

# 2021 NOT JUST OOM-PAH! ACCORDION CONCERT & WORKSHOP

Featuring

**Cory Pesaturo**

**& Mario Pedone**



**ITALIAN: FOLK & RETRO**



**SOUTH AMERICAN RHYTHMS**

**FREE CONCERTS on FACEBOOK! (Donations appreciated)**

**Monday, June 21, 2021 7:00 - 8:00 pm Central Time**

**Mario Pedone:** <https://www.facebook.com/mario.pedone.14>

**Saturday, June 26, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 pm Central Time**

**Cory Pesaturo:** <https://www.facebook.com/corypesaturoofficial>

## ACCORDION WORKSHOP on ZOOM

**MEET & GREET \*\*\* Tuesday, JUNE 22 \*\*\* 7:00 - 9:00 pm all times Central Time**

**WORKSHOP \*\*\* Wed. & Fri., JUNE 23 & 25 \*\*\* 7:00 - 9:00 pm,**

**Thur., JUNE 24 \*\*\* 7:00 - 9:30 pm \*\*\* Sat., JUNE 26 \*\*\* 1:00 - 3:30 pm,**

**& Sun., JUNE 27 \*\*\* 1:00 - 3:00 pm REGISTRATION @ [www.NotJustOompah.org](http://www.NotJustOompah.org)**

## **\$100 for Accordionists.**

*Includes all materials delivered by email.*



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**ARE YOU 18 years old Or YOUNGER! IF SO, we are offering ONE LUCKY YOUNG ACCORDIONIST a WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP ! Check out the Scholarship Application to see if you qualify, and if so, apply today!**

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## MARIO PEDONE

Mario Pedone was born in Valenzano, a small town near Bari in Southern Italy, but his family immigrated to Valencia, Venezuela in 1959. He studied accordion under Franco Cupertino, Professor Miguel Casas Auge (founder of the Valencia Accordion Club and conductor of the Valencia Symphony Orchestra), and later from the renowned classical accordionist, Professor Roberto Ruscitti. By 1976, Mario graduated with a degree as a Professor of Accordion and founded his own accordion school: Academia Latina de Acordeon, where he taught over 125 students. Pedone was the co-founder of Orquesta Latina together with the famous Spanish singer Esteban Abarca.

By 1981, Mario and his family moved to Sugar Land, Texas, where they still live today. He has performed professionally in many countries including: Columbia, Venezuela, Sweden, Italy, Canada, Mexico and China. He has performed in many accordion festivals: Las Vegas Accordion Festival; Accordion Smash in Florida; Accordions by the Sea in Victoria and Accordion Festival in Kimberley, both in BC, Canada; Calgary Accordion Competition, AB, Canada; Theatre of the Forbidden City and the Classical and Modern Music Conservatory in Beijing, China; Music conservatory in Shenyang China; He has performed with the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

Mario is a favorite performer at accordion clubs throughout Texas and the United States. He founded the Ft. Bend County Accordion Club in 2004 and sponsored the first great accordion concert in Sugar land, TX. featuring Frank Marocco, Anatoly Yegorov, Nick Ballarini, Mario Pedone, and the vocalist Liberty Palileo. He has also sponsored concerts and tributes with Joe Vento, Sammy Thomas and Dan & Kim Christian, as well as with Martina Mai Li.

Currently Mario teaches accordion, piano and keyboard as well as creates background music and arrangements for musicians and vocalists. He teaches on SKYPE and works as a consultant for “all things accordion.” For lessons, requests for arrangements or background music for Digital Accordion, contact Mario Pedone at: [marioaccordion@gmail.com](mailto:marioaccordion@gmail.com)

## CORY PESATURO

Cory Pesaturo ( “C PEZ”) is revolutionizing the accordion. Cory is the only person to *ever* win the trio of World Championships on Acoustic, Digital & Jazz Accordion, and the only accordion graduate of the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA. In 2017, Pesaturo became a Guinness World Record Holder, as Redbull flew him to Austria to break the Marathon Accordion Record - Cory played for over 32 hours! Cory has given 2 TED Talks, 2 Google Talks, and an EG Talk, and has spoken at various other conferences on the accordion. He performed at the White House for President and Mrs. Clinton on 4 occasions and became the youngest person ever to perform at a State Dinner. His TV appearances have include: The Late Show with David Letterman, performing with Johnny Depp, and Nationally televised programs in New Zealand, Canada, Italy, Tunisia, France and Finland. Cory has a vast accordion repertoire and is not restricted to jazz. He has performed at accordion festivals and clubs, private parties and social events across USA and beyond.

Besides performing, Cory has judged accordion competitions in US, Canada and Europe and has given master classes at various universities throughout the US and Europe on the Accordion and Improvisation. He currently has an online CPEZ Accordion Academy, where students explore different aspects of accordion improvisation, music theory and more.

Cory now travels the world performing a multitude of genres with various artists, and continues to play modern music on the electronic accordion. He creates new excitement in the younger generations about the accordion and is spawning new interest for all to learn. His mission to the accordion world, is to teach all players that aiming for the “Best Musician you can be regardless of your instrument,” is far more important than trying to be the “Best Accordionist/ Instrumentalist.” You can learn more about the CPEZ Academy, SKYPE lessons, Performances, and CDS by visiting [www.CPEZmusic.com](http://www.CPEZmusic.com)