

# Midwest Regional Free-Reed Festival Schedule Saturday, August 20, 2005

## 10:00—11:00 A World of Accordions Museum Tour

All accordion-family instruments are related.  
Come learn how!

## 10:00 Anyone Can Memorize Music!— Workshop

This nationally acclaimed seminar will result in your ability to play from memory a piece learned “on the spot.” The session combines theory, muscle memory, and “by ear” aspects. Wow!

## 11:00 – 12:00 Jam Session—All are welcome!

Whatever your skills, regardless of instrument  
Join in the fun of making music together !

## 12:00 --1:00 Let's Play Button Diatonic Accordion

### or Anglo Concertina

Even if you've never put a finger on an accordion—you can play here and now! Use one of ours (or bring your own) during this class lessons and HAVE FUN!

## 1:00—2:00 Dee Langley Concert

Dee Langley (Minneapolis, MN) is one of the nation's foremost accordionists. She will perform an exciting repertoire of virtuoso and ethnic selections in a program you'll never forget!

## 2:00 Eric Ray Performance

Hear this amazing Minnesota youngster perform on piano accordion and button diatonic accordion.

## 2:30 Polka Performance Styles--Workshop

Dee Langley presents this workshop, important for all accordion-family instrument players. Learn to understand difference in style, speed, rhythmic articulations, and much more pertaining to correct delivery of Western and Eastern European polkas.

## 3:30 Lorren Lindevig and Ron Setniker Concert

Hear these accordion greats perform on piano accordion and button diatonic accordions. You'll hear why Cloquet and Biwabic (MN) are famous for their celebrities!

## 4:30 Let's Play Anglo Concertina and Chemnitz Concertina

Ever wanted to play one! Don't know where to begin? Well-right here and now. Use one of ours (or bring your own) during this FUN class lesson.

## 5:00 Open Mike

Yvonne Marts, “Accordion Lady of Fergus Falls (MN),” presents original compositions and standard favorites.

**Little Ripley Band:** You won't believe this family band from Cloquet and the Twin Cities ! Roberta Leu (concertina), Walt Leu (12-string guitar), Jane O'Brien (accordion), Ruth O'Brien (percussion), Norma Peterson (piano), Nancy Peterson (rhythm). Amazing!

## 6:00 Jam Session

Anything goes! Anyone plays!

## 7:00 Sue Spencer and Jim Ofsthun Concert

These north countries artists play Newfoundland Irish-Celtic favorites and originals. As members of “Willowgreen,” they are nationally prominent artists. An exciting concert experience—not to be missed!

## Midwest Regional Free-Reed Festival Schedule Sunday, August 21, 2005

**10:00 Museum Tour**  
All accordion-family instruments are related.  
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**10:00 Music Theory for Accordionists--  
Workshop**  
Understand your instrument better, and learn how it helps you to play traditional music—just by its organizational aspects.

**11:00 Open Mike**  
**Gina Jennissen** ( Hutchinson, MN) plays concert and entertainment favorites on her piano accordion.

**Sue Porter** (Two Harbors) plays on button diatonic and piano accordions.

**12:00 Let's Play Chromatic Accordions**

Ever wanted to play a piano or button chromatic accordion? Don't know where to begin? Well-right here and now. Use one of ours during this class lesson and HAVE Fun!

**12:30 The Chromatic Button Keyboard**  
We'll explore the relationship between the chromatic accordion and the chromatic bandonion. If you understand, you can play both!

**1:00 Shelby Setniker Eschiti Concert**  
Shelby branches out to perform on piano accordion as well as the button diatonic accordion that has brought fame to her musical family.

**1:30 Paul Vargason Performance**  
Many have followed the progress of our prodigy (playing since age 4) Paul, now 17. He is an experienced and popular entertainer on button diatonic and piano accordions.

**2:30 TBA**

**3:00 It's Not Written In The Notes--  
Workshop**  
Helmi Harrington explains and demonstrates performance techniques that distinguish artists from students. We all hear the differences—here you will understand WHY, and learn some special tips for yourself. This is a nationally acclaimed seminar!

**4:00 Open Mike**  
**Karen Majewicz** (NY and MN) demonstrates and explains many of the accordion family's prominent instruments.

**Cindy Graff** and **Laura Cusick** perform on piano accordion and concertina around the Twin Cities. Now you can hear and enjoy their skills!

**5:00            Open Mike**

Anyone may step-up and present a program up to 20-minutes in length.

**6:00            Benjamin Lang Performance**

Another of our prodigies, Ben at 17 (Holman, WI) has won many national awards and is on his way to internationals!

**6:30 Ron Askegaard** (button chromatic and piano accordions) and **Darla Bartley** ('cello) perform duets you'll never forget.

**7:00            Mary Tokarski (CT) Concert**

**Or ACME Concert: Carolyn Carver**, violin and **Helmi Harrington**, accordions and concertinas.