



CARMEN CARROZZA MEMORIAL AWARD COMPETITION

Prizes funded by the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Fund

To further popularize the AAA-Commissioned repertoire, the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Committee is offering \$8,000 in cash prizes to the winners of this competition for all acoustic accordionists (piano and button keyboards). Over the years, Maestro Carrozza himself premiered most of the AAA-commissioned works and he was most familiar with this important legacy to the accordion world.



The Open Division of this competition requires accordionists to choose one of the listed commissioned pieces, one of the Standard Repertoire pieces and one or more pieces of entertainment value – all to be performed in a single program to demonstrate well-rounded musicianship. Participants may NOT repeat a selection from a previous winning program.

The Junior Division of this competition requires accordionists to choose one of the listed original pieces, one of the Standard Repertoire pieces and one or more pieces of entertainment value – all to be performed in a single program to demonstrate well-rounded musicianship. Participants may NOT repeat a selection from a previous winning program.

WINNERS will be obligated to perform at the Awards Concert on July 15th at the Princeton SqueezeFest and/or a future Carrozza Scholarship Fundraiser if requested.

PRIZES:

Open Division (up to 32 years of age):

1st prize - \$3,000 2nd prize - \$1,500 3rd prize - \$750

Junior Division (up to 15 years of age):

1st prize - \$1,500 2nd prize - \$750 3rd prize - \$500

OPEN DIVISION:

I – SELECT ONE

AAA Commissioned Works

Iridescent Rondo (Henry Cowell)
Four Nocturnes (Robert Russell Bennett)
Prelude & Dance (Paul Creston)
Pavanna & Rondo (Carlos Surinach)

II – SELECT ONE

Standard Repertoire

Vivo (John Gart)
Prelude and Scherzo (Eugene Ettore)
Omaggio A Pietro (Pietro Frosini)

III – ENTERTAINMENT OWN CHOICE

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

JUNIOR DIVISION:

I – SELECT ONE – Original Works

Cascade (Carmen Carrozza)
Parisian Musette (Carmen Carrozza)
Spring Caprice (Pietro Deiro)

II – SELECT ONE

Standard Repertoire

Pioneer Concerto (Eugene Ettore)
Quick Silver (Pietro Deiro)
Mimicri (Pietro Deiro)

III – ENTERTAINMENT OWN CHOICE

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

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COMPETITION RULES:

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 fully completed Entry Form (below) plus the additional \$65 for a non-sponsored entry. Entries not fully completed will be not be accepted.

Instrument Requirements: Competitor must perform the program with an acoustic accordion as a solo instrument (piano or button keyboard), in conformity with the competition rules.

Age Limit: *Open Division* – Maximum 32 years of age as of June 1, 2017 (closing date for entries)

Junior Division – Up to 15 years of age as of June 1, 2017 (closing date for entries)

Closing Date: Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2017. Online entries will be accepted until that date.

Time and Place: The competition will be held on July 13-14, 2017 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, New Jersey. Draw for Position will take place on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

Music: Printed copies of published material is required. Two copies must be submitted to the Contest Chairperson at the Draw for Position. Performance must be from memory with the exception of the AAA Commissioned Works segment, where music CAN be used.

Time Limit: *Open Division:* Playing time, excluding brief breaks between pieces, may not exceed 15 minutes, nor be less than 12 minutes. ***Junior Division:*** Playing time, excluding brief breaks between pieces, may not exceed 12 minutes, nor be less than 9 minutes.

Music Requirements: Competitor's program must consist of at least three sections outlined on front of this form. To order required music selections for the Carrozza Competition, please visit www.ernestdeffner.com and select the AAA link near the top. Participants may NOT repeat a selection from a previous winning program.

ENTRY FORM

Contestant's Name (First) _____ (Last) _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

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

Judging Criteria: Entrants will be judged on musicianship, appropriate attire, professional presentation and rapport with the audience. Judges' decision will be final and cannot be challenged.

AAA Member Sponsor: _____

Send Entry Form and Fees (\$60 for sponsored entry, and additional \$65 for non-sponsored entry) by

☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover or ☐ American Express

Card # _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____ Cardholder _____

Please list titles of the Pieces you will play and duration of each: Security code (required) _____

I – AAA Commissioned work (*Open Division*) _____ Time: _____

OR Original Work (*Junior Division*) _____ Time: _____

II – Standard Repertoire Piece _____ Time: _____

III – Own Choice Entertainment _____ Time: _____

Please Check:

☐ Entry Fee (\$60)

☐ Non-sponsored Entry (\$65)

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