

A WORLD OF ACCORDIONS PRESENTS:

Dr. Willard A. Palmer Festival and World Accordion Day

A fundraiser for A World of Accordions Museum, 501(c)(3)

Thursday, May 4, 2023

1:00 **Accordion Concertina Music Band (ACM) Rehearsal**

Friday, May 5, 2023

Dr. Willard A Palmer Festival

- 10:00 - 10:30 **Welcome to the Dr. Willard A. Palmer and
World Accordion Day Festival**
Welcome from the CIA – Kevin Friedrich
Welcome from A World of Accordions President – Helmi Harrington, Ph.D.
Reason for this Celebration
Available Resources at A World of Accordions
Introduce the A World of Accordions Board of Directors
Welcome by City of Superior Mayor Jim Paine
- 10:45 - 11:45 **Museum Tour and Instrument Demos –
Helmi Harrington, Ph.D.**
- 12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch** – Deli sandwiches available for purchase.
- 1:00 - 1:45 **Willard A. Palmer III – Finding *YOUR* Lady of Spain**
- 2:00 - 2:45 **Intro to Diatonics and Concertinas – Helmi Harrington,
Rob Dingmann, Shelby Setnikar, Nina Ford**
- 3:00 - 3:45 **Art Bjorngjeld** – Scandinavian Humor - story-telling, traditional
folk music, and good-natured “Poke Fun at Minnesota” tales -
sponsored by Yvonne Marts

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4:00 - 4:45 **Jose Curbelo – Transitioning Teaching Traditions**

5:00 - 6:45 **Dinner Break** (on your own)

7:00 **Mihoko Goto and Chiharu Ebihara Concert**
Donations to assist with their travel expenses would be gratefully accepted.

Saturday, May 6, 2023

World Accordion Day

8:30 - 9:30 **ACM Band Rehearsal**

10:00 - 12:00 **Janie Next Door® - Music for Kids! – Jane Christison**
Kansas City's accordion-playing children's musician, Janie Next Door, starts off World Accordion Day with a performance of songs from her award-winning children's CD. Then, kids, teenagers, adults – anyone! – will be given the opportunity to “test drive” an accordion. And with over 2,250 accordion-family instruments, we've got plenty to go around. This is a **FREE EVENT**. (Donations to A World of Accordions would be gratefully accepted.)

12:00 - 12:45 **Lunch** – Deli sandwiches available for purchase.

1:00 - 1:45 **Moog Synthesizers - Influence and Future –**
Kenneth Bressler

2:00 - 2:45 **Florian Chmielewski - The Great Entertainer**

3:00 - 3:45 **A Myron Floren Tribute Concert – featuring**
Dr. Mike Middleton on accordion with
Clayton Capps, tuba; and Lance Middleton, drums

4:00 - 4:45 **ACM Band and Friends: World Accordion Music – Dee**
Langley, Conductor

5:00 - 6:45 **Dinner Break** (on your own)

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7:00 **An Oompa for the Home-comers – Dr. Anthony Bukoski and Bart Sutter with Art Bjornjeld**

Sunday, May 7, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 **Non-denominational Polka Service – Dr. Mike Middleton, accordion; Clayton Capps, tuba; Lance Middleton, drums; and Friends** — This is a **FREE EVENT** (Donations to A World of Accordions would be gratefully accepted.)

Bring your accordion to join in as part of the service and stay afterward for an open mic/jam session.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Friday, July 28, 2023 - A World of Accordions will be welcoming international visitors to the museum this week. While they are in town, AWA is planning a summit with the City of Superior Mayor, Jim Paine, as well as members of the **ATG** (Accordionists' and Teachers' Guild), **CIA** (Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes), and board members of **AWA** (A World of Accordions) to discuss the accordion in the world and how the museum fits in it.

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – Accordion superstar **Grayson Masefield** will be in concert at A World of Accordions. Tickets will be available on our website as well as at the door. This is a concert you won't want to miss.

New Zealander Grayson Masefield is the first person to win World Championships in Classical, Virtuoso, and Digital accordion categories. He is the Instrumental Music Teacher for Accordion at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, and is the founder of AOTANGO.

He studied in France with Frederic Deschamps, completed a Master in Specialized Music Performance at HEMU Lausanne, Switzerland with Stephane Chapuis, and a Masters of Studio Pedagogy from the University of Auckland. He is regularly invited to adjudicate and/or appear as Guest Artist at international competitions.

Over the years, Grayson has been invited to perform in many countries including France, Spain, Germany, UK, Portugal, Slovakia, Italy, USA, Canada, Russia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Portugal, China, Switzerland, Chile, Czech Republic, Singapore, South Korea, Austria, New Zealand, Australia, and Finland.