

Midwest Regional Free- Reed Festival Schedule

Saturday, August 12, 2006

(NOTE: This is a preliminary schedule subject to change)

10:00 **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. This is a nationally acclaimed workshop. Wow!

11:00 **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.

11:30 **Using Shifts Effectively**

John Bispala demonstrates how he uses the resources of his accordions (piano- and chromatic button) to interpret music effectively

12:00 **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 lesson and HAVE FUN!

1:00 **Lunch**

Sometimes people get hungry! Enjoy our lunch offerings or patronize a local restaurant. But hurry back!

2:00 **Inside Your Accordion**

Learn how your accordion works. Ask your questions and observe basic repair procedures.

3:30 **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.

4:30 **Tips for playing in a Concert Hall**

Demo session on spontaneous interpretive nuances required to appear professional and sound like an artist.

5:00 **Open Mike**

Sign up right away for your 15-min set in our magnificent Concert Hall. Learn to monitor your sound in an acoustic hall. It takes experience to sound like a pro!

6:00 **Jam Session**
Anything goes! Anyone plays! Somebody suggests a tune and all participate. Forget your inhibitions, overcome your shyness, join in the fun of making music together.

6:00 **Supper**
Grab a quick meal at a local restaurant and hurry back!

7:00 **ACM Concert**
Students of Accordion Concertina Music present a special recital which includes solo, duo, and band selections.

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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 **Dan Fiskum (?)**
Renowned ragtime and rock pianist demonstrates techniques he uses in performance and composition.

12:00 **The Chromatic Button Keyboard**
We'll explore the relationship between the chromatic accordion and the chromatic bandonion. If you understand, you can play both!

12:30 **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!

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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- chromatic- and piano accordions.

2:30 **John Susnik and Helmi Perform**
John has a most charming performance style for his Slovenian and traditional favorites. Helmi will use diatonic and chromatic accordions in the performance.

3:00 **It's Not Written In The Notes--
Workshop**

Hear explanations and demonstrations for 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 **Tuning an Accordion**

An introduction to tuning procedures and tools. Watch and listen as an instrument is tuned.

5:00 **Donald Peterson--Harmonicas**

Hear a delightful presentation of favorite music. Various harmonicas will be used and explained.

5:00 **Yvonne Marts**

Celebrated Minnesotan tells you about her creative process and what inspires her compositions and texts as she performs and sings some of her music.

5:30 **Open Mike**

Two presenters may offer a program up to 15-minutes in length. Enjoy playing in our magnificent Concert Hall. Learn to monitor your sound in an acoustic hall. It takes experience to sound like a pro!

6:00 **Supper**

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6:00 **Yvonne Marts Ensemble**

Hear what informal get-together-to-make-music sessions produce! Take notice and maybe you'll be inspired to similar activity in your locales!

7:00 **Concert Michelle Gribbon and Helmi**

Be sure to buy the books, tapes and CDs our artists are selling. Get autographs!

Visit our Gift Shop for those special hard-to-find items that you and your friends will cherish.