



# AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION

*85th Anniversary Festival - July 12-16, 2023*

## *Tentative Schedule of Events*

### **Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

- 3:00pm Registration Desk opens (until 5:00pm)  
*Registration allows admission to exhibits, workshops, and regular competition categories*
- 4:00pm Competitions begin  
Workshop (until 4:50pm): Beginner Adult Band Workshop & Rehearsal, by Dee Langley
- 5:00pm Exhibit Rooms open (until 9:00pm)
- 7:00pm Meet and Greet
- 8:00pm Reception (included with Festival Registration)
- 9:00pm After Hours Club - *bring your accordion!*

### **Thursday, July 13, 2023**

- 8:00am Junior Festival Orchestra Rehearsal (until 9:00am)
- 9:00am Registration Desk opens  
Exhibit Rooms open (until 11:30am)  
Workshop: AAA Composers' Commissioning Projects, by Dr. Robert Young McMahan  
Competitions throughout the day
- 10:00am Workshop #3: Tips & Tricks for Successful Accordion Gigging, by "Papa Joe" De Clemente
- 11:30am Accordion Day at the King of Prussia Mall (5 miles from the festival hotel)
- 3:30pm Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #1 (until 5:30pm)  
Registration Desk reopens
- 6:00pm Pasta Night and Entertainment (ticket required)  
***featuring AAA champion Mario Tacca, acclaimed vocalist Mary Mancini,  
and the Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra***
- 9:00pm After Hours Club - *bring your accordion!*



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### Friday, July 14, 2023

- 8:00am Junior Festival Orchestra Rehearsal (until 9:00am)
- 9:00am Registration Desk opens  
Exhibit Rooms open (until 3:30pm)  
Workshop: TBD  
Competitions throughout the day
- 10:00am Workshop: TBD
- 11:30am Luncheon Concert (ticket required)
- 1:30pm Workshop: AAA Past, Present, & Future, by Frank Busso Sr.
- 2:30pm Workshop by Grayson Masefield
- 3:30pm Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #2 (until 5:30pm)
- 6:30pm Gala Concert (ticket required)  
***featuring Grammy winner Joey Miskulin, world champion Grayson Masefield, AAA champion Mario Tacca, and the Accordion Pops Orchestra***  
Reception immediately following concert (ticket required)
- 9:00pm After Hours Club - *bring your accordion!*

### Saturday, July 15, 2023

- 8:00am Junior Festival Orchestra Rehearsal (until 9:00am)
- 9:00am Registration Desk opens  
Exhibit Rooms open (until 3:30pm)
- 10:00am Workshop: Phrasing, Dynamics, & Musical Styles, by Joey Miskulin
- 11:30am Entertainment AAA
- 1:00pm Awards Concert
- 3:30pm Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #3 (until 5:30pm)
- 6:00pm Cocktail Reception
- 7:00pm Gala Banquet (ticket required)

### Sunday, July 16, 2023

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