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Crispelli's BAKERY PIZZERIA BERKLEY

The MAS Monthly Music Events are held at Crispelli's Pizzeria and Bakery on 28939 Woodward Ave near 12 Mile Rd. in Berkley, MI. This location is more centralized with our membership base. Monthly events will be held in their Club Room starting at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM Accordion playing in the restaurant from 5:30—7:00 PM.

June MAS monthly music event featuring our annual kids performance. Come support the future of the accordion! We also will have open mike so bring your accordion.

The location is Crispellis Bakery and Pizzeria in Berkley at 28939 Woodward Ave. Near 12 Mile Rd.

The event is on the THIRD Thursday of the month. June 21st.

Accordion playing starting at 5:30 in the restaurant, the doors to our private room open at 6:30pm with the music at 7:00pm.

This is always one of our most popular events so come join in the fun.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember to visit our MAS Events Website for the very latest events

June21st. Thursday MAS student night at Crispellis

July 14th SECOND THURSDAY of the month at Stahls Auto Museum in Chesterfield featuring a performance and Roland Workshop by Cory Pesaturo along with a special private tour of an amazing car museum,and more. Details to follow.

LAS VEGAS International Accordion Convention August 8-11, 2016 See flyer inside

July 15-17 Italian Festival Cory Pesaturo appearing

August 6-7th Madonna Vineyards in Traverse City Opera House wth VIP seating and wine and food after the show where you will meet the singers and musicians. On Sunday a wine tour at Ciconne Vineyards with wine and food sampling. MAS members get special pricing for both days for just $30 per person. Visitors will need to arrange for their own transportation and overnight lodging. Both days feature music by MAS members. Contact Joe Recchia for more info.

August 21st Frank Petrilli. Visiting from California..more info to follow

July 8th ATG convention in Buffalo, New York http:// www.ameraccord.com/

THANK YOU! 700 LIKES

The Michigan Accordion Society has reached its 2015 Goal in obtaining 700 Facebook Likes. Thank you to all who have made it possible! Remember, to stay better connected with up-to-date MAS information and special interest articles, please visit and "Like" our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/michiganaccordionsociety It's a great and active social media site for the Accordion!

FOR MORE EVENTS AND INFO VIST OUR EVENTS PAGE at www.michiganaccordion.org/events

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

BOB BERTA MAS Vice President

You may be wondering where our President Joe Recchia's column went for this issue. I decided to give Joe a break as he has been swamped at work plus dealing with selling his existing house and moving to his new home.

First a very BIG thanks for all those that helped work on our MAS float for the Memorial Day parade in St. Claire Shores. With an attendance of over 35,000 people we certainly got noticed! All of the members and family that rode on the float did a great job. I was particularly moved by the vets we passed who saluted us and tipped their hats. They gave a lot and we thought our float was a great way to thank them for their service.

Lets give a round of applause to our 2016 Honorary Member Emeritus, Peter Soave. He has been a huge supporter of the club.

Our annual Student Night is coming for our June event. We expect a few excellent accordion performances by our next generation of accordion students. We will have some surprises for those students also. So please come to support them. We also will have some time for Open Mike.

We have put together an awesome event for our July meeting. Our featured performer is Cory Pesaturo who will not only perform for us but give a Roland Workshop for the Roland afficiandos. NOTE this will NOT be on our normal meeting date due to Corys availability. Instead it will be on Thursday, July 14th from 6:00-9:00pm. Besides an amazing night of music, the location will add to your enjoyment. We have booked a PRIVATE EVENT and tour of the STAHLS AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION. This is one of the finest collections of cars in the world. You will see hundreds of cars including Duesenbergs, Tucker, Meisenhelder, Pierce Arrow, and many others. In addition the museum is the home to one of the finest Theater Pipe Organs in Michigan. I know the director of the museum who is an organist of renown and we will be able to hear some tunes played on the organ. They also have a huge collection of automated music playing machines (like a player piano only on steroids). One of them even has a player accordion. This promises to be one of the coolest meetings we have ever had so plan to attend. The museum is off 26 Mile Road in Chesterfield Township at 56516 North Bay Dr. There is plenty of parking available. More details to follow but this is one event you do NOT want to miss this summer. Bring the whole family!

Due to the tight schedule for this newsletter we will be sending out more details on the upcoming events in email flashes.

MAS News & Accordions around town

ACCORDION FRIENDLY OPEN MIC LOCATIONS

Many of our members enjoy attending not only MAS but OPEN MIC clubs in the area. There are a few outstanding Open MIC clubs that are particularly popular with our members. An OPEN MIC club has attendees sign up to play 2-3 tunes when they arrive. On any given night you will hear just about every possible type of instrument, different types of music such as folk, country, jazz, classical, and some light pop music. The performers skill level ranges from the low end to professionals but everyone supports all the players whatever their ability and it is common for attendees to get together for future duets, combos, etc. Ages range from young to "well seasoned" and all are family & Accordion friendly events. Please help us by supporting our partners below and attend their events:

THE SHELBY MUSIC SOCIETY—Meets the second Saturday of each month from 7:00-10:00pm at the Shelby Senior Center Auditorium on Van Dyke near 23 Mile Rd. Shelby Township, MI. Center is located at the rear of the city library. Admission is by donation. Attendees often bring desserts to share at the break.

THE STARKWEATHER ARTS CENTER IN ROMEO—Meets the fourth Friday of each month from 7:00-10:00 pm. Admission is $4 for non-members and $3 for members. Location is at 219 N. Main St. in Romeo, MI

SLOVENE AMERICAN CLUB, Melvindale, MI Accordion Jam, Every Friday Night 7:00 pm, MAS Members welcomed!

Also check out www.openmicdetroit.com for more locations to investigate and if you find a friendly Accordion location, please let us know so we can post the event on our Facebook page and on our Website!

MAS Vice President **Bob Berta** played for St. Isidore Catholic Church in Macomb Township weekly Friday Fish Fry's between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. His played for 3 hours each night with many people returning every week to hear him. He was very popular and the attendance jumped to over 600 every night. He is already booked for next year so if you missed him….you can drop by next Lenten season. Bob volunteered to play gratis on behalf of the Michigan Accordion Society. Fellow MAS member **Jim Rand**, his wife and Jim's twin sister attended all the Fridays and on three of the nights joined Bob for some strolling and duets.

MAS AT St. Claire Shores Memorial Day Parade

Over 300 floats and groups entertained the 35,000 people at the 64th annual St. Claire Shores Memorial Day Parade. This is the largest parade in Michigan and our entrée received lots of positive compliments. We had lots of fun doing this for a very enthusiastic crowd!

MAY MEETING

Our featured performer was our MAS member Andy Caruso and his daughter. A special thank you to Andy for bringing in 2 Detroit celebrity musicians. Ralph Armstrong on Bass was joined by Billy Cairo on drums. Due to Andy's support this event really helped us obtain the much needed funding to support our Memorial Day float! A special thanks to all whjo came out to enjoy a great night of music. We also took the opportunity to surprise Ralph Armstrong with a birthday cake since it was his birthday.

One of our young club members won't be available for the Youth Night so came a month early. Lukas Stachurski is one heck of a musician and we are in awe of his talent and stage presence!

Peter Soave Returns to Michigan

Detroit native and accordion virtuouso Peter Soave came to Detroit area during March. In a busy schedule he performed at several musical events. He was joined by many other local musicians in outstanding performances. Here are a few pictures including Peter accepting a plaque recognizing his long time support of the club and promotion of the accordion. He is recognized now as a Member Emeritus.

Peter Soave Comes to Michigan and awarded our 2016 Honorary Member Emeritus

EDDIE MONTEIRO AND LOCAL JAZZ GREATS…WOW

LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION CONVENTION

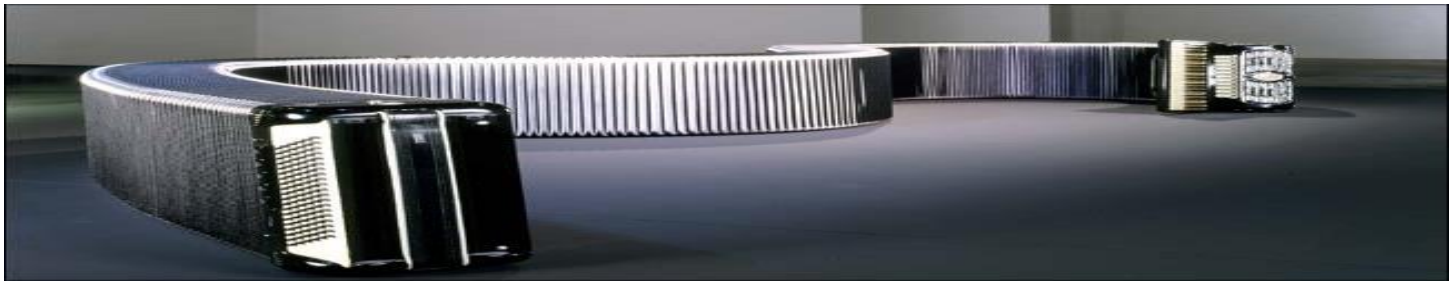
MAS MAKES LARGE DONATIONS TO NAA & AAA

The Michigan Accordion Society made large donations to the **National Accordion Association** and the **American Accordion Association**. These donations were from our Scholarship Fund. We are proud to recognize the good these organizations do to support young musicians who play accordion. Our scholarship fund is seeded with money donated by several of our members who requested that it be used specifically for this purpose. Our scholarship fund is ongoing and we encourage you to consider donating or remembering it in your estate planning.

We would also like to thank member Cory Pesaturo for helping us make the presentation on behalf of the club to the NAA.

On behalf of the National Accordion Association, I want to extend my personal thanks to the Michigan Accordion Society and Joe Recchia for your generous donation which is being used for accordion endeavors for kids. We were able to use the funds to supply two accordions to two students transitioning from piano to the accordion (they are taking lessons in piano now only) . We also offered those students a $150 prize for their new accordion teacher to teach these students lessons on the accordion. In addition we gave another scholarship to a student who competed in accordion. Lunch was provided for the kids, and a First Lesson on the Accordion workshop for Kids, taught by Brian Berlin of Pearland iSD, assisted by Ina Yakubeika of Accordion Renaissance and Jane Christian, master teacher. I will provide more information to you and pictures of the whole process: the Competition for kids on piano and accordion, the First Lesson for Kids and the awards in Another separate memo and article which i will be writing within the next week. It was a successful program overall and extremely exciting, witnessed by Michael Bridge, master V-accordioin artist from Canada, as well as Maureen Jarosh from Canada, Master teacher and conductor for accordion. About 75 people in attendance.
Again Thank you ... Without your generous donation, this would not have been possible. Thank you for helping kids learn more about the accordion.
Laura Jean Niland, NAA Convention Coordinator 2016

LETS TALK ACCORDION



The recent popularity of electronic accordions has created a whole new type of accordion. In fact they aren't so new as electronics have been used to add more tones or instruments to accordions for quite a while. Some of you may remember the early CordoVox and later the Accorgans. I had one of the original Accorgans imported by Iorio. It consisted of a regular accordion with internal electronic organ modules made by Yamaha.

The next generation of electronic accordions took advantage of MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface). MIDI is a set of standards so different brands and equipment could be coupled together and work with each other. These are currently still popular and perhaps are the most versatile since they connect to any MIDI sound module or even multiple modules. As new modules come out the user can add or update and keep the original MIDI controller in his accordion. A MIDI controller is simply a set of buttons or knobs on the accordion that lets the player call up a preprogrammed choice of different tones quickly without having to choose each individual sound for treble, bass, and chords. I currently have an Iorio/Colombo MIDI II+ which is an excellent MIDI accordion. I have had it for 23 years and still enjoy playing it. There is a downside to a MIDI accordion as described above. They require the accordion, sound module/s, connecting cables and an amp and speaker. This means a lot of equipment must be carted around and setup and taken down.

The current generation including the Roland have several advantages over the MIDI accordion. First and most important is that all the electronics including speakers and battery power are inside the accordion so no additional gear is needed in many cases. But if playing for a larger group you can plug it into a keyboard amp or PA system. These type of accordions are really a "virtual" accordion. Unlike the MIDI accordions they do not have any reeds….all accordion sounds are synthesized through sampling of real accordions. And unlike a real accordion these accordions can have multiple types of accordion in one accordion. I have over 50 different types of accordions in mine….Italian, German, French, Jazz, Irish, Bayan, Bandoneon, Concertina, etc. plus you can create your own custom accordion types. Each accordion type will have all the registers just like a real accordion. Since they are really synthesizers in a accordion interface, they can have many additional instruments or tones…pianos, violins, flute, horns, percussion and so on. Evidently the other manufactures realize that this is the next BIG thing for accordions. There is already a competitor in Europe and Bugari just announced that their reedless accordion will soon be released.

I will be first to admit that an electronic accordion isn't for everyone! I still enjoy playing my acoustic accordions and while the electronic accordions have a lot going for them there are some cons. Perhaps the most important one is that if the power source dies you have a door stop! That being said the batteries last a long time….usually a lot longer than I can! But 4-5 hours is not a problem…and you can always swap out to a spare battery.
The sound volume of these accordions is adjusted by the bellow acting on a pressure switch and is just as responsive as the real thing….but the one area they still can't match the real deal is in a bellows shake. I have never been a bellows shake fan so that is a non-issue for me. While some people love them, others have an issue with getting away from the traditional accordion. My own feeling is that there is a place for both the purists and the electronic aficionados. The accordion has seen an amazing history of variations, improvements, and customization in the last 100 plus years since it was invented. I think that if we want to continue to see the accordion return to its level of popularity back in the 50s and 60s we need to realize that the electronic accordions are very popular to the players and audiences. I have heard several keyboard players tell me that the accordion is helping them get out from behind the keyboard and out in front of the audience like the guitar players

One thing not discussed much is getting kids introduced to the accordion. In the past this has been difficult as the cost of a regular accordion is quite expensive when compared to a student guitar or other instrument. A traditional accordion is not a simple instrument to build…lots of skilled labor $$$ is required. The virtual accordions, like the Roland, do not require the level of crafts people of a real accordion, just a cast case with several printed circuit boards and wiring. For that reason they could be made cheaper, faster, and without a need for artisans. That can help reduce the price to a point where they could be a reasonable alternative to other student instruments. Several members of our club now own these electronic accordions so if you are curious you may want to talk to them to get a demo…and try one out. Even the long time purists are giving them a try. Steven Kaye, our past president, told me he wasn't interested in anything other than his Hohner Gola and Scandalli Super VI. But guess what…he now has a Roland 8x and loves it.

Member Silven Koltyk, a conservatory trained musician, has a very large number of classical piano selections that he has transcribed for stradella bass piano accordion. These are faithful and excellent transcriptions. He has made them available at nominal cost to our members and other non-member accordionists. Below is a listing of what he has done to date. He says he is always adding more. If interested just call him at the phone number at the bottom of the list. I have tried some and they are first rate!

Piano Selections Transcribed for Accordion

"Aria"	Alessandro Scarlatti
Two Part Inventions 1-15	J.S.Bach
Menuet(French Suite III)	"
Minuet(G)	"
Polonaise(G min)	"
March(D)	"
Minuet(G min)	"
March(G)	"
Minuet(D min)	"
Bourree(Suite in E Min)	"
Minuet(G)	"
Minuet(G min)	"
The Merry Farmer	R.Schumann
Gavotte(Suite XIV)	G.F.Handel
Divertimento	F.J.Haydn
Reverie	P.Tchaikovsky
Soldatenmarch March(OP.68,No.2	R.Schumann
Sarabande	Corelli

Preludes Book II(Well-Tempered Clavier) J.S.Bach
- Prelude No.2
- Prelude No.20

Preludes Book I(Well Tempered Clavier) J.S.Bach
- Prelude No.2
- Prelude No.3
- Prelude No.10
- Prelude No.13
- Prelude No.17
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- 2016 MAS Membership Dues Expire December 31 of 2016
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2016 CY Sliding scale for new single members/ Spouse & Family plans are:
Jan—Feb = $30.00/$20.00
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I express my talent as:

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