



# LVAC TIMES



## Frank Marocco

*World Famous Jazz Accordionist,  
Recording & Concert Artist!*

Frank joins us in Las Vegas on the road from concerts in Italy and Europe. At the 2010 Convention Frank's performance was truly magical! Frank is a consummate master who brought the audience to its feet as only a true virtuoso can!

We are indeed honored to have Frank join us again for 2011. Those who heard Frank last year remember his performance as one of a lifetime! As an arranger, publisher, recording artist and performer, Frank is known the world over.

Thanks Frank for joining us again in 2011 and sharing your extraordinary talent! Frank will be teaching several workshops & Master Classes during the three days! Hear Frank in his element as can only be experienced in Las Vegas!



## Angelo Di Pippo

*Voted best accordionist in the  
prestigious Keyboard Magazine.*

We are proud to have from Garden City, NY, the legendary Angelo Di Pippo! He has played accordion since the age of eight and is a graduate of Holy Cross College with a Masters degree from C.W. Post College and an honorary Doctorate from Five Towns College. He has played in thousands of recording sessions.

Over the years Angelo has recorded and concertized with scores of famous recording artists. Angelo has also appeared on: The Tonight Show, The Today Show, The Regis Philbin Show, and many more too numerous to mention.

We are honored to have with us this distinguished musician and legendary accordionist performing with the amazing Accordion Kings! Angelo will be teaching as well as accepting the 2011 Honorary Director's Award.



## Alex Sevastian

*Star of Quartetto Gelato  
& four time world champion.*

Alex was our guest performer last year for one evening - and what a memorable evening that was! It is a great pleasure to have joining us for 2011, as both an artist and a clinician, Alex Sevastian four time world champion. This talented musician comes to us from Toronto, Canada - but his roots began in Russia.

Alex is actively involved in the music world, performing with several musical organizations, most notably the internationally recognized Quartetto Gelato. He has been touring Canada and the USA extensively with Quartetto Gelato. Alex performs on a type of concert accordion known as a Bayan, which is a chromatic accordion with free bass. Hearing Alexander perform is an astounding experience. He is truly one of the great musicians of the world who just happens to play the accordion.

## Register NOW - Hotel Rates from Only \$34 and Best Flights!

Hurry and register today for the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention and get an unheard of hotel rate! Standard rooms are only \$34 per night and premium rooms are only \$44 a night. Those who reserve their rooms under our special block will be guaranteed the lowest possible rate. That means should the rate go even lower our block will automatically get lowered. Not a promise any travel agency or online service can guarantee!

We are seeing some of the lowest airfares in several years to the Las Vegas market! 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](http://AccordionStars.com)!

August 2011

Dear Friends,

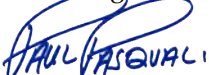
Wow, the Summer is coming to a close and this past year has just flown by for me! With Fall just around the corner, it means it is time to start thinking about Las Vegas! And oh what a fun time we will have come October 31 as we start with a Masquerade Party! Although you need not wear a costume, we will give out several awards for best-dressed attendees. Please accept my invitation to come join the BEST Accordion FUN & Entertainment – in Las Vegas!

Come join us as we celebrate life, great friendships, and the magical music of the accordion. Personally, I am very excited to announce this year's artists! Often people say, "Paul, I don't know how you do it – every year is better than the last." I am sure 2011 will be our most exciting year yet! Check out our new website at [www.AccordionStars.com](http://www.AccordionStars.com) where you may even register online!

If you have not looked at airfares – do so today – they are lower to Las Vegas than I have seen them in several years – and the hotel rate is now at \$34 (\$44 premium room) a night. This really is the year to come to Las Vegas. Please accept my personal invitation to join us in what surely will be our best year yet – come celebrate life at our Masquerade Party!

If you have any questions or concerns – or just need some help finding an airfare to Las Vegas, give me a call toll free at 1-800-472-1695. I would love to hear from you. Oh and by the way, I am planning a surprise for you this year – so register, make your reservations, mark your calendar, and come celebrate!

Warm regards,



Paul Pasquali



## Mary Tokarski – Master Clinician

Mary grew up in Connecticut and in her youth earned over 185 trophies and awards, including U.S. and International Championship Titles.

Mary started teaching at an early age and went on to study Early Childhood Education through Kindermusik

International at Princeton University and Boston University at Lowell. She is currently a music teacher in the North Haven Department of Education Early Childhood Development Program and has



developed a successful Kindermusik program at Tokarski Music Center.

As a soloist, guest artist to numerous symphony orchestras, and a member of the K-Trio (together with her sister Julie and brother Walter), Mary has performed throughout the USA and internationally. We are honored to have this veteran educator and performer with us again this year. We know you

will enjoy her wonderful style and educational offerings. Make sure you check out Mary's workshops and Master Classes as she is an amazing instructor – and her performances are always a joy to hear!

## Peter & Mady Soave

Reading Peter & Mady's bio is a reflection of their artistic prowess in not just the accordion world, but in the music world. We are fortunate to have both Peter and Mady with us this year. We have included a few excerpts from their official bios.

Four-time world champion, and recognized worldwide as the foremost master of the bandonéon & concert accordion, Peter Soave has established himself as the leading soloist of his generation. The hallmark of his performances is his unique combination of commanding stage presence and the excitement of his vibrant virtuosity.

Mady Soave was born in Grenoble, France. At age 8 Mady first learned the traditional French musette accordion repertoire but by age 15 she began studying classical accordion and went on to study music theory, composition, and



Celebrating 10 Happy Years Together!

harmony for seven years at the National Conservatory of Chambéry, near Grenoble.

Mady has won many awards, including the prestigious Astor Piazzolla Prize in Italy (1994 and 1995), organized by Piazzolla's longtime producer-manager Aldo Pagani. Since 1995, Mady has worked closely with Aldo Pagani in the presentation of Piazzolla's music.

Mady Soave has performed, as a guest artist, with many symphony orchestras. Most recently, she performed *The Lord of the Rings Symphony* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. While Peter was touring France, Mady met this American bandonéon and accordion virtuoso. Peter was so impressed with Mady's bayan technique that he invited her to study with him in the U.S. The pair fell in love and married in 2001. We look forward to hearing from them both and celebrating their ten-year anniversary.

## Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini Open Masquerade Night!

International vocal artist Mary Mancini and award-winning accordionist Mario Tacca were married in 1975 and have been making beautiful music together ever since. This husband/wife duo is unique partly because they appear to be such different kinds of artists. Under the surface, though, you will discover that their skills complement each other wonderfully well.

Mary is known and acclaimed for her vocal versatility and her



command of many different styles of music. Her ability to sing in eight languages enhances her command of a

large repertoire ranging from pop to opera.

Mario dazzles audiences with a technique that has won him awards such as the World Cup of Italy, the Grand Prix of Paris, and the American Accordionists Associations International Competition held at Carnegie Hall. The New York Times writes that Mario makes the accordion "sound like a gift from heaven."

Mario & Mary maintain a busy concert schedule which keeps them traveling on the road, overseas, and on cruise ships. We welcome Mario & Mary back to the stage in Las Vegas - at the Monday Night Masquerade Party - where you will find they perform from their hearts to yours and set the stage for an exciting week!

## Lots of Great Seats Register Today!



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. The \$34 rate goes away September 30.

Enclosed please find a color flyer with registration form. Simply fill it out and return it to convention headquarters at LVAC, 1760 South 450 West, SLC, UT. Or go online to [AccordionStars.com](http://AccordionStars.com) Where you may register & pay online.

*If you need additional flyers just ask us!*



## Las Vegas International Accordion Orchestra Needs YOU!

Professor Sommers, our very own Maestro Extraordinaire, is now preparing the 2011 program - so if you want to be a part of this exciting orchestra, NOW is the time to let us know as the cutoff is approaching!

The Orchestra's past performances have been very exciting. Anyone who heard this magnificent orchestra under Maestro Sommers' baton would have to say the sound was nothing less than glorious!

Professor Sommers is excited to work with those dedicated to making this a great event.

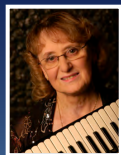
If you are interested in joining this prestigious group and in being a part of accordion musical history, then the steps are simple.

1. Register today and tell us you want to be in the orchestra.
2. Fill out the orchestra questionnaire form online at [AccordionStars.com](http://AccordionStars.com) (or call us for a form)!
3. Practice your assigned parts and learn them before coming to Las Vegas.
4. Bring your music, your accordion, and a music stand to Las Vegas (portable music stands will be available for purchase at the Convention store).
5. Rehearse each day from 3 to 5 PM with our illustrious conductor, Joan Cochran-Sommers.
6. Wear black and white to the Thursday GRAND FINALE performance!

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*Come to the  
Masquerade Party!*

*October 31 - November 3, 2011!*

**STARRING**

**Frank Marocco  
Angelo Di Pippo**

**Alex Sevastian, Mary Tokarski  
Mario Tacca & Mary Mancini**

**Featuring**

**Frank Toscano & Manny Corallo  
Peter & Mady Soave, Soundscape  
Bruce Gassman, Gordon Kohl  
Gina Brannelli, Pete Barbutti**

**PLUS**

**The Las Vegas International  
Accordion Orchestra**

**& MORE - See flyer insert!**

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