

AUSTRALIAN ACCORDION TEACHERS

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Electronic Newsletter

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- 2011 Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival

Preparations are well underway for the upcoming 2011 Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival. It has been now 18 years that the event has been held and we are looking forward to our 20th Festival Anniversary in 2013.

This years event promises to be most interesting accordion happening with competitors coming from : New Zealand, Australia, China and Russia.

On Sunday , 12th of June, from 10am Roland Digital Accordion Presentation will take place, followed by the Accordion Master Class with Laureate of the 2003 Coupe Mondiale – Aleksey Peresidly. Aleksey was a runner up at the 2003 Coupe Mondiale and has graduated from the Russian National Music Academy “ Gnessinih” with Professor V.Semionov.

Presented by the AATA and Roland Corporation Australia , Accordion Gala Concert will be held on the 12th of June at 2pm (doors open at 1pm) and Guest Artists will include : Duo “ESPOZITO” from Russia - Aleksey Peresidly accordion, and Dimitry Zhdanov saxophone , Sydney Balalaika Orchestra, Ross Maio, Quartet from Beijing National Orchestra, Rebekah Greig (NZ), Accordigles, and more....

Please check our web site closer to the event for the detailed timetable at : www.aata.org.au

The entire event will be held at the impressive facilities of Club Marconi at Sydney west (www.clubmarconi.com.au)

- Campbell Thwaites (NZ) represented NZ at the “Akordeon Art” International Accordion Competition in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The 2nd International Accordion Competition “AKORDEON ART” was held in Sarajevo (Bosna and Hercegovina) from 27.4.-30.4.2011. Campbell Thwaites of NZ, student of Tania Lukic-Marx, represented NZ and received the 2nd Prize. Campbell’s performance and presentation at this event was to be proud of.

Competition was extremely well organized and well attended. Competition Director, well known Serbian accordion tutor : Zoran Rakic and his team have done a wonderful job at organizing this international event. There was 226 competitors in 9 age categories, from : Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, New Zealand, Lithuania, Macedonia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Hungary, Bulgaria. Jury was truly international, and the following countries were represented : Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, New Zealand, Lithuania, Macedonia, Australia, Ukraine, Finland, Bulgaria, and Russia. There was in total 36 adjudicators (4 per each category). Tania Lukic-Marx and Mylie Thwaites were invited to represent Australia and New Zealand as adjudicators.

Guest Artists at the event included outstanding accordion soloists : Vladislav Pligovka, Aleksandar Skliarov, Vladimir Zubicky, Zoran Bozanic, the Choir and the Accordion Orchestra of the Music Academy in East Sarajevo.

The event was a truly amazing musical experience, and probably one of the biggest and best organized international accordion competitions in the Balkans.

For a full photo report from this event please visit Facebook page at (copy and paste this address into your browser) :

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- **Mylie Thwaites was NZ adjudicator at the “Akordeon Art” International Accordion Competition in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

2003 AATA Champion - Mylie Thwaites was invited to represent New Zealand at the 2nd International Accordion Competition “AKORDEON ART”, held at the end of April in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mylie completed her graduate studies at the Ukrainian National Music Academy, majoring in accordion with professor Vladimir Besfamilnov. Currently, Mylie has undertaken post graduate studies at the same academy, using button accordion.

- **“AccoHoliday” 6th International Accordion Competition , Kiev, Ukraine**

6th International Accordion Competition “AccoHoliday” was held in Kiev, Ukraine, from 13.4-16.4.2011. Tania Lukic-Marx was invited to represent Australia as an adjudicator at this event.

Competitors came from : Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania, Serbia, Croatia, and Kazahstan. Competition was held in two main Categories : Classical and Entertainment.

Amongst the adjudicators in the Classical Category were : V. Besfamilnov, J.Jastrebov, V.Petrov, V.Zubicky, Z.Rakic, T.Lukic-Marx, A.Semeshko, S.Grinchenko, E.Gabnis, N.Severukov.

The results of the Classical Category are :

- 1st - Artem Kriklivy, Russia (tutor : F.Lips)
- 2nd – Nikola Pekovic, Serbia (tutor :M.Bjeletic)
- 2nd - Vitali Voronko , Belarus (tutor : N.Severukov)
- 3rd - Salius Saimonas , Lithuania (tutor : E.Gabnis)

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Competition Director ~ Yan Tabachnik is a prominent Ukrainian accordionist as well as a member of Ukrainian Parliament. Yan works tirelessly at promoting the accordion in Ukraine, and attending this accordion and musical celebration was a truly re-charging professional experience.

- **“The Accordigles” attending 2011 South Pacific Accordion Championships and Festival and 40th Anniversary Celebration**

Organized and hosted by the NZ Accordion Association, the 2011 South Pacific Accordion Championships and Festival will be held in Auckland, NZ , on the 4th and 5th of June 2011.

AATA Accordion Orchestra “the Accordigles” will attend this event and compete as an orchestra as well as in solo classes.

For more information on this event, please visit NZAA web site at :
<http://www.accordion.co.nz/>



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