

## It's Time to Prepare for Leavenworth

June 20 – 23, 2019

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The 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Leavenworth Accordion Celebration looks to be one of the best events ever. Note the outstanding line up of professional performers. The variety of music will showcase the versatility of the accordion.

Public performances at the gazebo and grange will be scheduled beginning late April or early May. There will be an opportunity to perform at the new Gingerbread Factory across from the gazebo. The sign up for that will take place at the gazebo beginning on Thursday during LIAC. It's a fun venue and everyone who played there last year had enjoyed the new location.

Prepare Bavarian/ethnic/**audience friendly** music for your performances downtown. Bavarian/ethnic attire would be great! Check the web site: [www.accordioncelebration.org](http://www.accordioncelebration.org) for the gazebo and grange schedules. **You cannot sign up on line**; you can see what opportunities are available. Also, the competition/workshop schedules are posted on the celebration web site: [www.accordioncelebration.org](http://www.accordioncelebration.org) After reviewing those schedules, contact Doris Osgood for performance times that will fit your plans. Doris will schedule the performers and the roster will be updated on line regularly. To sign up for performance contact: [dorisosgood@frontier.com](mailto:dorisosgood@frontier.com) or 503-357-0417. Folding chairs are provided at the gazebo, but bring your own music stand if you need one. Remember, the performance schedule at the gazebo is tight. Time your program and be ready to roll when you are scheduled. Tardiness does not mean you will have your full 15 minutes; the next player will be "on" as scheduled. **The last date to schedule performances via email and phone will be June 17.** See Doris in person in Leavenworth after that.

For those playing in competition or accordion artistry performances, bring any "special" equipment you may need for your performance, like a music stand or stool. There are folding chairs on stage at the festhalle, gazebo and at the grange. **Yes, there will be the mass, volunteer Gazebo Ensemble** during LIAC. Be sure to bring your own music stand for that. Players will bring out extra chairs at the gazebo and will restore them after the program. Details about the volunteer Gazebo Ensemble will be available on line.

**Volunteers make our event happen.** This is an important part of the celebration. Participate in the competition, workshops, concerts, parade AND volunteer for a shift or two. A few hard working people can't do it all! Contact Kathleen Falco to indicate the times you'd be available to work. [kathleen.falco@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen.falco@yahoo.com) (208-610-8426)

The **parade** will be close to the lunch hour on Saturday during the celebration. **The time will be posted and printed in the festival schedule.** The music is Leavenworth friendly; most will be in the key of C. The parade experience is brief so prepare Happy Wanderer, Edelweiss for singing, The Snow Waltz, I Don't Have a Wooden Heart, and the Beer Barrel Polka. The group begins and ends at the Festhalle! Come to the Festhalle about 15 minutes before parade time for a brief rehearsal and marching orders from parademeister, Rod Miller. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Remember to check the web site for updates. The **schedules are subject to change**. Doris will have the “official” gazebo schedule on site at the gazebo. Do not rely upon old data for the accurate schedule.. See you in Leavenworth – June 20 – 23, 2019 – *for the love of the accordion*.

### **Accordion Celebration Volunteer Opportunities**

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration is going to be an exciting time. Invest yourself in the event: **VOLUNTEER**. This is a “grass roots” event. The “staff” is made up of a few people who labor for several months for the love of the accordion and its people; they can’t make it happen by themselves. Be part of a special event. Contact **Kathleen Falco**, our volunteer coordinator, to schedule a shift or two during the accordion celebration. Take advantage of the many different opportunities to be part of the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Scheduling will begin in early April. Contact Kathleen at: [kathleen.falco@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen.falco@yahoo.com) or 208-610-8426