



AAA 2010 Festival - July 14-18 - Hershey, PA

Schedule of Events



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010

- 2:00 p.m. Registration Desk Opens (until 6:00 p.m.).....Lower Level Foyer
Registration Fee is \$25 for AAA members; \$30 for non-members
which allows admission to exhibits, workshops and all regular competition categories as well as participation in the Massed Band and Festival Orchestra.
- 3:00 p.m. Draw for PositionBirch Room
Belfiore Competition, Digital Accordion, and Piano Accordion Competition(s)
CompetitionAsh & Hemlock Rooms
- 3:00 p.m. WorkshopFir & Elm Rooms
Presenter: Mary Kathryn Archuleta – **“Accordion – More Than One, Lots of Fun!”**
- 4:30 p.m. Festival Orchestra Rehearsal - Dr. Emilian Badea, conductor.....Salon A & B
- 5:00 p.m. Exhibits (until 9:00 p.m.)Chestnut & Dogwood Rooms
- 7:00 p.m. Press and Squeeze PartyLower Level Rooms & Foyer
- 8:30 p.m. Jam Session for all ParticipantsLower Level Rooms & Foyer

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens (until 11:00 a.m.).....Lower Level Foyer
- 8-9:30 a.m. Festival Orchestra Rehearsal - Dr. Emilian Badea, conductorSalon A & B
- 9-11:30 a.m. Exhibits Open.....Chestnut & Dogwood Rooms
- 9:30 a.m. CompetitionAsh & Hemlock Rooms
- 11:00 a.m. Massed Band Rehearsal - Candy Kisses, Frank Busso, conductorSalon A & B
- 11:30 a.m. Depart for Hershey Park Performance and Day of FunLobby
- 7:00 p.m. Exhibits Re-open until 9:00 p.m.....Chestnut & Dogwood Rooms
- 8:00 p.m. **CABARET NIGHT* “A Potpourri of Accordion Music”**Salon A & B
Performers include: The Potomac Ensemble, Dom Karcic & Ray Oreggia,
Dr. Robert Young McMahan, Joe Natoli, John “Elvis” Moceo, 2009 special category
winner, Bruce Gassman and more!!
Cash Bar and Dessert Buffet
Followed by Open Mic and Jam until ?? so be sure to BYOA (accordion, that is)

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Open until 11:30 a.m.Lower Level Foyer
- WorkshopFir & Elm Rooms
MIDI Basics & Application – Getting the Most Out of Your Digital Accordion
Presenter: Joe Natoli. Two things that people struggle with are MIDI and applying MIDI to their digital accordions or sound modules
- 9:00 a.m. Competitions ResumeAsh & Hemlock Rooms; Salon A & B
- Exhibits Open (until 11:30 a.m. and re-open at 1:00 p.m.).....Chestnut & Dogwood Rooms
- 9:30 a.m. WorkshopFir & Elm Rooms
Join us as we host students from the Hershey School to participate in
“An Accordion What is That?” a presentation of an early reader about the accordion.
Presenters: Karen Malan-Urbe, author, Joan Grauman, illustrator and, Mary Tokarski,
narrator and accordionist. Followed by a hands-on experience in the exhibit room for the ...
students.
- 11:30 a.m. **LUNCHEON CONCERT***Salon A & B
Featuring: Beverly Roberts Curnow, Vladimir Mollov (accordion) and Annie Moger (violin)
and others to be announced.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010, continued

- 1:00 p.m. Registration Open until 3:00 p.m.Lower Level Foyer
- Exhibits re-open until 5:00 p.m.Chestnut & Dogwood Rooms
- Competitions resumeAsh & Hemlock Rooms; Salon A & B
- 1:30 p.m. Workshop:Fir & Elm Rooms
Presenter: Dr. Robert Young McMahan
The Evolution of the Accordion Concerto: From Before Deiro to the Present
- 2:45 p.m. Workshop: **Remembering Art Van Damme**.....Fir & Elm Rooms
Presenter: Ray Oreggia (assisted by Dom Karcic) will share some of the highlights of the late Art Van Damme’s legacy. Audience is invited to share stories and bring memorabilia.
- 4-5:30 p.m. Festival Orchestra Rehearsal - Dr. Emilian Badea, conductor.....Salon A & B
- 6:30 p.m. Registration Opens for Ticket Sales.....Ballroom Foyer - Lobby Level
- 7:00 p.m. **GALA CONCERT AND RECEPTION***Salon A & B
Mary Tokarski will premier the AAA Commissioned Work - *Tango Blues* a quartet by Roger Davidson, w/Christina Busso on Flute, and Violist and Cellist to be announced; The Busso Trio w/Frank, Christina and Frank, Jr.; Martynas Levickis, winner of the 2009 AAA Piano Accordion Competition; Vladimir Mollov; and The Alex Meixner Band.
Reception will follow the concert in Salon D with refreshments and cash bar.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Workshop: **Inside a Judge’s Head**.....Fir & Elm Rooms
A panel of judges will answer questions from contestants as to what the judge looks for in a performance
- Exhibits (close for lunch from 12-1:00 p.m.)Chestnut & Dogwood Rooms
- 10:00 a.m. Competition.....Art & Hemlock Rooms, Salon A & B
- Workshop: **Music Therapy**.....Fir & Elm Rooms
Presenter: Gabriel Hall-Rodriguez, a recent graduate of Arizona State University.
- 11:00 a.m. Workshop: **Classic Rock Accordion 2 Bruce**.....Fir & Elm Rooms
Presenter: Bruce Gassman addresses Bass & Rhythm Techniques for 60’s Rock ‘N Roll
- 1:00 p.m. Festival Band.....Salon A & B
- 1:30 p.m. Awards and Concert.....Salon A & B
- 3-4:30 p.m. Festival Orchestra Rehearsal - Dr. Emilian Badea, conductor.....Salon A & B
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour (cash bar)Ballroom Foyer - Lobby Level
- 7:00 p.m. **BANQUET*** with EntertainmentSalon A & B
Massed Band performance of Candy Kisses conducted by Frank Busso
Festival Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Emilian Badea, to perform:
Moonlight Serenade, Glenn Miller Medley, Spanish Rumors (with ballroom dance team), ...
Libertango, Vivaldi Concerto in Fa minore (Winter) with Chris Gorton accordion soloist,
and Hungarian Dance No. 5.

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST***, Open Meeting and Farewell.....Salon A & B

***Indicates separate charge if not purchased with event package**

Rooms are subject to change. Any change will be posted in the Ballroom foyer on the Lobby Level and at the Registration Desk in the Lower Lobby.

Salon A & B are part of the Commonwealth Ballroom and are located on the Lobby Level Competitions, Exhibits and Workshops are located on the Lower Level.