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When three members of *Gamle Aker Spelemannslag* (from Oslo, Norway) visited “**A World of Accordions Museum**” they were sufficiently impressed to consider it the incentive for a return trip to perform in the Concert Hall. That was 2003, the summer they won the big prize at “Kimberley International Old Time Accordion Contest.”

This June the twelve-member accordion group will realize its goal in two performances at Harrington ARTS Center, 1401 Belknap Street, Superior, WI. Phone 715-395-2787 (ARTS) for tickets and additional information.

GAS will offer a 30-minute “teaser” concert on June 22, following the performance of Tony Lovello, a respected acquaintance of long standing.

On June 23, they will present a full concert of old-time Scandinavian dance music at 7:00 PM. Their goal is to share their passion for this lively traditional music—and to have fun! Their skills and enthusiasm have been recognized in many annual festivals in Norway, in two previous tours of USA’s East coast, and by the Norwegian Accordionist’s Association, in which one of the members was past president.

Taking their name from the old county of Aker, now incorporated into Oslo, *GAS* translates to “Old Aker Band Players.” The band has released two CDs: “Waltzes, Rheinlanders And Even More” in 2002, and “DDV” (not DVD) in 2008.

Donations to defray travel expenses will be accepted at the door (\$10.00 per person is suggested).