SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

From The American Accordionists' Association

2013 Coupe Mondiale Qualifying Categories to be held March 16, 2013 in Whippany, New Jersey

With the AAA's 75th Anniversary Festival happening just a week before the CIA's Coupe Mondiale event in Victoria, Canada we will offer qualifying categories at the Mid-Atlantic Music Teacher's Guild Event on March 16, 2013 at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 Route 10 East, Whippany, NJ.

There are 7 Categories of competition at the Coupe Mondiale:

66th Coupe Mondiale Masters Coupe Mondiale Junior Coupe Mondiale

International Competition for Virtuoso Entertainment Music
Junior International Competition for Virtuoso Entertainment Music
International Competition for Digital Accordion
International Competition for Ensemble Music

There is also a **Best New Original Work Award** (Classical) – nominated works must be presented as part of a competitor's program, written within the last two years and performed for the first time at the Coupe Mondiale festival.

The following rules are a basic overview of the competition requirements. For exact rules for each category and general competition guidelines, please visit the Coupe Mondiale website at www.coupemondiale.org and select from the various menu choices found on pages relating to the 2013 event in Canada.

66th **COUPE MONDIALE** - *3 Rounds* — up to 32 years of age (born 1981 or later).

Test Round, Complete Original Work, Own Choice Program.

Round 1 Any Baroque work

2 own choice pieces – 1 slow, lyrical style – 2^{nd} of technical virtuosic style Individual movements from a cyclic work is acceptable –

No more than 1 movement of any piece!

Maximum playing time: 20 minutes

Round 2 Complete Original Work – no minimum or maximum

Round 3 Three or more pieces, different style and character

Minimum of 2 different composers

Minimum 20 minutes, maximum 30 minutes

MASTERS COUPE MONDIALE (formerly the International Competition for Piano Accordion) - 1 Round – Own Choice Program – 3 or more pieces.

1 Baroque – 1 slower, lyrical style – 1 technical virtuosic style

Must contain at least 1 original work

Transcriptions may be used

Individual movements may be used

Minimum 15 minutes, maximum 20 minutes

JUNIOR COUPE MONDIALE - 2 Rounds - up to 18 years of age

Program (test) and Own Choice Program

Round 1 Any Baroque Work

2 own choice pieces – 1 slow, lyrical style – 1 of technical virtuosic style

Minimum of 2 different composers Individual movements may be used

Minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes

Round 2 2 pieces of choice – 1 must be original – individual movements acceptable

Only 1 movement of any work

Minimum 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR VIRTUOSO ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC

2 Rounds – No piece repeated in rounds - up to 32 years of age (born 1981 or later).

Round 1 Own Choice Program – at least 2 pieces of different styles and moods

Maximum 9 minutes

Round 2 Own Choice Program – at least 2 pieces of different styles and moods

Maximum 9 minutes

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR VIRTUOSO ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC

2 Rounds – UP TO 18 YEARS OF AGE - No piece repeated in rounds

Round 1 Own Choice Program – at least 2 pieces of different styles and moods

Maximum 7 minutes

Round 2 Own Choice Program – at least 2 pieces of different styles and moods

Maximum 7 minutes

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR DIGITAL ACCORDION

1 Round – Own Choice Show/Entertainment Program
Maximum 15 minutes

INTERNATIONAL COMEPTITION FOR ENSEMBLE MUSIC

1 Round - Own Choice Program

2-5 Musicians – minimum 1 accordion
 No electronics (except Bass accordion amplified if necessary)
 Own Choice Program of concert music – at least 2 contrasting pieces

Minimum 15 minutes, maximum 20 minutes

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Entrants must be U.S. Citizens – Age limits as noted above

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Entry Fees: \$60 per category for AAA Member/Teacher sponsored entry. Contestants who are not currently studying with an AAA member/teacher, may enter themselves provided they (the contestant) are AAA members or have paid a fee equal to membership annual dues (\$65) in addition to entry fees.

Entries must be received by February 15, 2013