



LVAC TIMES



It's not too late to join us!

If you are considering coming to the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention, please register TODAY! We strongly recommend you make your hotel reservations and travel reservations immediately. If you wait till the last minute you might be caught paying much higher airfare and hotel room rates.

New registrations, with full payment, that reach our office no later than October 25 will be accepted.

You may register online at www.AccordionStars.com - or you may download a registration form to mail directly to our office with your full payment.

Look over our list of Workshops!

Look over our exciting list of workshops and join the FUN!

Sylvia Marie Barber

Chords for Dummies

Intros & Endings

Gina Brannelli

Master Class with Gina

Stage Presence & Performance

Technique with Gina I

Technique with Gina II

Gina Brannelli with Joan Sommers & Mady Soave

Youth Master Class

Manny Corallo

Arranging - Basics in arranging for accordion.

Angelo DiPippo

Basics on Recording - Best way to record the accordion.

My Life - Career highlights - and the Kings!

Angelo DiPippo with Manny Corallo & Frank Toscano

Master Class - Improving Your Playing!

Liz Finch

Notation (Part 1): Why is it important and what do we need to know? -

Notation tells you HOW it is suppose to sound!

Notation (Part 2): An introduction and survey of the use of music notation created electronically. - How to use current compter tools

Bruce Gassman

HEY MR. BASSMAN - Yes YOU; With the Accordion! - Thinking out of the box with the left hand of the accordion.

How to Perform "The Music You Grew Up With"! - Making music from the 50's & 60's FUN on the accordion.

Paul Pasquali Gina Brannelli

Concerto Owners Workshop

Gordon Kohl

Digital Accordion Song Registers - Creating fantastic musical registrations for your rreptoire.

Enjoying Viense Music on Accordion - Original Strammel, Strauss, & Leher

Original Song Composing! - How to write beautiful songs with templates.

Frank Marocco

Making Arrangements from Simple Fakebook Leadsheets. - Show different ways to develop interesting arrangemnets.

Master Class - Making you a better player!

Larry Miller

Music notation for the Accordion using Finale

Madalyn Neu

Balance in Ensemble Relationship: What makes harmony happen behind the scenes.

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Register NOW - Hotel Rates from Only \$34 While Supplies Last!

Even though our block of rooms is now gone the hotel is honoring the \$34 room rate while supplies last. So make your reservation NOW before the rates increase. Standard rooms are only \$34 per night and premium rooms are only \$44 a night. Our group code is 1LVIC11 - and the hotel will try to honor this rate if possible.

We are seeing some of the lowest airfares in several years to the Las Vegas market - but remember the closer you get to the date the more airlines typically charge! Attending the LVAC is actually a bargain costing less money to attend than any other accordion hotel event! Think about it! Seven meals and seven concerts all included in one low price plus a fantastic room price of only \$34 a night. A *terrific value* for this must attend event! Simply fill out the enclosed form or call us at 1-800-472-1695 (801-486-1695) or visit AccordionStars.com!

John Neu

Harmony & Color in Your Ensemble Performance - Maximizing your accordions tonal potential.

Paul Pasquali

Meet the Man Behind the Event!

Mario Pedone

Get a Better Technique

Improve the Songs You Are Playing

Alex Sevastian

Accordion in classical music

Staying cool under performance pressure

Peter & Mady Soave

A Concert Artists - Welcome to My World

Bandoneon Artistry

Mady Soave

French Musette Style

Master Class with Mady

Peter Soave

Master Class with Peter

Nuevo Tango - Incorporating Classical & Jazz Elements

Joan Sommers

Master Class for Soloists and/or Groups - The little things that make you a better player!

Orchestra Rehearsal

The Bellows of the Accordion and why they are so important to all accordionists.

Mario Tacca

There's an Orchestra Inside My Accordion! - How to effectively implement digital orchestral voices in your MIDI instrument.

Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini

How Can I keep From Singing? - How to

effectively build your musical program: Styles, Tempo's Keys, Mixing Musical Styles.

Mary Tokarski

Growing Up With The Accordion Greats - Memories of names we all know!

Master Class - Let's Solve Your Problems!

The Accordion Needs YOU! - How to promote the accordion to children

Frank Toscano

Chord Substitution - How to reharmonize your music.

Theory & Chord Structure - Scales and applications to forming chords.

FAQ

Q. Who can attend the convention?

A. *Anyone who loves the accordion!*

Q. Must I register?

A. *YES! You must register if you want to enjoy the meals, concerts, events and classes!*

Q. Do I need my accordion to attend?

A. *Only if you are in the orchestra! Otherwise, this is an "Accordions Optional" event. Workshops are planned without the need for everyone having their accordion. A loaner accordion will be made available for each classroom.*

Q. Must I be a pro?

A. *The workshops are for everyone no matter what your level or skills. Also, a DEMO accordion will usually be available in each workshop.*

Q. Why should I pre-register?

A. *SAVE UP TO \$120.00 in Registration fees and be assured of a spot so you can attend! We may sell out, so don't wait. Registration at the door is \$545 per person. If you pre-register you pay only \$485 for a single, and couples can save more with the special couples and partners pre-registration rates.*

Q. How can I be assured the best concert seating?

A. *All seats are good but our returning patrons who registered at last year's event do get front row seating.*

Q. Must I stay at the host hotel, the Gold Coast?

A. *NO, you may stay where you like – but at \$34.00 per night, who wouldn't want to stay at the Gold Coast? Besides, you're only an elevator ride away from the Convention!*

Q. How soon should I make my Hotel Reservations?

A. *TODAY! There are a limited number of rooms, so call the Gold Coast Hotel Casino toll-free at 1-888-402-6278, and tell them you are with the "Accordion Convention with group code 1LVIC11".*

Driving to the Gold Coast!

The Gold Coast Hotel Casino is located at 4000 West Flamingo Road, just west of the famed Vegas Strip. From the airport, go north and turn left on Tropicana Avenue. Turn right on Las Vegas Boulevard South (The Strip). Then, turn left on Flamingo Road and we're approximately 1 mile up on the right hand side.

From California, on I-15 North take the West Flamingo Exit, turn left. Or from other states, on I-15 South take the West Flamingo Exit, turn right. We're approximately 1 mile up on the right hand side. For more detailed travel or shuttle information, please go to GoldCoastCasino.com.

Airport Transportation!

Taxicabs are available outside of baggage claim, outside door exits 1-5. Airport personnel are available on the taxi curb to assist passengers. The Gold Coast is 4.71 miles from the airport. The NV state website estimates a cab fare of \$16.80 (including a \$1.80 airport fee).

Note: Taxis will not accept credit card payments.

A variety of **Shuttle/Limousine** services are available at McCarran International Airport, and are located on the north and west sides of baggage claim, outside door exits 8-14. Please note that there are both group shuttle and "for-hire" stretch limousine services. Most shuttles start around \$6.00. Limousines are available and can be as low as \$39.00.

Car Rental Agencies are located between the baggage claim areas, near Information Services.