



# AAA United States Piano Accordion Competition

Prizes funded by the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Fund

To further popularize the AAA-Commissioned repertoire, the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Committee is offering \$3,500 in cash prizes to the winners of this United States competition for piano accordionists who are U.S. citizens. Over the years, Maestro Carrozza himself premiered most of the AAA-commissioned works and he is most familiar with this important legacy to the accordion world.

This competition requires accordionists to choose one of the listed commissioned pieces, one of the accordion standards and one or more pieces of entertainment value – all to be performed in a single program to demonstrate well-rounded musicianship.



**\$2,000**  
First Prize

**\$1,000**  
Second Prize

**\$500**  
Third Prize

**Entry Fee:** The Contestant must be sponsored by an AAA member or pay the annual \$65 AAA membership fee in order to compete. Entry fee of \$60 must accompany the Entry Form (below), plus \$35 event registration fee (unless paid with other entries) and additional \$65 for non-sponsored entry.

**Instrument Requirements:** Competitor must perform program with an acoustic accordion as a solo instrument, in conformity with the competition rules.

**Age Limit:** Maximum 32 years as of December 31, 2012.

**Closing Date:** Entries must be postmarked no later than June 10, 2012. On-line entries will be accepted until that date.

**Time and Place:** Competition will be held July 11-15, 2012 at the Sheraton City Center, 101 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 as part of the AAA Festival. Draw for Position will take place Wednesday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m.

**Music:** Printed copies of published material is required. Two copies must be submitted to Contest Chairperson on the first day of the event. Performance must be from memory **with the exception of the AAA Commissioned Works segment where music can be used.**

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

**Music Requirements:** Competitor's program must consist of three sections as outlined below:

**I - SELECT ONE**

AAA Commissioned Works

- Pavana and Rondo, *Carlos Surinach*
- Iridescent Rondo, *Henry Cowell*
- Tzigane, *Alexander Tcherepnin*
- Cooper Square, *Wallingford Reigger*
- Embryo Suite, *Paul Creston*

**II - SELECT ONE**

Standard Repertoire

- Waltz Allegro, *Charles Magnante*
- Scherzo, *John Gart*
- Agitato, *Eugene Ettore*

**III - SELECT ONE OR MORE**

Own Choice, Entertainment

- Jazz
- Latin
- Musette
- Polka etc.,
- NO CLASSICAL

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

**Judging Criteria:** First place winner must have an averaged score of 95 or above. Entrants will be judged on musicianship, appropriate attire, professional presentation and rapport with the audience. Judges' decision will be final and cannot be challenged. Judges reserve the right to withhold any prize if a suitable contestant is not determined.

**WINNERS will be obligated to perform at the Awards Concert at the event and/or a future Carrozza Scholarship Fundraiser, if requested.**

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**ENTRY FORM**

Contestant's Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

AAA Member Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Entry Form and Fees (\$60 for sponsored entry, plus the \$35 event registration fee, if not already paid with contestant's other entries) and additional \$65 for non-sponsored entry by  check  Visa  MasterCard or  Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check:

- Entry Fee (\$60)
- Registration (\$35)
- Non-sponsored Entry (\$65)

Please list titles of the Pieces you will play and duration of each:

I – AAA Commissioned work \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

II – Standard Repertoire Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

III – Own Choice Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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