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the San Francisco Accordion Club NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING April 17



Steve Albini at the Marin Italian Film Festival

Playing for us in April is STEVE ALBINI

The Italian phrase “passione e fuoco,” “passion and fire,” truly describes the music of singer and multi-instrumentalist Steve Albini. His performances of Italian music fused with jazz and world rhythms have brought him international acclaim. He has enchanted audiences throughout the United States and Italy with a blend of musical virtuosity and artistic passion. Steve’s live performances span Italian, world, jazz and Latin American genres. As a studio musician he is often called upon by artists, composers, and producers to add his touch to their projects. In June 2010 Steve joined Roland Corporation as a V-Accordion product specialist and product manager. On behalf of Roland Steve is often on the road performing at accordion and music festivals and giving V-Accordion clinics.

Joining Steve will be Jim Lehmann on drums and percussion and John Douglas on woodwinds.

also playing at our meeting will be . . .

Bay area duo, **Harper & Reed** (Ann McChesney-Young of Berkeley, and **Dr. Ron Bean** of San Francisco) weave accordion and autoharp (chorded zither) into a delightful music experience. They play Celtic, French, and American tunes bound to set your heart, if not your feet, dancing.



Steve Albini at the Copia Concert, Napa CA

Jam Session will resume in June!

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March Meeting Re-cap

Our club's first "jam session" took place before the meeting. A surprising number of people showed up with their accordions to participate, and because of the organizational efforts and song books provided by Barbara and Vic Corsiglia, it was a success!

Randy Hicks and **Val Kieser** (*photo at right*) played three duets, with Val playing the button box on several. Val also played one solo, *Ländler* written for her by Joe Smiell.



Trio Davidé, (*photo below*) consists of **Dave Baioni**, on accordion (*nephew of the late Rusty Bartoli*); **Dave Miotke**, tenor (*singing in Italian and English*) and accordionist; and **Dave Sturdevant** on guitar. They played traditional Italian standards and some French music with an eclectic twist.

Members and guests again had the pleasure of hearing **Ron Harris** play. Ron began his accordion career at the age of 4 ^{1/2}, studying in San Francisco with **Armand Oliveras** (1941 to 1945);

Joe Lazzarin (1946 -1948); and **Angelo Cagnazzo** (1948 - 1951).

He finished his studies with **Leo Giusti** (1951 to 1954) in Daly City. When he was 13 yrs. he performed on the Horace Heidt Radio and T.V. Talent Show.

Trio Davidé will perform authentic Italian standards and arias exclusively, or any combination of the Great American Songbook with features from around the world. Contact them @ www.gigmasters.com/Italian-Band/Trio-Davide/





AbsolutAccord, (*photo above*) directed by Richard Yaus, played last. This group has performed at the *Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International*, convention held in Santa Clara and has been featured on the *Rengstorff House Summer Concert Series* and at the *Silicon Valley Accordion Society*. Players are **Lynn Ewing, Marian Kelly, David Perry, Joe Simoni, Sharon Walters Greyhosky, Norma Zonay-Parsons and Richard Yaus** (*photo below left*).



The winner of the raffle for March was Jim Holliday, who very kindly donated the money back to the club, in honor of and in memoriam to Rusty Bartoli. Thanks Jim!



ACE Ensemble gave one of its best concerts ever in Redwood City on Sunday, April 3. They played a varied program consisting of classical, folk and show tunes, under the direction of Joe Smiell and son Joseph.

On Saturday, April 2 Joe Smiell gave another ensemble workshop. Even the most advanced players learned something, and intermediates learned a lot--not only how to play in a group, but how the composer thought in order to produce the special sounds, so that playing the music actually meant something, rather than just reading notes. Many people are already asking when the next workshop will be .

Scholarship Awards

Twice a year, in April and October, our club awards scholarships to accordion students demonstrating promise to further their study and knowledge of the accordion. Scholarship Guidelines and Application forms are available at the monthly meetings or can be obtained from the club secretary, Randy Hicks - by emailing: hickr01@sprintmail.com. Completed applications are to be returned to: **Frank Montoro, 1448 Tarrytown St., San Mateo, CA 94402** by the end of either March or September to be considered for award the following month.

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Accordion Band News

Band Practice is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, monthly @ 7 p.m. at Val Kieser's home in Oakland. Please CALL AHEAD in case there is a change. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information, contact Val (510) 531-4836 or vtkacc@ifn.net

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\$2 admission donation Contact: Tony Mustaro—

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Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC)

President/CEO: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359

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The Vacaville Chapter meets monthly on the second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Creekside Bar & Grill, 555 Main Street, Vacaville.

The Humboldt Chapter meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Humboldt Swiss Club, 5403 Tompkins Hill Road, Loleta.

The Sacramento Chapter meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Contact for all three Chapters: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359

Good Time Accordion Club (GTAC)

meets monthly on the second Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Escalon Community Center, 1055 Escalon Ave, Escalon. Contact: (209) 545-3603

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS)

meets monthly on the first Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church Hall, 6365 Douglas, Blvd, off Hwy 80, Granite Bay, CA. Contact: Vince Cukar (916) 791-3041

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Play at our Meeting!

We are always grateful and accepting of anyone who wishes to play for warm up, intermission, or the first part of the meeting. Share your talent and hone your performance skills! Contact Val Kieser to sign up.

Our Sincere Thanks!

It is through the generous donations from members and friends such as those listed below that we are able to continue to provide top entertainment and offer scholarships to nurture the next generation of Accordion players. We sincerely thank all who have contributed so far this year and we hope the generosity of our members and fans will continue throughout the year! The San Francisco Accordion club is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your gifts are fully deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS.

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Jim Holliday.

*Please contact Treasurer, Marian Kelly
 at kelly.marian@gmail.com
 or (650) 854-1896
 with any donation questions.*

We Will Miss Her

Lore Warren, German born and a long time member and officer of our club, passed on recently. She will be remembered both for her love of playing German music and for her generosity and help with our club, which she was always willing to give.




Lori Warren playing in a "Biergarten" or "birreria all'aperto"

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The deadline for time critical information is the second Monday following the Monthly Musical Meeting.

All other submissions will be considered as time and space permit.

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Send items to the editor,

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\$30.00 per year for individual or family membership.

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For membership renewal, please send a check to: S.F.A.C., c/o Valerie Kieser, 3437 Crane Way, Oakland, CA 94602.

For new members, please include your name and address along with your check, as well as a phone number and email address, if you want.

Musical Meeting • April 17 @ 2 p.m.
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