

# AUSTRALIAN ACCORDION TEACHERS ASSOCIATION INC.



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## Electronic Newsletter

July, 2009

- **2009 Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival ~ tremendous success!**

Annual Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. Exciting line-up of International and National accordion soloists, ensembles and groups made this years event most enjoyable accordion happening.

Competitors attended from: Serbia, Croatia and Australia , with the wide variety of age competition classes covered. You can read a list of competition results at our web site at : [www.accordions.com/aata](http://www.accordions.com/aata)

Guest Artists were : Zhu Jingbai ( China) , Yen Pan ( China), Nemanja Drazic , Serbia ( 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2003 Coupe Mondiale Juniors), Mia Cojbasic, Croatia ( 4<sup>th</sup> place 2007 Castelfidardo International Accordion Competition Seniors ; 4<sup>th</sup> place 2008 Tianjin China International Accordion Competition), Accordion Ensembles : Accordigles, Funkordion, and more...

Bellow are a few photos from the Gala Concert:



For detailed report on our 2009 event as well as the information about our 2010 , please visit our web site at : [www.accordions.com/aata](http://www.accordions.com/aata)

- News from the USA from our past Australian International Champion : Bernadette Zabawa ( Conlon).

I am very pleased to be corresponding with Bernadette who is now married and residing in the USA ( Rockford). In the US, Bernadette is active with her accordion as well as being happily married. Bernadette performs at various Clubs, functions, concerts, and has added a new dimension to her performance : singing.

Just recently, Bernadette performed at the 35th annual Kimberley International Old Time Accordion Championships, that took place from July 6th until 11th. This year's performers included Gary Blair and Gary Blair Jr., Patricia Bartell, The Brabec Step-Brothers Dance, Bernadette Conlon, Alex Meixner, Sylvia Marie, and The Emeralds

For all wanting to get in touch with Bernadette, her new email address is : [bernadette.zabawa@hotmail.com](mailto:bernadette.zabawa@hotmail.com)

- Lina Chegodaev's Graduation Performance

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2009, at 8pm, Lina Chegodaev will perform her final , Graduation recital at the Australian Institute of Music. Lina is doing her Classical Performance, Bachelor of Music degree, major in accordion under the direction of Tania Lukic-Marx .



- FUNKORDION to perform at the Concert at the Coupe Mondiale

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, FANKORDION Accordion Ensemble will perform on the Concert, during the Coupe Mondiale World Accordion Championships which will be held in Auckland, NZ, from 25<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> August and Organized by the New Zealand Accordion Association Inc.



- **ACCORDIGLES and FUNKORDION** performed at the Italian National Day, Sydney CBD

On Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of May, Accordion Ensembles : Accordigles and Funkordion were invited to perform at the Celebrations of the Italian National Day. Funkordion performed at two different stages at this event. Both groups enjoyed performing for the strolling crowd as well as their fun day out,

