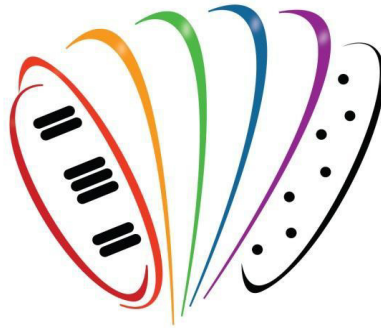


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2024
Celebrating 30 years of
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
ACCORDION CHAMPIONSHIPS & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
8th & 9th June

8th of June, Free Entry, Donations Welcome

Competition Venue: Five Dock RSL, 66 Great North Road, Five Dock

Sunday Afternoon 3 pm
GALA CONCERT
Featuring performances by

Julie Accordion
JAGA Band
“Funkordion” Accordion Ensemble
Tickets \$20

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to the 2024 Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival, hosted by the Australian Accordion Teachers Association (AATA). It is with great pleasure and excitement that we gather at the Five Dock RSL today to celebrate 30 years of this event, three decades of melodious excellence and the enduring versatility of the accordion.

As we commence this landmark event, we extend our warmest greetings to all participants, both from within our beautiful nation and those who have journeyed from distant shores to join us. Your presence enriches this occasion, embodying the spirit of camaraderie and musical passion that unites us all.

The accordion, often hailed as the "soul of music," holds a special place in the hearts of musicians and audiences alike. Its ability to traverse genres, from classical to contemporary, folk to jazz, is a testament to its unparalleled adaptability and charm. Throughout this competition, we will witness the myriad ways in which this remarkable instrument captivates and inspires.

Amidst the exhilarating performances and friendly rivalries, let us not forget the true essence of this gathering – a celebration of music, culture, and the enduring bond forged through shared artistic expression.

As the competition unfolds, I encourage you all to immerse yourselves in the rich tapestry of sounds that will grace our stages. From the graceful waltzes to the fiery tangos, each note resonates with passion and dedication, a testament to the countless hours of practice and devotion poured into mastering this timeless instrument.

I am also delighted to announce our Gala concert, scheduled for Sunday, 9th June at 3pm, where we will showcase the exceptional talents of our prize winners alongside some truly special guests. Get ready to be enthralled by the infectious rhythms of the Jaga Band, the innovative sounds of the Funkordion Ensemble, and the captivating performance of leading Australian entertainer, Julie Accordion.

In closing, I wish all contestants the very best of luck, and to our audience, may you be swept away by the enchanting melodies that await you. Let us come together in celebration of music's power to unite, inspire, and uplift.

Thank you, and let the music begin!

Tatjana Marx
President
B. Mus. and M. Mus. (Kiev, Ukraine)
Major in Accordion

Our President

Our President, Tatjana Marx, is a world renowned accordionist, teacher and adjudicator.

As a solo concert artist she has performed extensively in China, New Zealand, Ukraine, Russia, Lithuania, Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Germany, and Australia. A Laureate of the two most prestigious International Accordion Competitions: Klingenthal and the Coupe Mondiale, as well as the winner of the Yugoslav State and National Accordion Competitions. Tatjana studied for 7 years at the Kiev Conservatorium of Music in Ukraine with Professor V. Besfamilnov and holds a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music Degree majoring in accordion.

Tatjana is the Director of her own Music School in Sydney, Australia which she has been running for the past 25 years. Her students compete nationally and represent Australia abroad. They have won many awards at the AAA (America), ATG (America), the South Pacific Accordion Championships (New Zealand) and the Coupe Mondiale (world accordion championships).

Tatjana has taught and continues to teach students within Australia and internationally including those from New Zealand, Serbia and Austria. Her Australian students have received some of the most prestigious accordion qualifications from the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB). Six of Tatjana's students have completed the A.Mus Diploma exam in accordion with the). They are Ivan Liashenko, Ann-Elise Koertjes, Nick Shcherbakov, Lina Semenec, Richard She and Marina Jin. Richard She and Marina Jin have also completed the L.Mus Diploma exam in accordion which is the highest accordion qualification available within Australia.

Tatjana is much sought after as an adjudicator at international accordion events regularly holds seminars and master classes in Australasia and Europe. She adjudicates at the highest level, at the world's most prestigious accordion competitions including AccoHoliday International Accordion Competition (Ukraine), Tianjin International Accordion Competition (China), "Akordeon Art" International Accordion Competition (Sarajevo, Bosnia), Coupe Mondiale (Germany, England, Slovakia).

In 2005 the Confederation Internationale des Accordeonistes (CIA), awarded Tatjana a MERIT AWARD "In recognition of her outstanding services to the International Accordion Movement"

Tatjana is proud to bring her enormous international experience to The Australian International Accordion Association and Festival, creating an exciting, cutting edge, festival and competition experience.

AATA COMMITTEE

President – Tatjana Marx

Committee – Lionel Reekie

Vice President – Richard She

Committee – Carlos Cardona

Secretary and Treasurer – Melissa She

Committee – Mitar Tomasevic

Saturday 8th June

<i>Time</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Description</i>
10am	AN 10	Australian National, 10 years and under
10.10	AN 12	Australian National, 12 years and under
10.27	ADuet 12	Australian Duet, 12 years & under
10.32	AI 12	Australian International, 12 years & under
10.38	AI 14	Australian International, 14 years & under
10.42	AI 15	Australian International, 15 years & under
10.53	AI JVE	Australian International Junior Virtuoso Entertainment, 18 years & under
10.59	A Duet 15	Australian Duet, 15 years and under
11.02	EN 08	Entertainment, 8 years and under
11.03	EN 10	Entertainment, 10 years and under
11.07	EN 12	Entertainment, 12 years and under
11.22	EN 14	Entertainment, 14 years and under
11.29	EN 16	Entertainment, 16 years and under
11.33	EN Open	Entertainment, Open
11.36	AT/E 12	Australian Trio/Ensemble, 12 years and under
11.39	ET 08	Ethnic, 8 years and under
11.40	ET 10	Ethnic, 10 years and under
11.41	ET 12	Ethnic, 12 years and under
11.47	ET 14	Ethnic, 14 years and under
11.49	ET 16	Ethnic, 16 years and under
11.52	ET Open	Ethnic, 16 years and under
11.54	IDuet 15	International Duet, 15 years and under
11.58	J16	Jazz, 16 years and under
12.02pm	LC08	Light Classical, 8 years and under
12.04	LC Open	Light Classical, Open
12.30		LUNCH
1.30		Festival Performances by Atila Fadi & Mitar Tomasevic
1.40		RESULTS
2.00		FUNKORDION REHEARSAL
3.00		END OF DAY 1

Sunday 9th June

<i>Time</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Description</i>
11am		FUNKORDION REHEARSAL
12pm		MASTERCLASS WITH ANTHONY SCHULZ
1pm		LUNCH
2.30pm		GALA CONCERT SETUP & SOUND CHECK (All performers required)
3pm		GALA CONCERT featuring performances by Julie Accordion, JAGA BAND, "Funkordion" Accordion Ensemble

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REPORTING TIME

Each class has a scheduled start time and you are required to be in the hall at least 15 minutes prior to that time. We ask competitors to line up their accordions on the right hand side of the hall and leave them there until reporting time. Contestants will be called for, one class at a time, as required. When your class is called, take your accordion from its case, put it on and proceed through the stage door to the area behind stage. **Very Important: Do not move around the hall or talk while a performance is in progress. All mobile phones must be turned off or put on silent as to not disrupt competitors during the competition.**

ADJUDICATORS

We take pride in our adjudicating panel, which consists of reputable, accomplished and recognized accordionists and accordion teachers. Our adjudicators are trained and highly experienced in the accordion field.

Iryna Stepko, B.Mus

Anthony Schulz, B.Mus, M.Mus

Nikolai Shcherbakov, A.Mus A

Richard She, A.Mus A, L.Mus A

Jessica Chen (NZ)

Ben Pattinson

RESULTS AND CUP PRESENTATION

Results will be announced at the end of competition session. Contestants may collect their adjudicator's mark sheets at the back of the hall. All trophies and all certificates (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Highly Commended and Commended) will be presented at the end of the competition.

Each competitor will receive one small trophy or medal. An exception is made for Championship classes in which the 1st place winners will be presented with a perpetual trophy which remains property of the AATA unless otherwise specified. Each competitor will receive a certificate for each category entered, awarded based on their performance as judged by the panel of adjudicators.

SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2024 MORNING START 10am

10am COMPETITION CLASS AN10, Australian National, 10 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> | | <i>Name and Music</i> | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Alexander Portelli – Cha Cha
Cha & Velocity | 2. | Ryan Fu – Domino Rock & I Dreamed |
| 3. | Ashlee Tsang – My Bonnie & Hill Billy
Polka | | |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

10.10am COMPETITION CLASS AN12, Australian National, 12 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> | | <i>Name and Music</i> | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1. | Benjamin Portelli – Leibestraum + Skaters
Waltz | 2. | Jdo Fu Nguyen – Repasz Band
& Sharpshooters Marx |
| 3. | Alvin Xiao – Czardash & El Choclo | 4. | Krystella Tsang – Velocity & Oh, Susanna |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
4th.....

10.27am COMPETITION CLASS ADuet 12, Australian Duet, 12 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> | | <i>Name and Music</i> | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1. | Jdo Fu Nguyen & Alvin Xiao - Clarinet
Polka & Let's Dance the Polka | 2. | Benjamin & Alexander Portelli
La Spagnola & Whispering Hope |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

10.32am COMPETITION CLASS AI 12, Australian International, 12 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> | | <i>Name and Music</i> | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|--|
| 1. | Eric Song – Alexander Chmykov "Three
Horses" & "Pink Panther's Brother" &
C.Venturi "Ricordo" | | |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

10.38am COMPETITION CLASS AI 14, Australian International, 14 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> | | <i>Name and Music</i> | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1. | Viktor Kirsta – J.S. Bach "Symfonia" & A.
Piazolla "Plus Ultra" | | |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

10.42am COMPETITION CLASS AI 15, Australian International, 15 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

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| 1. Reina Lin (NZ) – C. Daquin "Le Coucou" & A.Volpi "Preludio Op1" | 2. Silvana Mandile – Y.Tiersen "La jour Davant" & J.S.Bach "Toccatà in D minor" |
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1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

10.53am COMPETITION CLASS AI JVE, Australian International Junior Virtuoso Entertainment, 18 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Andre Samotoi (NZ) – C. Daquin "Le Cou Cou & Variations on a Ukrainian theme"

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

10.59am COMPETITION CLASS ADuet 15, Australian Duet, 15 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Alvin Xiao and Sebastian Fadi – Let's Dance the Polka

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.02am COMPETITION CLASS EN08, Entertainment, 8 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Kyan Tsang – Skip to my Lou

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.03am COMPETITION CLASS EN10, Entertainment, 10 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Alexander Portelli – Domino Rock & Mary's a grand old name | 2. Denise Li – Golden Slippers |
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1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.07am COMPETITION CLASS EN12, Entertainment, 12 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

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| 1. Benjamin Portelli – Besame mucho | 2. Eric Song – H. Zimmer: 'He is a Pirate' |
| 3. Lydia Xie – Cruising Down the River | 4. Krystella Tsang – Cruising Down the River |
| 5. Alvin Xiao – La Sorciere & Funiculi, Funicula | |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....
4th..... 5th.....

11.22am COMPETITION CLASS EN14, Entertainment, 14 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

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| 1. Sebastian Fadi – Cadette Boogie & Sidewalks of New York | 2. Viktor Kirsta – Y. Tiersen "La Noyee" & Isgr "In-Tango" |
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1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.29am COMPETITION CLASS EN16, Entertainment, 16 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Silvana Mandile – Il Postino

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.33am COMPETITION CLASS EN Open, Entertainment Open

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Tasman Clark - Bubbles

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.36am COMPETITION CLASS AT/E 12, Australian Trio/Ensemble, 12 years and under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Krystella Tsang & Ashlee Tsang & Denise Li - Lazy Mary & Holiday in Cucamonga & Waltzing Dolls & Skip to my Lou

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.39am COMPETITION CLASS ET08, Ethnic 8 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Kyan Tsang – Admiration Waltz

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.40am COMPETITION CLASS ET10, Ethnic, 10 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

1. Ashlee Tsang – Four to the Bar

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.41am COMPETITION CLASS ET12, Ethnic, 12 years & under

Name and Music

Name and Music

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| 1. Eric Song – J.Li : Lake Baikal | 2. Benjamin Portelli – Come back to Sorrento |
| 3. Alvin Xiao – Espana | |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.47am COMPETITION CLASS ET14, Ethnic, 14 years & under

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Sebastian Fadi – Julida Polka

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.49am COMPETITION CLASS ET16, Ethnic, 16 years & under

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Silvana Mandile – Bella Ciao

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.52am COMPETITION CLASS ET Open, Ethnic Open

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Tasman Clark– España Cañi

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.54am COMPETITION CLASS IDuet 15, International Duet 15 years & under

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Silvana Mandile and Adonis Giotopoulos –
Alexander Chmykov B-96

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

11.58am COMPETITION CLASS J16, Jazz, 16 years & under

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Andre Samotoi (NZ) – Step

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

12.02pm COMPETITION CLASS LC08, Light Classical, 8 years & under

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Kyan Tsang – March Slav

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

12.04pm COMPETITION CLASS LC Open, Light Classical Open

Name and Music *Name and Music*

1. Reina Lin (NZ) – Sonata in C movement I. 2. Andre Samotoi (NZ) - Sonata in A major
Allegro K279, Mozart

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

12.30pm LUNCH

1.30pm Festival Performances by Atila Fadi, Mitar Tomasevic, Krystella and Kyan Tsang (cello), Skay Avila (trumpet)

1.50pm RESULTS

2pm FUNKORDION REHEARSAL

3pm END OF DAY 1

SUNDAY 9th JUNE 2024

11am FUNKORDION REHEARSAL

12pm MASTERCLASS

1pm LUNCH

2.30pm GALA CONCERT SETUP & SOUND CHECK (All performers required)

3.00pm – GALA CONCERT featuring performances by:

Julie Accordion

Julie Accordion, a seasoned and highly versatile accordionist, is renowned for her dynamic performances spanning a vast repertoire. From enchanting renditions of European folk melodies to captivating interpretations of popular songs, Julie's musical prowess knows no bounds. Her skillful command of the accordion, coupled with a spirited on-stage presence, has made her a sought-after artist. Julie's musical journey includes performing alongside world-class accordionists, performing at major festivals, and showcasing her talents at diverse venues.

JAGA BAND

Formed in 2016, JAGA BAND has entertained audiences with their distinctive celebration of traditional songs and dances inspired from across the Carpathian region, rich and diverse in influences from Ukraine. JAGA BAND uniquely incorporates authentic Eastern European instruments the sopilka, accordion, cymbalom and violin, to bring to life traditional songs of love, loss and heroism that encourage and inspire audiences to dance and sing along.

As members of various bands and orchestras, JAGA BAND musos have been successful performers in various major music events for years – locally and internationally. This is their

successful experience gathering together to show off the great mix of Eastern European Culture.

Led by multi-instrumentalist and singer Mar'yana Sywak, JAGA BAND has been successfully performing at a variety of major music events such as – the Illawarra Folk Festival, Pearls of the Season Festival (Ukraine), Maslenitsa Festival at Darling Harbour, International Accordion Festival and Competition, Northern Beaches Music Festival, Ukifest, Eurofest as well many Ukrainian Community and other Multicultural Events around Australia, as well maintaining busy local gigs schedule.

Funkordion: The Accordion Ensemble That's Making Waves

The Funkordion Ensemble, a group of talented musicians, has been making waves in the music scene since its inception in 2008.

The Funkordion Ensemble was formed in 2008 by a group of passionate accordion players who shared a common love for the instrument and its unique sound. The group's name, Funkordion, is a clever combination of the words 'funk' and 'accordion,' reflecting their desire to bring a fresh and modern twist to the traditional accordion sound.

The group's first major performance came in 2009 when they were invited to participate in the prestigious Coupe Mondiale in New Zealand. This international competition brought together some of the best accordion players from around the world, and Funkordion's performance left a lasting impression on the audience.

After their successful debut at the Coupe Mondiale, the Funkordion Ensemble took a break to focus on their individual careers and personal lives. However, their passion for the accordion and their desire to create music together never waned. In 2022, the group reunited and decided to restart the Funkordion Ensemble, picking up right where they left off.

The group's return was met with enthusiasm from both their fans and the music community at large. They quickly resumed their performances, showcasing their unique sound and captivating audiences with their skilful playing and infectious energy.

In addition to their main ensemble, Funkordion also runs Senior Funkordion Ensemble. These ensembles are designed to nurture and develop the talents of young accordion players, providing them with the opportunity to learn from experienced musicians and perform alongside them.

Applications to join the Funkordion Ensemble are welcome, and the group is always on the lookout for new talent to join their ranks. Whether you're a seasoned accordion player or a beginner looking to learn, the Funkordion Ensemble offers a supportive and inclusive environment for musicians of all skill levels.

FUNKORDION ENSEMBLE PLAYERS:

Jdo Fu Ngyuen

Ryan Fu

Alexander Portelli

Benjamin Portelli

Alvin Xiao

Mitar Tomasevic

Ashlee Tsang

Kyan Tsang

Krystella Tsang,

Veronica Vamathevan

Lydia Xie

Sebastian Fadi

Atila Fadi

Richard She

Tatjana Marx