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The Oklahoma Accordion Club Newsletter

Septemberfest

On Sunday, September 9, 2012, the Oklahoma Accordion Club will host its first annual Septemberfest, as a prelude to Oktoberfest, for Club members and guests.

It will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, Portland and Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

German food and German music will be the second main attraction. The main attraction will be two new and exciting OAC members who will perform for your listening pleasure:



Isaac Elliott

Timothy Granger



This event will be by reservation only.

Each member can bring one guest.

September Meeting

2:00 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Business Meeting
3:15 pm	Individual and Group Performances
5:00 pm	Jam Session

The September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9, at 3:00 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located on the southeast corner of Northwest Expressway and Portland in Oklahoma City.

Enter the parking lot from Portland and use the south church entrance.

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.

After the individual and group performances, we will have a Jam Session.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



The Prez Sez

Dick Albreski

Last month we announced a new event that should prove to be fun. The OAC is having a Septemberfest as a prelude to the Oktoberfest celebrations held all over the world. We want to jumpstart the accordions by playing German music in advance. As an added bonus, we will have German food just to make our event even better. Traditional German music for the accordion is available. If you need some, please let us know.

September will have some good shows that may tempt you to travel a little to see and hear a lot. The Carolina Accordion Association announces the Smokey Mountain Accordion Fest featuring Tony Lovello and Walter Kasprzyk. The Fest will be held on Saturday September 15, 2012 at the Maggie Valley Club, 1819 Country Club Drive, Maggie Valley, NC.

On the same weekend, the West Virginia Accordion Concert featuring William Cosby, the young Hannah James, and Cory Pesaturo will be at the East Fairmont High School Auditorium, 1993 Airport Road, Fairmont, WV. The Accordion Plus in Burr Hill, VA is sponsoring this event. For more information on the above, visit the website or check with me.

Last, but not least, in September you can go to Las Vegas and be part of the Las Vegas International Accordion Festival starring Dick Contino, Jeff Lisenby, Stas Venglevski, and Mary Tokarski, to name a few. This event will be at the Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas, NV from September 24-27, 2012. Even if you can't go, visit the website because this is a really big show.

Make September your accordion month by learning a few new German tunes that can only bring smiles and joy to your friends and relations.

See you all at the Septemberfest. Last, get involved with your accordion.



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Evie Albreski

Don't forget to mark your calendars that on September 9, the OAC is having our first annual Septemberfest. This will be a prelude to the Oktoberfest celebrations held all over the world. It will be a special event with German music and German food. Each member can bring one guest, but you must call and let us know that you are coming. Why? We have to plan for the food. How does brats, hotdogs, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German potato salad, and apple Strudel sound to you? Quite a few members have already signed up, but we need everyone who can to please come. I will be handling the reservations. You can call me at 405/721-0564, or e-mail me at juaccord@hotmail.com.

To our knowledge, Sil Lopez is the only OAC member that we can send Happy Birthday wishes in September. Sil will celebrate his birthday on

September 15. If you are celebrating your birthday soon, please let us know so we can also wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Remember, birthdays are good. The more you have, the longer you live.

Good news: Both Janet Haskin and John Buchanan are on the road to recovery. We hope to see them soon at an OAC meeting.

I can't believe we are looking at the fall season. Hopefully, we can all settle down and get more time to practice our accordions. I don't worry about practicing, because Dick does it for the two of us.

We are still in the black with our funds and all bills are paid to date. We currently have \$962.78 for all future obligations.

Don't forget your reservations. See you all at the SEPTEMBERFEST.



What's one thing you never hear people say?
Oh, that's the accordion player's Porsche.

What's the difference between an accordion player and a terrorist?
Terrorists have sympathizers.

Why did the Accordion cross the road?
Because it was glued to the chicken!

Why did the chicken cross the road?
To get away from the accordion recital.

Why did the clarinet player marry the accordion player?
Upward mobility.

Why do Accordionists make good politicians?
They are used to playing both ends off against the middle.

Why do some people automatically hate accordionists?
It saves a lot of time.



Oklahoma Accordion Club Membership & Renewal Form

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The OAC membership year runs from January through December. Membership cost is prorated quarterly for new members.

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| ☐ Primary Membership is \$16 per year per individual | ☐ Lifetime Membership is a one-time fee of \$180 |
| ☐ Family Membership is \$8 per year for each additional family member when accompanied by a Primary Membership | ☐ Youth Membership is complimentary for accordion-playing youth through age 18 |

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For September Meeting

Das Kufsteiner Lied Walzer

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The musical score is written for an accordion in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score includes various chords: D7, G, C, G7, and Am. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "fine".

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fine

Music Niagara International Festival



On August 2, several important new accordion works were premiered by Alexander Sevastian and the Glenn Gould String Quartet at the Music Niagara International Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada.

The concert was dedicated to the anniversary of 1812, the Battle of Queenston Heights (a victory for the British in the first battle of the war with the USA, fought in Canada) and the performers were dressed in the costumes from that era. The program included:

1. "Angel of Love" and "Sorrow Angel," by Mikhail Bronner (for bayan and violin) -- World Premiere.
2. "Capriccio 1812" by Mikhail Bronner (for bayan and string quartet) -- World Premiere.
3. "Quinston Heights Rhapsody" by Dmitriy Varelas (for bayan, string quartet, flute, flute-piccorno and drums) -- World Premiere.

4. "Still Life in Beige" by Dmitriy Varelas (for string quartet).

"Capriccio 1812" was commissioned by Alexander Sevastian. The performance was very well attended and well received by the crowd. The piece has already been recorded and will be released soon on Alexander Sevastian's 4th CD. The future performance of this piece is scheduled on November 15th at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, Ontario.

"Quinston Heights Rhapsody" was commissioned to the young Canadian composer Dmitriy Varelas by Music Niagara.

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Picture above: Alexander Sevastian, Mikhail Bronner, Atis Bankas (leader of the Glenn Gould string quartet).

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August Meeting

Lois Roth

OAC Meeting August 12, 2012

President Dick Albreski called the meeting to order. There were 18 members and 3 guests present.

- Steve Scott was presented with his membership badge. Welcome to the Club, Steve! There are now 64 members on the roster.

- Dick announced that our next meeting, September 9, would be a celebration of Septemberfest with German music. The menu will also be very German -- everything from brats to Strudel. Each member may bring a guest. Dick and Evie must know how many will attend, so a sign-up sheet was passed around at today's meeting.

- Two youth players, Isaac Elliott and Tim Granger, will perform at the September meeting. This is their very first recital, so let's welcome them with a large group of OAC members.

- Roland Lohmann is going to open a new candy store in Norman. The grand opening is scheduled for late October. Nick Ballarini from Dallas will be there, and he will also hold a fun accordion class at another location in Norman during that time. If you are interested in attending the Ballarini workshop, please advise either Lois Roth or Dick and Evie Albreski. Time and place will be determined once we know how many members are interested. Available times are Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

- Dick began the music with three German songs. Copies were available for whoever wants to practice them for the next jam session. The songs

are "Das Kufsteiner Lied Walzer," "Der Troye Husar/Oh Susanna," and "Edelweiss." Dick also played "La Paloma" -- he said it's a popular request at German celebrations.

- Dick will be performing at the Chapel Creek Winery September 8 and 9 from noon until 2:00 pm.

- Maggie Abel and Steve Scott played a duet called "Batter Up Waltz."

- Frankie and Eleanor Martinez performed "Desvelado," "La Media Naranja," and "Gavilan Polliro," with vocals by Frankie. They will be entertaining at an ice cream social in Spencer on August 25, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

- Anne Lopez and Dick, along with Barbara Duer playing her banjo, treated us to a lively "Pizza Medley," followed by "The Third Man Theme."

- Dick performed a medley of songs from many countries, and a waltz medley that included "Fascination."

- Roland sang a fun song, "Squeeze Me," accompanied by Dick on accordion.

- Dan Orza, Karen West, and Lois Roth concluded the music with "Love Me Tender" (sung by Maggie Abel), "School Days," "Tennessee Waltz," and "Washington Post March."

The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 9. It's Septemberfest time! Remember, this meeting is by reservation only.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Roth, Secretary



August Meeting Photos

Dan Orza



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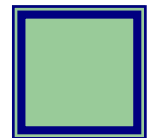
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