05am):	
	"Accordion Repair"	Ballroom B
11:30am	Friday Luncheon Concert (ticket required)	Salon D
	<i>featuring The Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra</i>	
1:00pm	Registration Desk opens (until 5:30pm)	Ballroom Foyer
	Exhibit Room opens (until 5:30pm)	Forrest Room
	Workshop #2 presented by Joe Natoli (until 1:50pm):	
	"Home Recording"	Ballroom B
2:00pm	Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #1 (until 4:15pm)	Ballroom B
2:30pm	Beginner Adult Band Rehearsal #1 (until 3:30pm)	Walnut Room
3:00pm	Social Hour for Registered Attendees not in the Festival Orchestra	Ballroom Foyer
	<i>featuring Ray Oreggia</i>	
5:30pm	Pasta Night and Entertainment (ticket required)	Salon D
	<i>featuring Frank Busso Sr, Frank Busso Jr, and Alex Chudolij</i>	
7:30pm	Gala Concert (ticket required)	Ballroom B
	<i>featuring Joe Natoli, Peter Stan, and The Trifilio Trio</i>	
9:00pm	After-Hours Club - <i>bring your accordion!</i>	Walnut Room



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Saturday, August 15, 2026

9:00am	Registration Desk opens (until 11:30am)	Ballroom Foyer
	Exhibit Room opens (until 11:30am)	Forrest Room
	Competitions (until 11:30am)	Academy Room
10:15am	Workshop #3 presented by Peter Stan (until 11:05am):	
	"Balkan Music"	Ballroom B
11:30am	Saturday Luncheon Concert (ticket required)	Salon D
	<i>featuring Cody McSherry, Nathan Chapeton, and The Melichenko Trio</i>	
12:45pm	Registration Desk opens (until 7:00pm)	Ballroom Foyer
1:00pm	Exhibit Room opens (until 5:30pm)	Forrest Room
1:00pm	Workshop #4 presented by Emmanuel Trifilio (until 1:50pm):	
	"History of the Tango"	Ballroom B
2:00pm	Awards Concert	Ballroom B
	<i>featuring Entertainment AAA, Open Senior Ensemble, and Competition Prizes</i>	
3:30pm	Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #2 (until 5:15pm)	Ballroom B
	Beginner Adult Band Rehearsal #2 (until 4:30pm)	Walnut Room
6:00pm	Cocktail Reception	Ballroom Foyer
	<i>featuring Don Gerundo</i>	
7:00pm	Gala Banquet (ticket required)	Ballroom B
	<i>featuring the 2026 AAA Festival Orchestra conducted by Peter Peluso and The Frank Busso, Jr. Trio with Henry Tyszler (Violin) and Bill Hones (Bass)</i>	
9:00pm	After-Hours Club - <i>bring your accordion!</i>	Walnut Room

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00am	Breakfast (ticket required) and Open Meeting	Salon D
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