December, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE San Francisco Accordion Chamber Ensemble

ACE ENSEMBLE

 SFAC Accordion Circle
"Open Stage" Solo Opportunities SFAC Holiday "Jam Band"
All are encouraged to participate

Chetcuti Community Room — Millbrae, CA 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

It's holiday season for the SFAC! On December 16, the Accordion Circle/Jam Band will get in the spirit by knocking out holiday-themed music. Robert, who has graciously undertaken the task of maintaining our various jam books, will be most happy to send you the sheet music ahead of time (contact him at <u>drrcoop@sbcglobal.net</u>). And of course we will have jam books in binders at the meeting.

Our holiday meeting will also feature solos and/or duets performed by members wanting to try out their works-in-progress or personal favorites.

On top of that the **San Francisco Accordion Chamber Ensemble** (better known as **ACE**) has

prepared a short program of pieces by Mozart, arranged by Joseph Smiell. Current ACE performers include: Lynn Ewing, Michael Zampiceni, Anne Metais, Reno Di Bono, Barbie Wong, Tseli Wu, and Grigoriy Krumik and/or Ron Borelli. ACE has been going strong since 1995! They are looking for new members and rehearse on Mondays in San Mateo from 10:45-12:45. Questions about ACE? Contact Lynn Ewing (<u>EwingLynn@gmail.com</u>).





Save the Date — May 19, 2019 Cory Pesaturo

Looking ahead, we have some truly exciting performers lined up for our January, March and May programs. Remember, in odd-numbered months we feature well-known performers, and in even-numbered months we gather for our informal "Circle/Jam Band" format. We are excited beyond words to announce that world-famous Cory Pesaturo has accepted our invitation to perform and direct the entirety of our May 2019 meeting! In all likelihood Cory will take advantage of his trip to the Bay Area to appear in some other venues - we will keep you informed as soon as more details emerge. Among his many achievements, in 2009 Cory became the first American to win a World Accordion Championship since Peter Soave won 25 years earlier! Cory is a BIG name in our accordion world - this is one you won't want to miss. So hold the date, May 19, 2019. And don't forget to come to our Holiday extravaganza on Sunday, December 16!



The SFAC Board of Directors finally stood still long enough to get a group photo taken! Current BOD members are: Ken Schwartz, Lynn Ewing, Robert Cooperstein, Elaine Cooperstein and Rosemary Busher.

November Thanksgiving Week Event Summary

by Ken Schwartz

November's event was our Thanksgiving musical feast!

Lynn Ewing welcomed all and noted the **2019 Accordion Babe Calendars** are now available for \$15 at the club (or \$20 on-line) and include a CD. Also, our Accordion Club T-shirts are available for \$20. [Both items will also be available for sale at the December 16 meeting.]

Dmytro (Dima) Oliinychenko





Lynn introduced Dima, who joined the club only recently and wowed us with his accordion performance at our October Accordion Circle. Born and raised in the Ukraine, Dimi is a theoretical physicist at the

Lawrence Berkeley Labs. He's also a talented accordionist, trained in Moscow!

Dima opened with *Passacaglia* (George Friedrich Handel), followed by his rendition of the famous tango standard, *La Cumparsita* (Rodriguez), followed by Ukrainian folk song *Sadom, sadom* (Ukr. Садом, садом, кумасенька) (arr. A. Ivanov), reflecting his Ukrainian heritage. Next, Dima played a lovely arrangement of *Adios Nonino* (Astor Piazzola), which beautifully demonstrated both his skills and the lovely tones from his Colombo Accordion. Next, he performed *La Valse des Monstres* (Yann Tiersen) from the movie "Amelie" followed by *J'y Suis Jamais Allé* (also by Yann Tiersen). Dima finished with a thrilling rendition of *Virtuoso* (V. Kornev) followed by an encore presentation. What a great pleasure to

have Dima join the club and entertain us with his lively performance of great tunes, tones, and technique! Please return soon!

Intermission – Lynn Gave Thanks and Encouraged All to Join the Club



Lynn reminisced how she joined the San Francisco Accordion Club about 25 years ago, after Frank Montoro's daughter heard her play and introduced her to her father, who in turn invited Lynn to visit and join the club (editor's note: please see full article by Lynn in the October, 2018 newsletter). Little did she know how much it would change her life – she has met so many wonderful friends, learned how to play in a group and in orchestras, visited Castelfidardo, Italy and Switzerland, and participated in many amazing accordion events. Lynn noted how thankful she

is for having joined our club and hopes those who are not yet members will be encouraged to join the club and enjoy the opportunity to share music together with this special instrument.

In honor of Thanksgiving week, the club hosted an extended social break and especially sumptuous refreshment table today. Lynn also introduced a special guest today, Bill Tapogna. Bill is president of the San Jose Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS). The raffle and door prize drawings led us in to the 2nd half of our musical program.







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Featured Performers – The Peter Di Bono Trio



The Peter Di Bono Trio has been a long-time favorite and needs no introduction to our club. Peter has been the premier San Francisco accordionist for many years, he teaches and was the president of this club three times, and is multitalented. Peter was joined by his equally-talented colleagues: Harriet Newhart on the violin and Steve Hanson on the bass.

The trio opened with their wonderful standard *Innamorata*, followed by *Fasci-nation Waltz*, a French waltz medley, *Memory* (from "Cats", Lloyd Webber). The talented trio followed up with their tradition of encouraging requests from the audience, in response to which they performed *New York*, *New York*, *All I Ask of You*, *A Chorus Line - One*, *Are you Lonesome Tonight? Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *La Vie en Rose* (Édith Piaf), *All of You*, *Forgotten Dreams* (Leroy Anderson), and a medley of Irving Berlin Tunes, including *Puttin' on the*

Ritz, Top Hat, White Tie and Tails, and Cheek to Cheek, followed by Singin' in the Rain (Nacio Herb Brown).

We were then treated to a special surprise appearance by the Sfarzos – Maryann and Ron. Maryann sang a vivacious *I Can't Give You Anything but Love, Baby* and *Bye Bye Blackbird*. Husband Ron joined her on his accordion for her last tune, *It Had to Be You* (they've been married for 49, going on 50 years!).

Peter's daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law Nic and their young son, Dominic,



were his special guests today. It was a special day for the family – it was grandson Dominic's birthday. Dominic was serenaded to a treat – a splendid rendition of



Happy Birthday performed by the trio and sung by all in attendance.

The trio finished their set with requests including *Beer Barrel Polka*, *Sweet Georgia Brown*, and *Begin the Beguine* (Cole Porter). Many thanks to the trio for their seamlessly smooth performance of so many favorites and to Maryann and Ron Sfarzo. They make it all look so easy!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!





Dr. Scott T. Anderson is member of the American College of Rheumatology, the American College of Physicians, and the San Francisco Accordion Club. He is shown here on the occasion of his 60th birthday, preparing for a difficult surgical procedure on an accordionthemed birthday cake. Asked about that, he stated it was always difficult to take a knife to a lovely cake, but the risk was offset by the benefit: each person at the party received a delicious slice of a oneof-a-kind cake!



SFAC November 18, 2018













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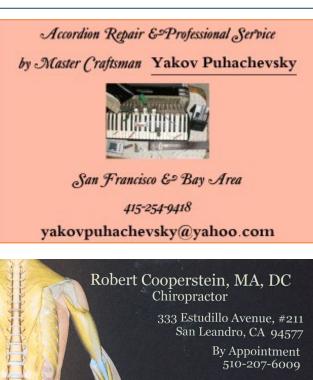
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If you have donated and your name doesn't appear here, please contact <u>elainedc@sbcglobal.net</u>. We greatly appreciate your support and we want to be sure you are recognized.

2019 San Diego Accordion Camp

By Pamela Tom

The 2nd annual San Diego Camp will be held April 4-6, 2019 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM at the Mangia Italiano Restaurant, 248 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, CA.

Last year Steve Marshall and I attended the inaugural San Diego Accordion Camp (SDAC) and had a great time learning new accordion skills to improve our playing ability and confidence as soloists. The SDAC emphasizes individual performance. There will be no competitions or orchestra at this event. There is room to accommodate about 20 attendees with their accordions at the SDAC. The course is coordinated and taught by veteran performer and instructor, Gordon Kohl, who gives excellent presentations that are clear and supported with handouts. I am signed up for camp again and hope to see you there!



This year's camp will use "First 50 Songs You Should Play on the Accordion" arranged by Gary Meisner for the textbook. We will review several popular tunes including *Libertango, Cherokee* (Indian Love Song), *The Phoenix Love Theme* (Senza Fine), and more. Gordon will explain the application of chord cadences and progression, building introductions, harmony, rhythm, bellow technique, expression and theory.

The enrollment fee of \$189/person will cover: textbook, parking, course materials, notebook and lunch.

Sign-up by March 15, 2019.

For an enrollment form or further information, contact Gordon Kohl -- Phone: (619) 395-0454 Email: <u>GordonKohl@GordonKohlAccordions.com</u>

Music Lessons

Peter Di Bono 415-699-8674 peterdsf@gmail.com www.peterdibono.com



Jet Black Pearl Performing in December!

Hello California friends!

I'm very happy to come back in the Bay Area next week. It has been a whole year! Since then, I've sung my songs in NYC, London, Munich, Amsterdam, Montpellier, Edinburgh...

I hope to see your faces very soon.

Dec 12, 8 - 11pm - The Bistro in Hayward <u>http://www.the-</u> bistro.com free entry

Dec 13, 7pm - **House concert in Alameda**. Houses are often my favorite venues! If you're interested in coming to Alameda, let me know and I'll get you in touch with the organizer. \$10 - \$20 sliding scale. And if you wish to invite me to do a show at your house, please let me know, too!



Dec 14 5pm with the Amazing Bubble Man in **Stinson Beach** <u>http://stinsonbeachcommunitycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/unnamed.jpg</u>

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Membership Update & Welcome New Members!

SFAC members, our membership drive for 2018-19 is officially concluded. As of December 1, we are pleased to report that 85% of our members have renewed, somewhat in excess of the rate we have seen in recent years. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all of you who have renewed. We depend on membership dues to keep us financially solvent and in a position to continue supporting accordion music and musicians.

Two people took the leap and joined the SFAC at our November meeting! Say hello to **John Baylo** of San Mateo and **Tom Herman** of Burlingame, our newest members. Tom just hap-

pened to get into a conversation with one of our existing members, and that is how he found us. The ultimate social media network is simpler than Facebook - just tell people that you like and play accordion music, and good things will come of it.



Best wishes for 2019 and beyond,

Robert Cooperstein Membership Coordinator, SFAC

SFAC Scholarships

Scholarships are **now** available for accordion students studying with teachers who are SFAC members in good standing. Preference is given to students who demonstrate dedication to pursuing the study of the accordion. Contact **Mike Zampiceni** for a scholarship application.

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Artist and retired Architect Fred Bisharat shown here with his **II Duetta Musica** painting. Paul Aebersold and Gloria Gazave are truly honored to have this lovely rendition and extend their gratitude.

ACCORDION HAPPENINGS

Accordion Orchestra Retreat 2019

January 17-20, 2019 — Houston, Texas

Music Director: Stas Venglevski, *Special Guest:* Mischa Litvin Houston Accordion Orchestra + Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra Retreat designed for serious ensemble accordionists. For information, contact Megumi at <u>meghada33@gmail.com</u>



National Accordion Association 2019 Convention March 7-9, 2019 Hyatt-Regency - Richardson, Texas www.accordions.com/naa

San Diego Accordion Camp

April 4-6, 2019

Manga Italiano Restaurant - Chula Vista, California Contact Gordon Kohl: <u>GordonKohl@GordonKohlAccordions.com</u> 619-395-0454

Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration

June 20-23, 2019 Leavenworth, Washington www.accordioncelebration.org

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29th Annual Festival July 23-27, 2019 Denver, Colorado www.atgaccordions.com/2019-festival

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<u>Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC)</u> <u>gsaccordionclub.netfirms.com</u> Contact: Jean Stevens, President (916) 872-8081 <u>accordionriffs@gmail.com</u>

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GSAC Sacramento Chapter 4th Wednesday at 6:30 pm (2018) **3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm** (starting Jan. 2019) Elks Lodge No. 6 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento

<u>Good Time Accordion Club (GTAC)</u> 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. Escalon Community Center 1055 Escalon Ave, Escalon Contact: Ed Sciarini (209) 545-3603

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS) 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Lutheran Church Hall, 6365 Douglas Blvd, off Hwy 80, Granite Bay Contact: Jim Shoemaker (916) 443-0974

Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS) 1st Sunday at 1pm. Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue (corner of Kiely), San Jose www.svasociety.org \$5 for members, no charge under 16

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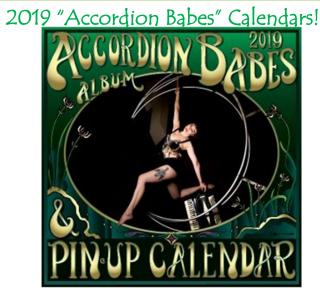


Scott Anderson missed our recent meeting, but for a good cause. **Para Ti Global**, a non-profit devoted to assisting children, held a fund-raiser at his home in Fairfield to raise money for victims of the Camp Fire. Luke and Sophia, Scott's children, founded Para Ti. Scott's wife Camille organizes the events. Scott's role? Playing accordion music, and ordering pizza. See <u>www.paratiglobal.org</u> if you wish to donate to this cause.

Event Reviews:

We are seeking a few members to assist with the monthly event summaries. This is a great opportunity to express your creative writing skills while assisting your club!

Please contact Ken Schwartz at Kenneth.E.Schwartz@gmail.com



The photos in the 2019 Accordion Babes Calendar combine a timeless 1940's pin-up aesthetic with modern photography, appreciating women and accordions in a way that's sensuous, fun, and inspiring. On the 2019 Accordion Babes CD (included), each Babe has shared one of her songs on an album that's eclectic, passionate, and wildly alive.

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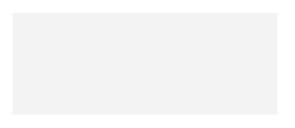
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