

2017 27TH ANNUAL

COTATI ACCORDION Festival

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August 19th & 20th, 2017

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To Parents, Teachers, and Accordion Students:

February 7, 2017

The Cotati Accordion Festival is investing in the future generation of accordionists. Last year we awarded nearly \$1000 in scholarships. The Student Stage celebrates its third year as part of the festival. Accordion students 18 and under will be competing for a scholarship during the festival weekend: Saturday August 19, 2017. What better way to encourage young accordionists to achieve their goals! Teachers indirectly benefit as well. It's a win-win for students, parents, and teachers. These are future accordion club members, too. It is an opportunity for students to experience a public performance, be adjudicated, and win cash prize(s). Here's the procedure:

Students apply with documentation (see the 2017 application form). The teacher prepares up to four songs (about 10-15 minutes); three judges independently evaluate students based on shared criteria. Students complete the current application form and are placed into a category based on length of study and age. There is no fee for applying. Each performance category uses a tally system; the top achiever(s) in those categories will be eligible for a scholarship. Adjudication form (This guideline shows teachers how students will be evaluated).

As Student Stage Coordinator, I collect applications, organize a smooth performance schedule on the morning (c. 9:45A to 12:00P) Saturday August 19, 2017. There is an open-to-the-public student scholarship fundraiser on Friday, August 18, 2017 at Redwood Café (downtown Cotati). Everyone is welcome and invited to contribute to the scholarship fund. Your tax deductible support will help us! Come out to hear inspirational professional accordionists in an intimate setting!

Deadline: Current 2017 application and three (3) copies of each of the titles you expect to perform must be received NO LATER THAN July 1, 2017. PDFs can be emailed to CotatiAccordionStudentStage@yahoo.com

Sheri Mignano Crawford, Student Stage Coordinator

P.O. Box 2704

Petaluma, CA 94953-2704

Thank you and feel free to email or call me with any questions you might have.

Cordially,

Sheri Mignano Crawford

CASS, Student Stage Coordinator

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Cotati Accordion Festival Student Stage SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017 Today's Date _____

Students must provide the following documentation: 1. Current application form. 2. Verification email or letter from accordion teacher with proof of age (if needed) and enrollment in lessons. 3. Three (3) copies of each piece of music performed. All materials must be received by the CASS Coordinator no later than July 1, 2017.

Name _____ Birthdate: _____ Email _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Phone: _____ Teacher's Email: _____

MOBILE PHONE ON DAY OF PERFORMANCE* (Saturday): _____

*NOTE: If you are a winner, you will be called on Saturday to receive an award. It will be announced on main stage at about 2:00P on that same day. However, you need not be present to win.

Identify anticipated titles. Performance slot is approximately 10-15 minutes. You will be notified as to the specific slot as soon as application is approved.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Student Signature (or parents/guardian): _____

Application and all materials must be received no later than July 1, 2017. CotatiAccordionStudentStage@yahoo.com
Attn: Sheri Mignano Crawford, CAF Student Stage Coordinator. Box 2704, Petaluma, CA 94953-2704

Student Stage Committee will complete the following requirements: Verification Letters: _____ Time Slot: _____ Approved: _____ Not Approved: _____

Notes _____

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