

2018 Convention Workshops Descriptions March 8 - 10, 2018

**Moving Beyond the Past - Launching the
Future!**

"Enjoying the Journey"

2018 Band Camp Music!

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Digital Activities

Summary of the digitally oriented Daily Activities

**Thursday is Band Camp Day!
Band Camp Concert is Thursday evening 7:30 - 8:30 pm.**

2017 Fun Band (Albreski, Dir)

Click the Blue Music Link download the music

Practice Times

Wednesday: 1 hr between 7 - 10 pm.
Thursday: 9:00 am. and 1:30 pm.
Concert: 7:30 pm.

Dick Albreski writes:

Calling all Accordions and their 'Squeezers'

Let your accordions be heard at the 2018 National Accordion Convention in a group of music makers with a desire to have FUN. Here is your invitation to join the **Thursday evening FUN BAND** and be part of a supervised JAM.

Enjoy musical surprises you haven't imagined. Be part of a relaxed group of musicians that will be able to play at their level of experience. You bring yourself and your accordion and the N.A.A. will furnish

the music, the time and the place.

Expect on Thursday (9/8/2018) some FUN rehearsals and a most rewarding concert.

For more information contact Dick Albreski (conductor/director) at juaccord@hotmail.com or phone (405)-721-0564.

Thursday: Non-Band Camp Activities

Following is a list of alternate activities available:

- Visit the vendor areas
- Mom's 15 Minutes of Fame
- Sharon Seaton's Circle*
- Open Dialog Among Accordionists (Host: Sharon)
- More options coming in 2018 . . .

* **Sharon's Circle** is a self-critiquing circle of friends performing for each other. Her "circle" may be repeated several times during the day.

Presenters name(s) go here
Musical arrangement goes here

Description goes here

2018 Accordion Orchestra Activities (Open position)

[Click the Blue Music Link](#) download the music

Practice Times

- Wednesday: 1 hr between 7-10 pm.
- Thursday: 10:30 am. and 3:30 pm.

The selected orchestra director writes: Message goes here. . . .

Thanks for joining me,
xxxxx xxxxx, NAA 2018 Orchestra Director

Digital Suite (Ballroom)
Host: xxxxx xxxxx

Wednesday (After 6:00 pm.)

Upon request, Ian Fries (732-433-0211), can store digital accordions and equipment in the digital area. Late evening Jamming will happen in this area during the convention

Thursday, March 8 - Open all day

9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

Ian Fries - Digital Practicalities - Batteries, Cases, Travel, Chargers

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.

Presenter - xxxxx

1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Presenter- xxxxx.

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Fries: xxxxx

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Presenter - xxxxx.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Digital Suite Social Hour

Open for discussion, accordion playing, and snacks

Digital Jamming will start after the "Circle" closes.



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Thursday Evening Concert Information Band Camp Activities in the Ballroom

Fun Band -
Accordion Orchestra
Circle of Champions

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Friday Workshop Activities

On-Going Activities: Arlyn's 15-minutes of Fame, Round-table Discussions, and Vendor Displays!

**Arlyn writes . . . (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday),
Bring your accordion to the convention and perform during the "15 Minutes of Fame!" program.**
This is your chance to play your accordion, your way, for a non-judgmental gathering of your fellow conventioners. This event is meant for everyone the hobbyist to the professional accordionist. Accordion enthusiasts are welcome too! We love accordions. We love having fun with music. You are invited! We want to hear your accordion. We want you to become Famous at the 2018 Convention!

Main Ballroom (Salon D)
Good training track for small groups

9:00 - 9:50 am.
Presenters name
Summary goes here

10:00 - 10:50 am.
Presenters name
Description . . .

11:00 - 11:50 am.
Presenters name
(Workshop title, etc.)

12:00 - 1:20 pm.
Lunch Break

1:30 - 2:20 pm.
Presenter
Topic

2:30 - 3:20 pm.
Presenter
Topic goes here

3:30 - 4:20 pm.
Presenters name goes here
Workshop title
Workshop description

4:30 - 5:20 pm.
Presenters name goes here . . .
Activity title goes here:
Description goes here

Longhorn Ballroom III-IV

Good training track for expanding skills

9:00 - 9:55 am.

Presenters name

Topic:

Description.

10:00 - 10:50 am.

Presenters name

Description

11:00 - 11:50 am.

Presenter

Title

Description . . .

12:00 - 1:20 pm.

Lunch

1:30 - 2:20 pm.

Name

Title:

Description

2:30 - 3:20 pm.

Presenter

Description

3:30 - 4:20 pm.

Presenter

Topic

Description . . .

4:30 - 5:20 p.m.

Presenter

Title.

Description

Digital Suite

Friday, March 9, 2018

Hosts Ian Fries

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Host and topic -

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Host and topic-

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Host and topic

1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Host and topic

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Host and topic

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Host and topic -

4:30 - 5:20 p.m.

Suite Social Hour

- Open for discussion, accordion playing, and snacks

Roland Suite - Open Daily

All conventioners are welcome from experienced Roland Accordionists, to those who would like to experience a digital accordion up close for the first time.

Roland Suite Topics will include:

One
Two
Three
Four

Adding Sounds;

xxx
xx
xx
xx

Additional topics (to be named later)

Demonstrations may include:

Transferring sets and user programs between different models of Roland accordions.

Other Convention Areas

Vendor Areas The vendor are responsible for posting the hours they are open on the hallway doors. The Swap Shop accordions are in this area.

Arlyn's 15-minutes of Fame

In addition to the traditional segments of instant fame (and many pictures),

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Friday "Progressive Party" Activities General Public: \$10 per person

Unless announced otherwise, the successful 30th anniversary party format will be repeated in 2018. The Convention Team is holding a 3.5 hour Progressive Party featuring our own conventioners providing music simultaneously in three different locations. This format was designed to let conventioners practice new skills learned during the daytime sessions.

Main Ballroom (Salon D) Dance Party (Nancy Bernstein)

Musicians: Not assigned at this time

The dance party is scheduled for those who love to play dance music and those who love to "dance the night away." Four local dance clubs have been invited to this dance party.

N.A.A. FRIDAY DANCE PARTY format:

To be determined soon.

Longhorn Ballrooms III-IV Cafe' Accordion: Sharon Seaton Musicians: Conventioners

Cafe' Accordion will feature accordionists specializing in music with an ethnic flavor. Music of a variety of cultures will be highlighted in a relaxing setting evoking a French or Italian sidewalk cafe, a German pub, a latin gathering of friends, or. . . ?

Conventioners interested in being featured in such settings should contact Sharon Seaton at her new e-mail address AccordionSharon@yahoo.com

Spurs Room (by restaurant)**Party Animals: Nick Ballarini**

Nick has designed the "Party Animal" event to feature various musical dentitions such as:

"Battle of the Bands"

Accordion bands from local areas, such as Oklahoma City, Dallas, etc.,

Solos, duets, and trios

Special artist and guest

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Saturday Youth Activities Training in the Spurs, concert in the Main ballroom

Albreski Youth Activities:

Youth, We Are Not Kidding!

History has proven that our students are the best accordion players. **Our KIDS don't kid when it comes to performing.** Here's a call to all the accordion youth (ages 6 to 18) to join with other youth and perform in concert at the 2018 National Accordion Convention. The music is free, the attendance is free, and the rewards are many. The music is arranged to meet all levels of experience plus it will be available prior to the concert for your review and practice.

You can also 'shine' individually by performing a solo of your choosing. We are not kidding. This is a chance to join with others and become history. All you need to bring is your accordion and the desire to play like a "PRO".

Everything else will be there waiting for you on Saturday March 10th, 2018. Expect morning rehearsals and a afternoon concert. For more information, contact Dick Albreski (conductor/director) at (405)-721-0564 or e-mail juaccord@hotmail.com.

Longhorn Ballroom III-IV

The youth have two required practice sessions. One at 9:00 and a second at 11:00AM.

This gives the students a break between practices and a chance for lunch before the concert starts at 1:00 PM.

Other Areas

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Saturday Workshop Activities

Main Ballroom (Salon D)

9:00 - 9:50 am.

10:00 - 10:50 am.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

11:00 - 11:50am.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

12:00 - 1:20 pm.

Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm. Youth Show (Albreski and teachers)

2:20 - 3:30 pm.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

3:30 - 4:20 pm.

Presenter name

Workshop title. Workshop description

Reserve time

Closed for setup

Longhorn Ballroom III-IV

9:00 - 9:55 pm.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

10:00 - 11:50 am.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

11:00 - 11:50 am.

Presenter name (California)

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

12:00 - 1:20 pm.

Lunch

1:30 - 2:20 pm.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description

2:30 - 3:20 pm.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

3:30 - 4:20 pm.

Presenter name

Workshop title

Workshop description . . .

Digital Emphasis - Longhorn Ballroom

Saturday , March 10, 2018

Open all day - Host Ian Fries

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Presenter and topic

- 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Presenter and topic
- 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
Presenter and topic
- 1:30 - 2:20 p.m.
Presenter and topic
- 2:30 - 3:20 p.m.
Presenter and topic
- 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.
Presenter and topic
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Presenter and topic

Presenter name
Workshop topic
 Workshop description . . .

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Saturday Evening Concert Information

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Round-table and Miscellaneous Discussion Topics

Round-table Discussions
 Awaiting suggestions from the survey . . .
Accordion Teachers -
Moving Forward to 2018 and beyond!
 Awaiting suggestions from the surveys . . .

Logic behind the round-table discussion:
 Ongoing "year around teaching opportunities" are the lifeblood of any vibrant organization. Our accordion world is a single vibrant organization that is composed of dozens of associations, clubs, studios, teachers, and students. A good association is much more than an annual convention.

Friday/Saturday Workshops/Presentations

Information will appear in this area after the "Automated Open Call" has closed and the resulting contracts have been signed.

- Convention workshops requested by members:**
- Musical techniques
 - Group training
 - Performance tips
 - Variety of styles
 - Musicality and the accordion
 - Discussions
 - Round Table
 - Panels
 - Demonstrations

Other Areas:

More Workshop Information

Awaiting information from the "Open Call."

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Digital Information (Longhorn Ballroom Area)

Host: Ian Blair Fries

Invited Guests: Names will be listed here

The Suite will be open daily between 9:30 and 5:30 P.M. for scheduled talks, informal discussions, and accordion playing. We will have a social hour and snacks each day from 4:30 to 5:30.

All are welcome from experienced digital accordionists to those who would like to experience a digital accordion up close for the first time.

The Digital area will be open all day all three days, unless stated otherwise:

Thursday, March 9 - Open all day

Host: Ian Fries

9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

Name and workshop info

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Social Hour

Open for discussion, accordion playing, and snacks

Friday, March 9, 2017

Host Ian Fries

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

4:30 - 5:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

- Open for discussion, accordion playing, and snacks

Digital Suite - Longhorn

Saturday, March 10, 2017

Open all day - Host Ian Fries

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Name and workshop info

1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Name and workshop info

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Name and workshop info

- Open for discussion, accordion playing, and snacks.

Speaker and workshop information

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Main Ballroom (Salon D)

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