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Electronic Newsletter

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- **Richard She successfully completed accordion A.Mus A Diploma examination with the AMEB**

At the age of 14, Richard She completed AMEB A.Mus Accordion Diploma examination. Richard is a current 15 years and under Australian International Accordion Champion and 2008 NZ South Pacific 15 years and under Accordion Champion.

Richard is an accomplished pianist as well, and completed his AMEB grade 8 piano exam at the age of 10 !

Congratulations Richard!



- Ivan Liashenko obtained Master of Teaching Degree at the UWS

AATA Vice-President Ivan Liashenko has just recently obtained a Masters of Teaching degree at the University of Western Sydney. Ivan is an accomplished accordionist, has completed AMEB accordion A.MusA Diploma in 1997 and pursued his music teaching career by obtaining a B.A. degree in Music performance at the UWS. Ivan is teaching accordion privately as well as performing at various Club venues, mainly amongst the Uyghur community.

- Our President's brand new web site

Our President, Tania Lukic Marx, now has a brand new web site that can be viewed at :

www.pianoandaccordion.com

- FUNKORDION performance at the South Sydney Juniors Club

The FUNKORDION Ensemble performed on the 2nd of October at the South Sydney Juniors Club. The event was well attended and the ensemble's performance was enjoyed by the audience.



- **Kelvin Luu –chosen to perform at the “DIRECTORS CHOICE 2009”**

Young accordionist, Kalvin Luu, has been invited to perform at the South Western Region’s Director’s Choice 2009 . The Director’s Choice is a celebration of student, staff and community achievements. The South Western Sydney Region incorporates 274 schools, catering for almost 130,000 students. The event was held on the 29th October 2009 at the Amphitheatre Sydney Showground, Homebush.

From the message of Regional Director Tom Urry:

“Featuring 500 students aged 5 to 18 years, they are the region’s most talented singers, dancers, musicians, public speakers, visual artists and event managers-in-training. This evening is a brilliantly choreographed production and celebration of student, staff and community achievements throughout 2009....”

The Director’s choice Program consisted of 23 items for the evening, one of which was Kalvin Luu performing on the accordion and representing his school, St Johns Park Public School.

- **AMEB accordion exams**

Congratulations to Danilo Garovic who successfully completed gr3 accordion exam.

- **ROLAND demonstrated V-Accordion**

The AATA organized a ROLAND demonstration of the V-ACCORDION at the beginning of November 2009. Tracy Collins from New Zealand was in Sydney at the time and gave a demonstration of the V-Accordion to the AATA members and their parents.



- **ACCORDIGLES** participated at the charity event raising funds for Westmead Children's Hospital

On the 29th of November, Junior accordion ensemble **THE ACCORDIGLES**, performed at a charity event raising funds for Westmead Children's Hospital.



This is the message received from the events coordinator :

“ Hi Tatjana

How wonderful it was to hear your young talented players.

You have every reason to be extremely proud of the Accordiggles.

I received many favourable comments.

Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work.

With your help we were able to donate in the vicinity of \$20K to the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Thank you again.....”

Accordiggles are proud to be able to help this worthy cause!

- **The AATA Christmas celebrations.**

On the 6th of December the AATA members, their parents and the committee celebrated Christmas at the Club Marconi. Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all, and we are all looking forward to new achievements in 2010!

The AATA wishes a very merry Christmas and most prosperous New Year to all accordion lovers.

Tania Lukic-Marx
President

PHOTOS FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY





