

# Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA)

## World Accordion Day - May 6



The Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA) is pleased to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> of May as the official launching of World Accordion Day.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the day the accordion was patented in 1829, the CIA will coordinate an annual world wide celebration, in a unified global crusade to promote the diversity of the accordion and the outstanding artists that play it.

The World Accordion Day is a unique global opportunity to promote public awareness of the accordion, an instrument without boundaries, one that spans all cultures and musical genres.

From a solo performance to a Concerto with a 100 piece Symphony Orchestra, from a Duet or Trio to a 40 piece Accordion Orchestra, from the majestic sounds of the handmade acoustic reeds to the latest in Digital Technology, from newly commissioned original works to dazzling transcriptions of the classics, from Classical to Jazz, from Ethnic to Pop, from the pit orchestra in a Broadway Show to the background music in a TV Commercial, from Tchaikovsky to Gubaidulina, from the tiny diatonic

instruments to the multi octave concert models, from the shelves of a Museum to center stage at Carnegie Hall, from Private Music Studios to the most esteemed and respected Conservatories in the world, there is no limit to where one might find the accordion, or have the opportunity to enjoy the variety of ways in which it is utilized.

The CIA's first World Accordion Day will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009, the 180<sup>th</sup> birthday of the accordion. Accordionists from around the world are invited to join this inaugural celebration, while paying homage to the accordion. This International event will serve as an exciting means to bring everyone together in a unified effort to promote public awareness of the accordion and its many capabilities.

We invite you to join us on, or around May 6<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the accordion by scheduling, attending, performing or promoting a concert featuring the accordion.

Please visit the World Accordion Day website for more information. We look forward to celebrating this event with you!

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