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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO  
ALL ACCORDIONAIRES-EVERYWHERE*



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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
TUESDAY, December 15, 7 PM**  
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## ON THE CALENDAR

*Upcoming events that are certain to be interesting...*

**December 15, 2009--It's the Accordionaires Holiday Party. Make your plans to include a festive evening with your friends at the Accordionaires. The Farmers' Almanac shows Los Angeles should be snow free that day which means no traffic problems getting to Victorio's.**



**January 19, 2010--Compliments of the Borsini Accordion Company we will have two talented Borsini artists at our Accordionaire's meeting to show you all the abilities of Borsini accordions. See more about their appearance in this month's newsletter.**

**February 21-28, 2010—POLKA PARTY AT SEA with the Eddie Rodick Orchestra, Steve Meisner, the Karousels with Bob Doszk. Information, [www.kollander.com](http://www.kollander.com)**

**March 23, 2010--First off, notice that March 23 is the FOURTH TUESDAY, not the third Tuesday. Yes, our meeting will shift to the FOURTH TUESDAY, MARCH 23, in order to compliment a special visit from Tony Lovello. Tony will provide us with one of his outstanding performances—bring the towels, you know there will be some sweating going on as Tony shakes the bellows!**

### Hey Look Us Over!!

**The test version of the Accordionaire's Website has gone public and is running. Our Webmaster, Mr. Lenny Feldmann ([www.cordeenman.com](http://www.cordeenman.com)) who also has designed many other accordion sites including Frank Marocco's [www.frankmarocco.com](http://www.frankmarocco.com)), has given our site a colorful format with features that are easy to follow. This is an ongoing process with more content, additional pictures and information yet to load, but WE ARE UP and OUT THERE!!**

**Check it out at:**

**[WWW.ACCORDIONAIRES.NET](http://WWW.ACCORDIONAIRES.NET)**

- ACCORDIONAIRES MONTHLY MEETING  
November 17, 2009



**We started the meeting with the ACCORDIONAIRES ORCHESTRA performing a POPS CONCERT. Folks, I think this was the biggest crowd we have ever had—Victorio's was overflowing (I know I was one of the many who sat outside). What a fine testament to the hard work of our orchestra that we always have a full house for their performances. If you were lucky enough to attend the concert at the Conejo Valley Youth Orchestra earlier this year, you would have assumed there was no way Janet Hane and the group could top themselves. BUT, they did!! Tonight's presentation was a combination of songs that included plenty of audience participation along with music that was enthusiastically and brilliantly performed.**

**The orchestra has the most members in history, the music is wonderful, and we are all very appreciative of the many hours these folks rehearse in order to provide us with their spectacular show. Thank you to Janet and the entire crew for another stellar event! Congratulations to all of you! We had a great time enjoying the performance and you're another reason the Accordionaires is one of the best accordion clubs in the world!**

**It took some time to settle down as accordions, music, and equipment packed up, but after a short break we were ready for the rest of the show.**



**Starting off was Helen Skidmore with back-up from Norm Panto.  
Helen sang:  
Let It Be Me  
Because of You**



**Shari Osen was next to the stage, again with Norm providing accordion back-up. Shari's performance included:  
Home for the Holidays  
Winter Wonderland**

**Keeping the "duo" them, the Sardo Brothers were ready to sing and play these tunes:  
You Belong To Me  
I Don't Know Why  
Cold, Cold Heart**



**Father Millatello had been practicing three tough ones for us:  
Triest Overature  
Festival  
Dark Eyes**

**New to the Accordionaires was Miss Rose who had Norm for back-up.**

**Mama  
Amour**



**Bill Centonze kept Norm in the spotlight as they gave us a rendition of:  
Femmena**

**Norm had his accordion smoking hot by now, and it was ready for this Italian favorite:  
Funicula, Finiculi**



**Paul Tripodi (left) had some good songs in mind as he stepped up to perform:  
Cao, Cao Bambino  
Jealousy  
Amapola**



**Bob Moloznik and Norm Panto make a great accordion duet, and they were in the zone tonight as they played: I'm In the Mood for Love, All of Me, Pennies From Heaven, That Old Feeling**



**All of a sudden it was 10 PM and we had to wrap up, but we'll be here again to enjoy our 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY. Don't miss it (Santa will be checkn' his list to see who is here and who ain't)! See you on December 15.**



## **BORSINI** Comes to the Accordionaires January 19, 2010

Our January meeting will be a great one—you have to be here! The Borsini folks are coming for a visit and will bring a wide variety of their accordions to show us how they're made and how they're played. Last January, 2009, Borsini opened a US branch in Orange County, CA bringing factory sales, service, and professional tuning to the USA. Jeffrey Iacono of Borsini USA has been trained directly by the master himself, Vincenzo Borsini, to the highest level of service and tuning. Vincenzo worked for and was trained by his uncle Egisto Pancotti who was the founder of Excelsior accordions.

Since 1922 Borsini has been building top quality accordions for three generations in Castelfidardo, Italy. Six of the family members work in the factory every day and most of the staff has been with Borsini for their working life. Borsini builds 55 different models of Piano, Chromatic, and Free Bass accordions. During their visit to the Accordionaires the Borsini folks will walk us through the accordion construction process they use. Today finding a quality accordion goes much deeper than a name since many accordions now are merely labeled rather than built. The Borsini folks will share how to identify a high quality accordion. Also we'll be treated a "test drive" of various models available for club members to try.



Jeff will be accompanied by Carlo Borsini (master tuner and musician), and Vincenzo Abbracciante. Vincenzo, born in Ostuni, Italy, in 1983 is the artistic son of a family of accordionists (grandfather, uncle and father). From an early age, he studied the accordion with his father, and won numerous national competitions. He studied, attended and participated in clinics with Franco D'Andrea, Bruno Tommaso, Gianni Lenoci, Stefano Battaglia, Mirko Signorile, Richard Galliano, Joelle Leandre, Steve Potts, Roberto Gatto and Dado Moroni. In October 2000 he won the entertainment category at the 25th International Championship in Castelfidardo, Italy. In 2003 he won the 53th Trophee Mondial.

Vincenzo is the official demonstrator for Borsini, and has performed many concerts in Italy, England, Germany, Austria, Denmark and Canada. Since 2003 he also has been a member of a group "The Bumps" (with Davide Penta on double bass and Antonio Di Lorenzo drums). The group has recorded 3 albums, the last issued by Universal music. A new album based on Italian sound tracks of films from the 60's and 70's with songs written by Morricone, Trovajoli, Piccioni, Umilinani and others is now being produced. Vincenzo is well known in Italian music having played with: Lucio Dalla, Marc Ribot, Flavio Boltro, Gaetano Partipilo, Carlo Actis Dato, Vito Di Modugno, Giuseppe Delre, Vincenzo Deluci, Roberto Ottaviano, Guido Di Leone, Paola Arnesano, Pippo Ark D'Ambrosio, Nando Di Modugno, Enzo Cavalli, Walter Grassman, Hannes Strasser, Alexander Meik.



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Get ready for the Best of Italy right here at the Accordionaires.



## THE GRAND FINALE! ROLAND INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION FESTIVAL

Rome, Italy  
November, 2009



The 14 finalist contestants arrived from around the globe having qualified in their home region. Sinopoli Hall, Auditorium Parco della Musica, was the venue and it was immediately apparent it contained a capacity crowd of 1200 people. Judges selected for the competition were Angel Luis Castano (Chairman of the jury), Kimmo Mattila, Xiao Qing Cao, Alexander Selianov, Jacques Mornet, Renzo Ruggieri, and Raymond Bodell. The festivities began with a parade of the contestants, each of them holding the flag of their country. Cory Pesaturo, 2009 Coupe Mondiale Digital Winner, opened the evening with a demonstration of the new Roland FR-7x.

Miss Alicia Baker represented the United States. Alicia has played the accordion for 12 years; she also is an accomplished pianist and singer. Alicia is 18 and attends Oregon State University.



This year's winners were Grayson Masefield, New Zealand (Grand Prize), Xiaonan Xu, China (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up), and Nicholas Koch, France (2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up).

**Be sure to attend the December Holiday Party and wish your friends  
HOLIDAY GREETINGS!**

