



# AAA United States Piano Accordion Competition

Prizes funded by the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Fund

To further popularize the AAA-Commissioned repertoire, the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Committee is offering \$3,500 in cash prizes to the winners of this United States competition for piano accordionists. Over the years, Maestro Carrozza himself premiered most of the AAA-commissioned works and he is most familiar with this important legacy to the accordion world.

This competition requires accordionists to choose one of the listed commissioned pieces, one of the accordion standards and one or more pieces of entertainment value – all to be performed in a single program to demonstrate well-rounded musicianship.



**\$2,000**  
First Prize

**\$1,000**  
Second Prize

**\$500**  
Third Prize

**Entry Fee:** \$50 entry fee must accompany Entry Form (below), plus \$25 event registration fee.

**Instrument Requirements:** Competitor must perform program with an acoustic accordion as a solo instrument, in conformity with the competition rules.

**Age Limit:** Maximum 32 years as of December 31, 2010.

**Closing Date:** Entries must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2010. On-line entries will be accepted until that date.

**Time and Place:** Competition will be held July 14-18, 2010 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel, 4500 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111 as part of the AAA Festival.. Draw for Position will take place Wednesday, July 14 at 3:00 p.m.

**Music:** Printed copies of published material is required. Two copies must be submitted to Contest Chairperson on the first day of the event. Performance must be from memory.

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

**Music Requirements:** Competitor's program must consist of three sections as outlined below:

**I - SELECT ONE**

*AAA Commissioned Works*

Pavana and Rondo, *Carlos Surinach*

Iridescent Rondo, *Henry Cowell*

Aria, *William Grant Still*

Cooper Square, *Wallingford Reigger*

Herricks Road, *Karen Fremar*

**II - SELECT ONE**

*Standard Repertoire*

Waltz Allegro, *Charles Magnante*

Pietro's Return, *Pietro Deiro*

The Jolly Caballero, *Pietro Frosini*

**III - SELECT ONE OR MORE**

*Own Choice, Entertainment*

Jazz

Latin

Musette

Polka etc.,

NO CLASSICAL

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

**Judging Criteria:** First place winner must have an averaged score of 95 or above. Entrants will be judged on musicianship, appropriate attire, professional presentation and rapport with the audience. Judges' decision will be final and cannot be challenged. Judges reserve the right to withhold any prize if a suitable contestant is not determined.

**WINNERS will be obligated to perform at the Awards Concert at the event, if requested.**

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**ENTRY FORM**

Contestant's Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee of \$50.00 for this category, plus the \$25 event registration fee (if not already paid with contestant's other entries) is enclosed by:

check  Visa or  MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Please list titles of the Pieces you will play and duration of each:

I – AAA Commissioned work \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

II – Standard Repertoire Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

III – Own Choice Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Contest Chairman, Mary Tokarski**

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