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The Oklahoma Accordion Club

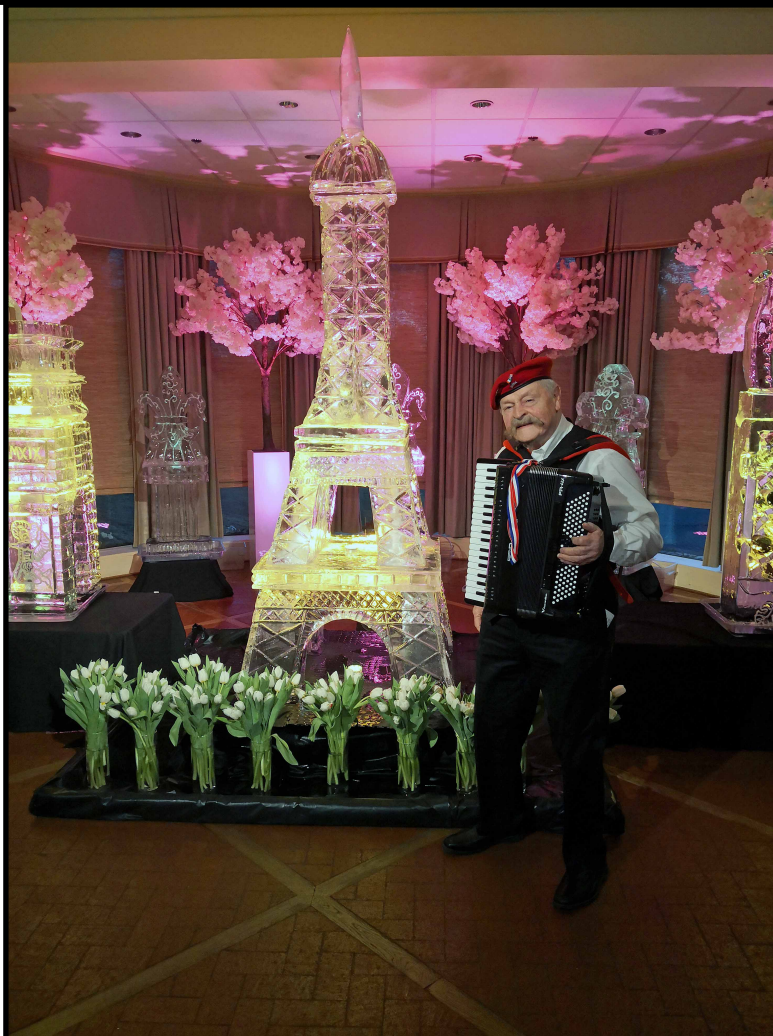
Yes, Nick Ballarini, a Dallas, Texas accordionist extraordinaire will be performing at the June 9 OAC meeting. Nick will demonstrate the latest in digital accordions, plus the electronic advances on the acoustic accordion.

You will also witness his great accordion talent that has made him a legend in our accordion world. There is nothing on the accordion that Nick can't do.

In addition to his playing, he is a master accordion repairperson, plus a dealer for the Petosa, Giuliotti, and Hohner accordions.

Nick is also your research person. If you have any questions concerning you and your accordion, bring those questions to the meeting.

This is truly a "Mark Your Calendar" date.



June Meeting

The June meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9, at 3:30 pm.

The location of the June meeting may be changed. You will receive an e-mail before Sunday, June 9, telling you where we will meet.

Everyone is encouraged to come, and everyone is encouraged to perform. If you are shy about playing alone, some of us will play with you.

Members are invited to bring snacks for everyone.

Before the meeting — from 2:30 to 3:30 — The OAC Band, directed by Barbara Duer, practices and plays easily played tunes. **All members are encouraged to participate in the fun!**



Prez Sez

Maggie Abel

We have a great Club, and what makes it great is our members! We join together to preserve respect for the historic accordion, spread the joy of accordioneering, and delight audiences of all ages. The future of accordions is a fascinating subject, and will be thoroughly dealt with at the June 9 meeting! Our featured guest that afternoon is Nick Ballarini from the Dallas area. Not only will Nick amaze us with his playing and wit — which we've witnessed at National Accordion Association conventions — but he'll show and demonstrate examples of high-tech advances in the accordion world. Very worthwhile to bring a friend or neighbor as guest to this meeting!

June is National Accordion Awareness Month — a designation sponsored by accordionist Tom Torriglia. It was established in 1989 to help spread the word about the resurgence in popularity of the accordion, and to educate people about the instrument.

Torriglia's factoids:

- The accordion is a member of the reed family, not the keyboard family. The accordion classification includes not only piano accordions, but also Cajun button boxes, chromatic and diatonic button accordions, the concertina, the bayan, and the bandoneon.
- The piano accordion has been the official musical instrument of the city of San Francisco since 1990, perhaps because the first United States-made piano accordion was manufactured by the *Guerrini Accordion Company* in San Francisco in 1907.
- China is the largest manufacturer and exporter of accordions in the world. Castlefidardo, a small town in Le Marche region of Italy, produces most of all the accordions in Italy.

Attention, members playing in the Club's August 11 concert, especially if you are not already accustomed to regularly playing in public: come rehearse in our Club setting at our June 9 and subsequent meetings. Although the meeting itself won't start until 3:30, some members who arrive at 2:00 to set up for the meeting may be able listen to your song(s) then. I'll need the title of your song(s) for our master list and the printed program.

A blue-ribbon panel of experts recently named the accordion as the instrument most likely to put a smile on your face when hearing it played! We love being part of that!

• Maggie Abel, President



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Dick Albreski

OAC MEETING JUNE 9, 2019. Nick Ballarini, *accordionist extraordinaire* from Dallas, will demonstrate the latest in digital accordions, plus the new electronics for acoustic accordions. Make this meeting a must for the exciting new advancements in the accordion world.

WEST ACCORDION SQUEEZE-OFF on June 15 at the *West Community Center*; 210 Tokio Road; West, Texas, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. A small cover charge of \$7.50 will allow you to enjoy all-day jam sessions, plus "open mic." There will be a swap shop for accordions and other related electronics, plus a chance to try the "famous West Kolaches." For more info, contact John Sulak @ 254/224-2482.

The **AMERICAN ACCORDIONISTS ASSOCIATION (AAA)** presents *FESTIVAL 2019*, July 17-21, 2019, at the *Valley Forge Casino Resort (Radisson Hotel)* in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Guests include Peter Maric, Michael Bridge, Guest Conductor Vesna Mihonovic, Joe Natoli, Rachel Quirbach, and Dr. Robert Young McMahan. Other activities include workshops, *Junior and Senior Festival Orchestras* Carrozza Scholarship, and Youth Jazz Ensembles. For more info, visit the website at: <http://www.ameraccord.com/festival.php>.

ACCORDIONISTS & TEACHERS GUILD INTL. (ATG) will present its 79th meeting in Denver, Colorado, July 24-27, 2019. This Festival is the year of the DUOS. The ATG will feature some of the best accordion duos, plus workshops, competitions, and Festival orchestra. Featured artists include Jamie Maschler & Gabriel

Rodrigues, Augustnas Ruakaukas & Greta Staponkute, Kim & Dan Christian, and John & Madalynn Neu with *The Voice of the Wood Chamber Players*. For further info, visit the website: <https://www.atgaccordions.com/2019-festival>.

2019 COUPE MONDIALE will be held August 12-18, 2019, in Shenzhen, China. Here's your chance to see and hear the most talented accordionists. China isn't that far away. For further info, visit the website: http://www.coupemondiale.org/2019/cn_coupemain.html.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the LAS VEGAS ACCORDION CONVENTION 20th year celebration, from October 14-17, 2019. There will be workshops, concerts, accordion vendors, plus a list of performing accordion greats. More info to follow in the next OAC newsletter.

PEDONE-BALLARINI Accordion Clinic will be held at the *TbarM Ranch Resort* in New Braunfels, Texas, November 10-13, 2019. A great four days of group lessons, workshops, jam sessions, participants' concerts, solo performance opportunities, study groups, great guest artists/instructors, all in a beautiful learning environment. Nick Ballarini will be at the OAC June meeting to discuss in detail this awesome opportunity to advance your accordion experience.

Look for more accordion events in future issues of Squeezins.



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May Meeting

Lois Roth

OAC Meeting May 12, 2019

Before the meeting, Bob Mansfield led the jam group in rehearsing "Colonel Bogey March."

President Maggie Abel called the meeting to order at 3:30. There were ten members present.

- Maggie read aloud an e-mail from Wayne Turgeon. He is going to England for several months.
- Karen West played her concert selection "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue." Bob suggested that she and all players place their music stands to one side and just glance at the music as needed. This allows the audience to see the player(s).
- The *Trio* (Barbara Duer, Karen West, and Lois Roth) performed "Tico-Tico," "Chop Sticks," and "William Tell." Bob gave helpful suggestions about improving the songs.
- Tom Philips played his concert piece, "When The Saints Go Marching In," including a bass solo.
- Maggie read the list of concert jobs, and asked for volunteers:
 1. Front door greeter and tip jar caretaker: Billy Henson.
 2. Setting up and taking down chairs: several volunteers.
 3. Assist players getting on and off of stage: position still open.

4. Poster placement at *Czech Hall*: Beth and Billy Henson.

5. Gift card purchase: Barbara Duer.

6. Yukon posters: Karen and Maggie.

7. A parking attendant: We aren't sure this job is necessary. It will be discussed further.

8. Internet ads: Maggie.

9. *Edmond Library* postings: Anne Lopez.

- Karen will bring the concert posters to the June meeting.
- The sound system is still uncertain. Tom has a large amp we can use. Various microphones are available, and people are needed to work with the mic set-up and placement on stage. We are open to ideas and volunteers.
- Then we had more music. Bob performed several lovely pieces: an Oberek (composed for a four part group); "If You Love Me" ("L'Hymne a L'Amour"); "Sogno d'una Vergine;" and "All My Love."
- Toni Paulding played "Hot Points" by Frosini. She and Dick Albreski will perform it as a duet for the concert.

A reminder to all members: Be sure to attend the June 9 meeting for music and fun with Nick Ballarini, and bring a guest with you!

- Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Acting Secretary



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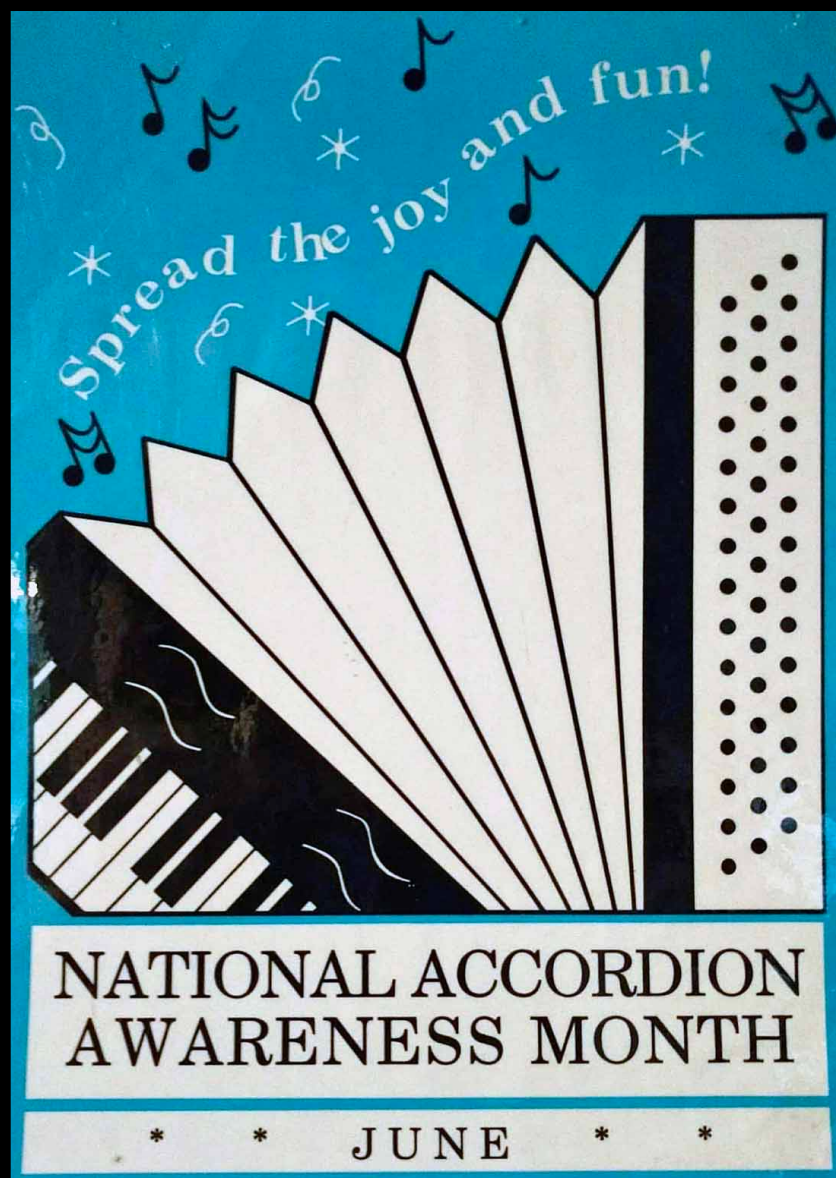
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