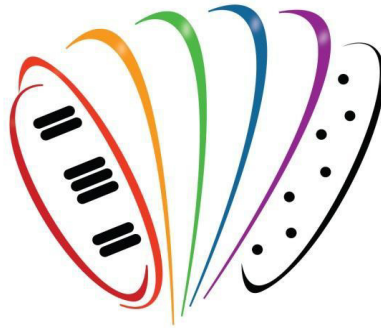


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**2025**  
***Celebrating 31 years of***  
**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL**  
**ACCORDION CHAMPIONSHIPS & FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY & SUNDY**  
**7th & 8th June**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> of June**  
**Free Entry, Donations Welcome**

**8<sup>th</sup> of June 3 pm**  
**GALA CONCERT**  
**Tickets\$20**

**Featuring performances by:**  
**Wenyi Wu (China)**  
**Accordion Duo Elwira Sliwkiewicz-Cisak and Szymon Cholomiej (Poland)**  
**“Funkordion” Accordion Ensemble (Australia)**  
**“AccordionArt” trio from South Korea**

# **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

*Good morning everyone,*

*Good morning everyone,*

*It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2025 Australian International Championships and Festival. Over the next two days, we are thrilled to showcase a diverse and exciting array of accordion talent.*

*We are especially honoured to welcome world-class guest artists from China, Poland, and Korea, who will be performing later today and again in our Gala Concert tomorrow. Their presence adds a truly international flair to the event. Equally exciting is the opportunity we've created for emerging young accordionists to gain valuable performance experience through our competition classes.*

*The Australian Accordion Teachers Association was established to promote excellence in accordion music education across Australia and to build international connections that open doors for our talented students. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our members, students, and their families—your dedication makes everything we do possible.*

*I would like to extend a special thank you to our volunteers. Your hard work and generosity of time are deeply appreciated and essential to the success of this event.*

*To ensure we can continue hosting festivals like this and supporting Australian accordionists on the global stage, our Gala Concert plays a key role in raising much-needed funds. Please invite your friends and family to join us tomorrow at 3 PM for an afternoon of outstanding musical performances, including our prizewinners and champions. Tickets are just \$20—a fantastic value—and can be purchased today or at the door tomorrow (while available). If you'd like to further support our association, donations can be made at the box near the entrance. Your contributions help secure the future of our programs and events, and we thank you sincerely for your generosity.*

*We hope you enjoy these two days of music, friendship, and celebration of the accordion. To all our competitors—best of luck, and most importantly, have fun!*

*Thank you.*

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

# Our President

*Tatjana Marx, President of the Australian International Accordion Association, is an internationally acclaimed accordionist, educator, and adjudicator. A graduate of the Kiev Conservatorium of Music, she has won top honors at major accordion international competitions and performed extensively worldwide. Tatjana runs a successful music school in Sydney for over 30 years, producing award-winning students who compete and excel internationally. She regularly adjudicates at prestigious accordion competitions and conducts master classes globally.*

*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*

*Vice President – Richard She*

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*Committee – Carlos Cardona*

*Committee – Mitar Tomasevic*

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Competitors please arrive by 8.45am to setup.

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
9.30am	MASTERCLASSES held by Prof. Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak (Poland) and Wenyi Wu (China)
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	FUNKORDION REHEARSAL
2.30pm	GALA CONCERT SETUP & SOUND CHECK (All performers required)
3pm	GALA CONCERT featuring performances by <b>Wenyi Wu (China)</b> , "Funkordion" Accordion Ensemble, <b>Accordion Duo Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak and Szymon Cholomiej (Poland)</b> , "AccordionArt" trio from South Korea

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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

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

Nikolai Shcherbakov, A.Mus A

Cathy Day, B.Mus

Alexander Sheykin ( South Korea)

Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak (Poland)

Mitar Tomasevic

## SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 MORNING START 9.30am

### 9.30am COMPETITION CLASS AN14, Australian National, 14 years & under

*Name and Music*

1. Eric Song - Ballade & El Choclo

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

### 9.36am COMPETITION CLASS AN15, Australian National, 15 years & under

*Name and Music*

1. Jdo Fu Nguyen - Libertango & Ambience  
Musettinne
3. Jiang ZiLuo (China) - Paganini's Ninth  
Capriccio & Concert Suite (2nd movement)

*Name and Music*

2. Alvin Xiao - Czardash & Tico Tico
4. Renato Rigoli - Mariposita by Pietro Frossini  
& Caramel Auction by Roman Bazhilin

5. Viktor Kirsta - Under Paris Sky (Arr. V. Dmitriev) & Plus Ultra (A. Piazzolla)

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

**10.10am COMPETITION CLASS LC 14**, Light Classical, 14 years & under

- |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Name and Music</i>            | <i>Name and Music</i>            |
| 1. Jdo Fu Nguyen - Turkish Rondo | 2. Eric Song - Valentin's Prayer |

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

**10.18am COMPETITION CLASS EN14**, Entertainment, 14 years & under

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <i>Name and Music</i>                      | <i>Name and Music</i>           |
| 1. Krystella Tsang - Sidewalks of New York | 2. Sebastian Fadi - Varsouvania |
| 3. Eric Song - Waltz                       |                                 |

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

**10.27am COMPETITION CLASS ET14**, Ethnic, 14 years & under

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <i>Name and Music</i>             | <i>Name and Music</i>                      |
| 1. Krystella Tsang - Julida Polka | 2. Viktor Kirsta - La Noyee (Yann Tiersen) |

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

**10.34am COMPETITION CLASS J14**, Jazz, 14 years & under

- Name and Music*  
 1. Krystella Tsang - Varsouvania

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

**10.37am COMPETITION CLASS AN12**, Australian National, 12 years & under

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <i>Name and Music</i>   | <i>Name and Music</i>   |
| 1. Benjamin Portelli - Bessame Mucho & Bella Ciao               | 2. Alexander Portelli - Comedians Dance & Little Brown Jug Polka  |
| 3. Ryan Fu - Gay Vienna & O Marie                               | 4. Alvin Xiao - Neapolitan Dance & Russian Folk Song  |
| 5. Liu Yueyi (China) - Old French Song & Four Little Swan Dance | 6. Kaspar Hui - Celestial Symphony (Comp. Jingqing Zu, Arr. Kai Zhong) & Kass' Theme (Comp. Manaka Kataoka, Arr. Kai Zhong) |

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....  
4th..... 5th..... 6th.....

**11am COMPETITION CLASS LC 12**, Light Classical, 12 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |                                   | <i>Name and Music</i> |                                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1.                    | Benjamin Portelli - Turkish Rondo | 2.                    | Liu Yueyi (China) - Caprice Espagnol |
| 3.                    | Hannah Ly - March Slav            |                       |                                      |

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

**11.08am COMPETITION CLASS ET16**, Ethnic, 16 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |                                   | <i>Name and Music</i> |                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.                    | Viktor Kirsta - Argentinian Tango | 2.                    | Silvana Mandile - Italian Madly |

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

**11.13am COMPETITION CLASS EN12**, Entertainment, 12 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |  | <i>Name and Music</i> |   |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1.                    | Benjamin Portelli - TV Waltz                       | 2.                    | Ryan Fu - Let's Dance the Polka                     |
| 3.                    | Hannah Ly - In May                                 | 4.                    | Aleksandar Pantic - Dance of Troy & Blue Bird Waltz |
| 5.                    | Alvin Xiao - Variations on the Ukrainian Folk Song |                       |   |

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

4th..... 5th.....

**11.25am COMPETITION CLASS ET12**, Ethnic, 12 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |                         | <i>Name and Music</i> |                          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.                    | Hannah Ly - Clumsy Bear | 2.                    | Aleksandar Pantic - Kolo |

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

**11.28am COMPETITION CLASS LC10**, Light Classical, 10 years & under

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |   | <i>Name and Music</i> |   |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1.                    | Alexander Portelli - Funeral March of a Marionette                | 2.                    | Ashlee Tsang - Minor Mood                                   |
| 3.                    | Olivia Ly - Duck Call   | 4.                    | Zhu Yuehan (China) - Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman & Kryzhachyok |
| 5.                    | Li Qishu (China) - Badinerie & Rondo and Allegro from Sonata in C |                       |   |

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

**11.36am COMPETITION CLASS ET10**, Ethnic, 10 years & under

*Name and Music*

1. Ashlee Tsang - Hill Billy Polka

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

**11.38am COMPETITION CLASS EN10**, Entertainment, 10 years & under

*Name and Music*

1. Alexander Portelli - Despecito

*Name and Music*

2. Ashlee Tsang - I love you truly

3. Olivia Ly - Slow Poke

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

**11.43am COMPETITION CLASS EN08**, Entertainment, 8 years & under

*Name and Music*

1. Kyan Tsang - Row Row Row your Boat

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

**11.45am COMPETITION CLASS LC Open**, Light Classical Open

*Name and Music*

1. Xinyi Huang (China) - Badinerie from  
BWV1067 & Asturias Leyenda
3. Han Ji Eun (South Korea) - Hungarian Dance  
No. 5 ( J. Brahms)

*Name and Music*

2. Boris Rigoli - Impasse by Frank Angelis

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

**11.57am COMPETITION CLASS AI JCA**, Australian International Junior Concert Artist, 18 years and under

*Name and Music*

1. Hua Tianrui (China)  
J.S. Bach - Fantasia & Fugue in E minor BWV944  
A.Kusiakov - Autumnal Sceneries G.Hermosa - Gernika

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

**12.14pm COMPETITION CLASS AI C**, Australian International Champion, 32 years and under

*Name and Music*

1. He Ziming (China) - Scarlatti - Sonata No.  
435 Sonata No. 1 & Nocturne

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

**12.35pm COMPETITION CLASS EN Open, Entertainment, Open**

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |  | <i>Name and Music</i> |  |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 1.                    | Park Sungwan (South Korea) - Pour Ona Cabeza & Katysha | 2.                    | Han Ji Eun (South Korea) - Light and Shadows |
| 3.                    | Kim Daeun (South Korea) - Besame Mucho                 | 4.                    | Boris Rigoli - Angelis by Aleksa Mirkovic    |

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

4th.....

**12.50pm COMPETITION CLASS ET Open, Ethnic, Open**

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |  | <i>Name and Music</i> |   |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1.                    | Kim Daeun (South Korea) - Holo Arirang (Traditional Korean Song) | 2.                    | Xu Haochen (China) - Cossack went over the Danube |

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

**1pm LUNCH**

**1.30 pm COMPETITION CLASS EN 16, Entertainment, 16 years and under**

- Name and Music*
1. Silvana Mandile - Princess Accordion

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

**1:40pm COMPETITION CLASS IDuet Open, International Duet, Open**

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |   | <i>Name and Music</i> |   |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1.                    | Park Sungwan & Han Ji Eun (South Korea) - Tetris & Yoon Amor Fati | 2.                    | Jdo Fu Nguyen & Alvin Xiao - Domino       |
| 3.                    | Viktor KIRSTA & Irina Stepko - Libertango (A. Piazzolla)          | 4.                    | Silvana Mandile & Irina Stepko - Palladis |

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

**1.57pm COMPETITION CLASS ADuet 10, Australian Duet, 10 years and under**

- Name and Music*
1. Ashlee Tsang & Kyan Tsang - Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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



**1.59pm COMPETITION CLASS A Duet 12, Australian Duet, 12 years and under**

- | <i>Name and Music</i> |   | <i>Name and Music</i> |   |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1.                    | Ashlee Tsang & Kyan Tsang - Little Annie Rooney   | 2.                    | Krystella Tsang & Ryan Fu - Man on the Flying Trapeze |
| 3.                    | Hannah Ly & Krystella Tsang - Mon Ami             | 4.                    | Ryan Fu & Alvin Xiao - Let's Dance the Polka          |
| 5.                    | Krystella Tsang & Kyan Tsang - Chello & Accordion |                       |   |

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

**2.06pm COMPETITION CLASS I Duet 10, International Duet, Open**

- Name and Music*
1. Boris Rigoli & Renato Rigoli - Concerto F - MOLL, L'Inverno by Antonio Vivaldi

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

**2.11pm COMPETITION CLASS A T/E, Australian Trio, Entertainment**

- Name and Music*
1. Ashlee Tsang, Kyan Tsang & Krystella Tsang - Livi's Blues

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

**2.14pm COMPETITION CLASS J 12, Jazz, 12 years and under**

- Name and Music*
1. Kaspar Hui - Dizzy Lizzy & Waltz for Sebastian

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

**2.19pm COMPETITION CLASS J 16, Jazz, 16 years and under**

- Name and Music*
1. Silvana Mandile - Blach Orph

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

**2.30pm Festival Performances by**  
• **Wenyi Wu (China)**

Wenyi Wu is a highly acclaimed Chinese bayan (accordion) performer and educator, recognized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the China National Arts Fund. She serves as a vice professor at Zhejiang Conservatory of Music and is vice president of the Accordion Professional Committee of the Zhejiang Musicians Association. Trained by renowned accordionists in China, Germany, and Russia, she was praised as a bayan genius by Russian experts.

She has won major international competitions, including the first prize at the 67th Coupe Mondiale and the 6th International Accordion Competition in Switzerland. Wu is active on prestigious stages, performing with leading orchestras and at top venues across China and internationally. Her teaching is also distinguished—her student Hang Ding has received top awards at global competitions. In 2023, her solo album was released by China Record Group Corporation, and her performances have been featured on national Chinese TV channels.

- **Accordion Duo Prof. Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak and Szymon Chołomiej (Poland)**

Polish accordion professor Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak and her accomplished student Szymon Chołomiej form a unique duet, blending generations of artistry and innovation. Their performances showcase technical mastery and musical sensitivity, highlighting the richness and versatility of the accordion in both classical and jazz styles.

**Prof. Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak** is a prominent Polish accordionist, educator, publicist, and cultural animator. A graduate of the Fryderyk Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw with distinction, she was awarded the title of Professor of Musical Arts in 2013. Her work has significantly elevated the status of the accordion in classical music through performance, teaching, and organizational efforts. She has performed widely across Europe, the U.S., and Australia, including a notable 2023 performance at Carnegie Hall after winning the Golden Classical Music Awards.

Śliwkiewicz-Cisak has participated in numerous international festivals and has collaborated with major orchestras. She has published scholarly work on accordion transcription and recorded 10 albums, with music available on Spotify and YouTube. As an educator and jury member for competitions, she has trained students who have won over 250 awards. Her accolades include state honors such as the Gold and Silver Cross of Merit and the Gloria Artis Medal. She currently serves as a full professor and Deputy Director at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

### **Szymon Chołomiej**

Jazz accordionist, arranger, composer, graduate of Jazz and stage music at UMCS and Musicology at the Catholic University of Lublin, currently a student of the doctoral school at UMCS. Winner of many music competitions, i.e. 1st place at the international accordion competition in Latvia Concord of Sound, 2nd place at the International Music Competition, 1st place at the National Festival in Solec-Zdrój, and scholarship programs Bogdanka Cultural Scholarships, Scholarship of the Marshal of the Lublin Voivodeship, Scholarship of the President of the City of Lublin. Creator of the Szymon Chołomiej Quartet band, co-founder of the Guzik & Chołomiej band and initiator of the project "Na ludowo, na jazzowo". He regularly gives concerts in Poland and abroad, including in Great Britain, France and Lithuania.

## **3.30pm RESULTS**

**3.45pm FUNKORDION REHEARSAL**

**4.30pm END OF DAY 1**

## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

9.30am MASTERCLASSES held by Prof. Elwira Śliwkiewicz-Cisak (Poland) and Wenyi Wu (China)

12.30pm LUNCH

1.30pm FUNKORDION REHEARSAL

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

3.00pm – TROPHY PRESENTATION and GALA CONCERT featuring performances by the winners of the International Accordion Championship Classes and:

- Wenyi Wu (China)
- Duo from Poland: Prof. Elwira Sliwkiewicz-Cisak and Szymon Cholomiejj
- “AccordionArt” (South Korea): Alexander Sheykin, Park Sungwan & Han Ji Eun

“Accordion Art” is a unique performance group that captivates audiences with the enchanting blend of beautiful sounds. The team features renowned professional accordionist Alexander Sheykin, Park Sungwan—a minyo-pop vocalist and graduate of the Korean traditional music department at Chung-Ang University—and Han Jieun, a former nurse known for her heartwarming presence.

Together, they bring the charm of the accordion to life across Korea, performing at concert halls, local festivals, and street stages. Their versatile repertoire spans modern music, pop, folk, waltz, tango, and traditional Korean songs.

Accordion Art explores the instrument’s limitless potential through creative arrangements—fusing tango with Korean trot, and adapting folk songs to traditional Korean rhythms. With innovative ideas that bridge generations, they are at the forefront of popularizing the accordion in Korea.

- Funkordion Accordion Ensemble with Guests from South Korea

The Funkordion Ensemble is a dynamic group of accordionists founded in 2008, blending funk with traditional accordion music. They made a strong debut at the 2009 Coupe Mondiale in New Zealand. After a hiatus, the ensemble reunited in 2022, reigniting their passion and resuming performances to enthusiastic reception. Alongside the main group, they run the Senior Funkordion Ensemble to mentor young accordionists. Open to musicians of all levels, Funkordion offers a collaborative and inclusive environment for accordion enthusiasts.

### FUNKORDION ENSEMBLE PLAYERS:

Jdo Fu Ngyuen  
Ryan Fu  
Alexander Portelli  
Benjamin Portelli  
Alvin Xiao

Mitar Tomasevic  
Ashlee Tsang  
Veronica Vamathevan  
Krystella Tsang  
Hannah Ly

Sebastian Fadi  
Atila Fadi  
Vangelis Tang  
Richard She  
Tatjana Marx