



AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION

85th Anniversary Festival - July 12-16, 2023

Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

3:00pm	Registration Desk opens (until 8:00pm).....	Ballroom Foyer
3:30pm	Competitions	Academy Room
5:00pm	Workshop: Playing with Others, including Beginner Adult Band rehearsal by Dee Langley	Salon E
	Exhibit Room opens (until 9:00pm).....	Walnut Room
7:00pm	Meet and Greet	Ballroom Foyer
8:00pm	Reception (included with Festival Registration)	Salon D
9:00pm	After Hours Club - <i>bring your accordion!</i>	Salon E

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00am	Junior Festival Orchestra Rehearsal (until 9:00am)	Ballroom B
9:00am	Exhibit Room opens (until 11:30am).....	Walnut Room
	Registration Desk opens (until 11:30am)	Ballroom Foyer
9:30am	Workshop: The Indefatigable Elsie Bennett and the AAA Composers Commissioning Committee, by Dr. Robert Young McMahan	Salon E
	Competitions	Academy Room
10:30am	Workshop: Tips & Tricks for Successful Accordion Gigging, by "Papa Joe" De Clemente.....	Salon E
12:00pm	Accordion Day at the King of Prussia Mall (5 miles from the festival hotel)	
2:00pm	Exhibit Room reopens (until 3:30pm)	Walnut Room
	Registration Desk reopens (until 7:00pm)	Ballroom Foyer
3:30pm	Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #1 (until 5:30pm)	Ballroom B
7:00pm	Pasta Night and Entertainment (ticket required).....	Ballroom B
	<i>featuring AAA champion Mario Tacca, acclaimed vocalist Mary Mancini, and the Westmont Philharmonia Accordion Orchestra</i>	
9:00pm	After Hours Club - <i>bring your accordion!</i>	Salon E



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Friday, July 14, 2023

8:00am	Junior Festival Orchestra Rehearsal (until 9:00am)	Ballroom B
9:00am	Exhibit Room opens (until 11:30am).....	Walnut Room
	Registration Desk opens (until 11:30am)	Ballroom Foyer
	Workshop: Arranging Your Favorite Songs to Play with Accordion Friends by Dee Langley	Salon E
	Competitions	Academy Room
10:00am	Workshop: Eugene Ettore's Contributions to 85 Years of the AAA by Rita Davidson Barnea.....	Salon E
11:30am	Luncheon Concert (ticket required)	Ballroom B
	featuring world champion Grayson Masefield, AAA Coupe Mondiale representative Nathan Chapeton, and the Westmont Accordion Club	
1:30pm	Workshop: AAA Past, Present, and Future, by Frank Busso Sr.	Salon E
	Exhibit Room reopens (until 3:30pm)	Walnut Room
	Registration Desk reopens (until 6:30pm)	Ballroom Foyer
	Beginner Adult Band Rehearsal.....	Ballroom B
2:30pm	Workshop: Bellows and Articulation Control, by Grayson Masefield.....	Salon E
3:30pm	Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #2 (until 5:30pm)	Ballroom B
6:30pm	Gala Concert (ticket required).....	Ballroom B
	featuring AAA champion Mario Tacca, the Accordion Pops Orchestra Grammy winner Joey Miskulin, and world champion Grayson Masefield	
	Artist Reception immediately following concert (ticket required)	Salon D
9:00pm	After Hours Club - <i>bring your accordion!</i>	Salon E

Saturday, July 15, 2023

9:00am	Junior Festival Orchestra Rehearsal (until 10:00am)	Ballroom B
	Exhibit Room opens (until 11:30am).....	Walnut Room
	Registration Desk opens (until 11:30am)	Ballroom Foyer
10:00am	Workshop: Phrasing, Dynamics, & Musical Styles, by Joey Miskulin.....	Salon E
10:20am	Competitions	Academy Room
12:30pm	Awards Concert and Entertainment AAA.....	Ballroom B
	Exhibit Room reopens (until 3:30pm)	Walnut Room
	Registration Desk reopens (until 6:00pm)	Ballroom Foyer
3:30pm	Festival Orchestra Rehearsal #3 (until 5:30pm)	Ballroom B
6:00pm	Cocktail Reception.....	Ballroom Foyer
7:00pm	Gala Banquet (ticket required).....	Ballroom B
	featuring the 2023 AAA Festival Orchestra, The US Air Force Strolling Strings, and the AAA Lifetime Achievement Award presentation to Frank Busso, Sr.	
9:00pm	After Hours Club - <i>bring your accordion!</i> - will begin after Gala Banquet ends.....	Salon E

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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