



THE AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION AAA FESTIVAL JULY 11-15, 2012

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Own Choice Show/Entertainment Program.

COMPETITION RULES:

1. Playing Time: Maximum 15 minutes; minimum 12 minutes. Failure to observe the time limits will result in a penalty.
2. There will be one (1) round, except when there is more than 8 candidates. Then a preliminary round will be held to select up to 8 finalists for a Gala Evening Concert. Candidates shall play the same own choice program for the preliminary round and the final round if two rounds are required.
3. External sound modules, i.e. MIDI modules, may be used. Backing tracks including SMF, audio files, CD or MP3 player, etc. MAY NOT BE USED.
4. The American Accordionists' Association (AAA) will provide a mixer sound system with a mixer plug-in for 1 or 2 channels and a single power plug (local plug) of 120 volt. The candidate must supply any additional power strips, quad boxes, etc. to plug in any additional electronic equipment.
5. The contestant must provide 1/4 inch standard audio (mono) cables necessary for the performance. No RCA, DIN, BIN plugs should be used. The AAA will not be responsible/required to provide for any adaptors for any plugs other than standard 1/4 inch MONO plugs.
6. All digital/MIDI/electronic/acoustic accordions of any make, model or manufacturer may be used. The electronic/digital/module volume of the instrument must be controlled via bellows, foot pedal or potentiometer or any combination thereof. Instruments with touch/velocity sensitivity will be allowed but this must NOT be the primary source of volume control.

7. Rehearsal time of up to 15 minutes per candidate will be scheduled prior to the competition.
8. Performance sound set up time - maximum 3 minutes. Performance sound break down - maximum 2 minutes

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates up to 32 years of age are allowed to enter the competition - year of birth: born 1980 or later. All entrants are required to provide proof of age when they register.

JUDGING: A panel of prominent accordionists and performers will be assembled by the AAA to judge this category. The adjudicators marks will be based on: show/entertainment; musicality; and use of digital technology. The decision of the judges will be final and cannot be challenged. First place winner must have an averaged score of 95 or above. Judges reserve the right to withhold any prize if a suitable contestant is not determined.

AWARDS: There will be first, second and third place award presented when entries merit them. The AAA reserves the right to grant less or no awards based on the quality of the submissions. A monetary stipend in the amount of \$500 will be awarded if the winner of this category chooses to represent the AAA in the Coupe Mondiale Digital Competition.

The AAA assumes no responsibility for any damage to contestant's equipment due to voltage spikes, 'bullets' etc. Contestants must provide any/all voltage protection system for their equipment.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: June 10, 2012. Submit entry form below.

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 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.	_____	_____	_____

Please Check:

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

Entries will NOT be accepted without program pieces, style and timing.

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