



CARMEN CARROZZA MEMORIAL AWARD COMPETITION

Prizes funded by the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Fund

To further popularize the AAA-Commissioned repertoire, the Carmen Carrozza Scholarship Committee is offering \$6,750 in cash prizes to the winners of this competition for all acoustic accordionists (piano and button keyboards). Over the years, Maestro Carrozza himself premiered most of the AAA-commissioned works and he was most familiar with this important legacy to the accordion world.



The Open Division of this competition requires accordionists to choose one of the listed commissioned pieces, one of the Standard Repertoire pieces and one or more pieces of entertainment value – all to be performed in a single program to demonstrate well-rounded musicianship.

The Junior Division of this competition requires accordionists to choose one of the listed Carrozza original pieces, one of the Standard Repertoire pieces and one or more pieces of entertainment value – all to be performed in a single program to demonstrate well-rounded musicianship.

WINNERS will be obligated to perform at the Memorial Concert on October 4, 2015 and/or a future Carrozza Scholarship Fundraiser if requested.

PRIZES:

Open Division (up to 32 years of age):

1st prize - \$3,000 2nd prize - \$1,500 3rd prize - \$500

Junior Division (up to 15 years of age):

1st prize - \$1,000 2nd prize - \$500 3rd prize - \$250

OPEN DIVISION:

I – SELECT ONE

AAA Commissioned Works

Iridescent Rondo – Henry Cowell
Remembering a Legend: Charles Magnante
Dr. William Schimmel
Partita – Alexander Tcherepnin
Pavana & Rondo – Carlos Surinach

II – SELECT ONE

Standard Repertoire

Waltz Allegro – Charles Magnante
Prelude and Scherzo – Eugene Ettore
Scherzo – John Gart
Omaggio A Pietro – Pietro Frosini

III – ENTERTAINMENT OWN CHOICE

Jazz, Latin, Musette, Polka, etc. –
NO CLASSICAL

JUNIOR DIVISION:

I – SELECT ONE – Carmen Carrozza

Originals:

Cascade
Parisian Musette

II – SELECT ONE

Standard Repertoire

Beautiful Days – Pietro Deiro
Pioneer Concerto - Eugene Ettore

III – ENTERTAINMENT OWN CHOICE

Jazz, Latin, Musette, Polka, etc. –
NO CLASSICAL

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COMPETITION RULES:

Entry Fee: The Contestant must be sponsored by an AAA member or pay the annual \$65 AAA membership fee in order to compete. Entry fee of \$60 must accompany the fully completed Entry Form (below) plus the additional \$65 for a non-sponsored entry. Entries not fully completed will be not be accepted.

Instrument Requirements: Competitor must perform the program with an acoustic accordion as a solo instrument (piano or button keyboard), in conformity with the competition rules.

Age Limit: *Open Division* – Maximum 32 years of age as of September 1, 2015 (closing date for entries)

Junior Division – Up to 15 years of age as of September 1, 2015 (closing date for entries)

Closing Date: Entries must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2015. Online entries will be accepted until that date.

Time and Place: The competition will be held on October 3, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 455 South Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Draw for Position will take place on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Music: Printed copies of published material is required. Two copies must be submitted to the Contest Chairperson at the Draw for Position. Performance must be from memory with the exception of the AAA Commissioned Works segment, where music CAN be used.

Time Limit: *Open Division*: Playing time, excluding brief breaks between pieces, may not exceed 15 minutes, nor be less than 12 minutes. ***Junior Division*:** Playing time, excluding brief breaks between pieces, may not exceed 12 minutes, nor be less than 9 minutes.

Music Requirements: Competitor's program must consist of at least three sections outlined below:

ENTRY FORM

Contestant's Name (First) _____ (Last) _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Penalties: There will be point penalties for any infraction of the rules including time limits.

Judging Criteria: Entrants will be judged on musicianship, appropriate attire, professional presentation and rapport with the audience. Judges' decision will be final and cannot be challenged.

AAA Member Sponsor: _____

Send Entry Form and Fees (\$60 for sponsored entry, and additional \$65 for non-sponsored entry) by

Check Visa MasterCard or Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____ Cardholder _____

Please list titles of the Pieces you will play and duration of each:

I – AAA Commissioned work (*Open Division*) _____ Time: _____

OR Carmen Carrozza Original (*Junior Division*) _____ Time: _____

II – Standard Repertoire Piece _____ Time: _____

III – Own Choice Entertainment _____ Time: _____

Please Check:

Entry Fee (\$60)

Non-sponsored Entry (\$65)

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