

Program begins at 2 p.m.

FEATURING

Rob Reich

John Wiitala

and

Eric Garland



San Francisco Accordion Club

JUNE 22, 2014

NEWSLETTER



Performer and composer **Rob Reich** has been called "a virtuoso of the accordion". His playing graces the sounds of many ensembles, including Tin Hat, Gaucho, Nice Guy Trio, and Circus Bella. The Rob Reich Trio features Reich's original material alongside music from Europe, Tin Pan Alley, and Jazz standards. They approach this diverse repertoire with a spirit of spontaneity and improvisation, resulting in a high energy, magical performance. "Whatever context he's in, Reich transforms it into a creative hothouse where thousands of musical flowers bloom." *Andrew Gilbert, East Bay Express*

John Wiitala (bass) has performed with Art Van Damme, Joe Henderson, James Moody, Benny Golson, and Pete Jolly. He has performed and recorded with Mark Levine, Scott Hamilton, Jessica Williams, Bruce Forman. and Wesla Whitfield. John is currently teaching at the Jazz School in Berkeley, Jazz Camp West, and the Stanford Jazz Camp.

Eric Garland (drums) has performed with Dave Leibman, Bobby McFerrin (with Brass Monkey Brass Band), Spencer Day, Will Bernard, and many more. Currently playing/writing with Garlando Nonet, Jazz Mafia Symphony, Mads Tolling Quartet, Michael Abraham, Markstep Trio, Karina Denike, Realistic Orchestra, Low End Theory, Brass Monkey Brass Band, and toured with, among others, late 60's icon Donovan.



Audrey Spinazola

started playing piano at a young age and continued to study though high school. She would have gone on to pursue a higher education in the music field if she had not followed her dreams of becoming a clown. She moved to San Francisco from her hometown of Boise Idaho to attend first The Clown Conservatory and then Flying Actor's Physical Theatre Conservatory program. After FAPT, she co-founded Main Street Theater where she continues to play and create. In all that hullabaloo, music was never far. From backing up classmates mime pieces to being part of clown orchestras, Audrey picked up the accordion because of its mobility and to help keep her passion alive. In 2013 she decided to take the accordion more seriously and began studying with Peter DiBono. This is her first performance at SFAC.



Don Nurisso is a popular Bay area accordionist who has over 30 years experience performing on a professional level. He is comfortable with small combos and big bands, solo and singer accompaniment.

He performs a wide variety of music including Western Swing, Jazz, Show Tunes, Popular Standards, and many ethnic genres which prominently include both Italian and French pieces. Don has recently moved to Auburn, so we are very happy to welcome him back "home".

Marc Hinchman has been playing drums professionally since he was 16 years old. He feels it is one of the best decisions he ever made.

Vince Aguiar played his first professional gig in the summer of 1964 and has played at most major country clubs from San Francisco to San Jose as well as at wedding receptions, dinner dances, anniversaries, fashion shows, class reunions and all other events which come his way.

Steve Auerbach (bass) has performed as sideman with Claire Fischer, Laurindo Almeida, Joe Henderson, Dick Contino and many, many more. He is a staple among Bay Area commercial groups and big bands and performs regularly with the Bay Area's premier community orchestra, Redwood Symphony.



Sweet Moments of Confusion

performs original instrumental compositions inspired by folk traditions from many corners of the world, particularly Northern and Eastern Europe. Drawing from classical technique, improvisation and traditional styles, cellist **Myra Joy** and accordionist **Diana Strong** weave together complex rhythms and captivating harmonies to create a rich tapestry of sounds, ranging from delicate and subtle to playful and bold. They produced their debut self-titled album, released in summer 2012, and perform across the West Coast.

The project is the result of nearly 8 years of collaboration, which began with new arrangements of traditional Celtic, Scandinavian, and Balkan tunes, and developed into a finely crafted repertoire of original work. Deeply informed by an Old World aesthetic yet infused with a distinctly modern voice, the music moves seamlessly between tradition and innovation.



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Welcome new SFAC board member, **Robert Cooperstein** who is replacing Corinne Chandel. Many thanks to Corinne for her excellent work on our data base, and particularly on our membership drive for 2013-14.

May Program Review by Lynn Ewing

We had a wonderful meeting in June, with performances by Reno Di Bono, Grigoriy Krumik and Clark Welsh, and featuring Joe Domitrovich and Cafe Vienna. Barbara Winter did a wonderful job in her first time as emcee, as well as attending to getting coffee taken care of. Thank you, Barbara!

Reno started our program with "wow factor" pieces, including *Tico Tico* and *Jolly Caballero*. He really knows how to make those bellows shake! Then he played a gentle and elegant French medley, which included *Springtime in Paris* and *Under Paris Skies*. He ended a lovely set with *Bluesette* and *Cara non Grata* (Unfaithful Heart).



Next up was **Grigoriy Krumik**, with **Clark Welsh**, an expert in many Russian instruments. Grigoriy began playing at age 6 in the Ukraine, with a small button accordion called a Garmoshka. By 1964, he switched to playing Bayan, and he is a virtuoso of this instrument.

Clark is the founder of the San Francisco Balaika Ensemble and plays Balalaika, Domra, and a host of other exotic instruments. He delighted us by playing Balalaika, Domra and a small flute like instrument called a *sopilka* in Russian, which is widely played all over Europe under many different names. Grigoriy and Clark began playing together soon after Grigoriy came to the US, and their effortless command of



this repertoire was fantastic. They played many pieces with names I could never pronounce, but English titles included *Lyrical Dance* by P Marenco, *By the Alley*, and a familiar piece called *The Cossack went Riding Along the Danube*, which I personally know as *Farewell Minka*. They also played a classic Russian waltz, *Birch Tree, and How Brightly Shines the Moon*, as well as an Armenian song which is known as both *The Russian Two Step* and *Who Stole the Kishka?*

After the break, we were entertained by **Joe Domitrovitch**, and his group *Cafe Vienna*, with Dave Dally on violin and the sultry tones of Liana Braunova Derner on Vocals. They played Schrammel music, conceived in 1878to play in Viennese wine bars and cafes. We certainly felt as though we had been transported back in time! Some Shrammel songs that Joe shared were Schoen Rosmarin, Hungarian Dances, #4 and 5, Monti's Czardas and Tanjuc, Tunjuc. Familiar pieces were not neglected, with the *Third Man* Theme, Radetzky March, and Matchmaker. We also had a wonderful mix of International Pieces: La Vie en Rose, Je ne Regrette Rien, Hruska and an Around the World Waltz Medlev. It was a beautiful afternoon, and everyone left feeling uplifted.



The ATG Festival is for EVERYONE who loves the accordion, whether you are a hobbyist, an expert, or simply a listener. Join friends you already know, and friends yet to be made from all over the country to indulge ourselves in three days of celebrating the accordion.

Convenient!

The Festival is conveniently located near the SF Airport at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Festival registration is Wednesday night, July 23. All day and evening events (concerts, workshops, orchestra rehearsals, and competitions) continue from Thursday July 24 through Saturday, July 26. Lunch with entertainment is included on Thursday and Friday. Saturday evening's Gala Banquet will feature the Peter Di Bono Trio.

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The festival orchestra is open to all and will be rehearsing in the mornings and performing at the concert Saturday night. The orchestra is meant to be accessible to most levels of players. It's only an additional \$5 to participate, and it will be so much fun. Get your participation form (below) to Joan Cochran Sommers – joansommers@kc.rr.com. Questions? Call Joan 913-722-5625

Register!

A registration form is attached below. Send your registration toBETTY JO SIMON, ATG President 10349 Century Lane, Overland Park, KS 66215Email: betty@bettyjosimon.com Phone: 913-888-4706

If you sign up by July 2nd, parking rates at the Crowne Plaza are only \$5 per day, or \$9 per day for overnight hotel guests. For complete information, go to www.accordions.com/atg

We invite you to participate in the ATG Festival Orchestras!

We will be offering two orchestras again this year. Joan C. Sommers will be conducting the Festival Orchestra for those who have had experience in performing in accordion orchestras and Beverley Fess will be conducting the Junior Festival Orchestra for those players who are perhaps less experienced or who have never participated in an orchestra.

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Victor and Mariette Tschirky, who attended our May meeting at the invitation of Joe Domitrovich.

And a warm welcome to **Vardit Benjamin**, a multi-instrumentalist who hails from Israel, and who has just begun studying accordion with Lynn Ewing. All of our new members enjoy a wide diversity of music!

Michele "Mike" Corino

will be this year's Cotati Accordion Festival's Honorary Director! He just turned 96 in April! and there is no one who deserves this honor more than him. Here's Mike with his delightful companion Catsu!



scholarship sare awarded twice a year, in April and October. The Scholarship program is funded with proceeds from the 50/50 raffle we have each month. The only requirement is that the recipient be studying with a teacher who is a member of SFAC, and that there is a financial need. Scholarship guidelines are available at the monthly meetings, or contact secretary Mike Zampiceni, eclecticguy@comcast.net, 1220 Tasman Dr #106. Sunnyvale. CA. 94089.

Condolences

It it with sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of Faithe Deffner.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Faithe Deffner attended the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, Missouri. She subsequently worked as a trade publications reporter in New York City and went on to become an advertising copywriter and account executive.

Faithe and her husband, Ernest, were the force behind the Titano Accordion Corporation now administered by Busso Music. Faithe also was instrumental in buying copyrights to the Palmer-Hughes Accordion books as well as the Aretta Accordion Course to keep that heritage alive and to make sure all of us had published material to teach and learn with. Deffner Publications lives on. She lived on Long Island for many years and had retired to Forida.

A dynamic personality in the accordion world, Faithe Deffner (1932-2014) translated her passion for accordion into action as she devoted her life's work to elevating and advancing the instrument worldwide.

Excerpt taken from Accordion USA please visit their website and read the whole story of Faithe's life and work in the accordion world.



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ATG Festival

The ATG (Accordionists and Teacher's Guild) festival is coming to San Francisco from **July 23–26th**, **2014**. There will be orchestras to participate in, wonderful concerts, workshops, and competitions for cash prizes! *www.accordions.com/atg*



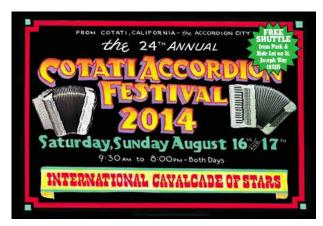
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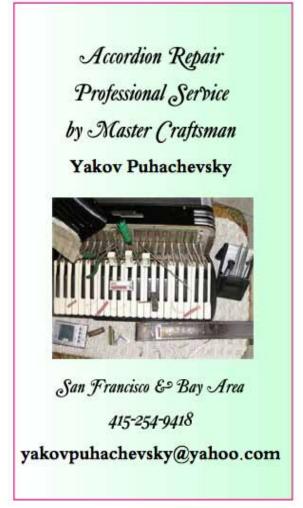
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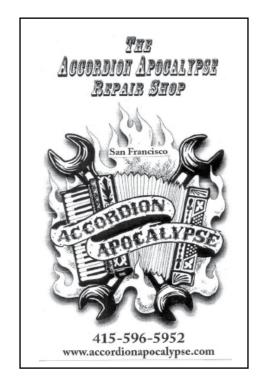




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