

2020 NOT JUST OOM-PAH! ACCORDION CONCERT & WORKSHOP

Featuring

Alicia Baker



& Kevin Solecki



**GRAMMY
NOMINATED!**

French Musette

Polka



FREE CONCERT! Friday, June 26, 2020 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Central Market North, 4001 North Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78756

Ooh-La-La! & Oom-Pah-Pah!

ACCORDION WORKSHOP Saturday & Sunday, June 27 - 28 8:30 am – 5:30 pm each day
at Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2874 Shoal Crest Ave., Austin, TX. 78705

Nick Ballarini will be at the workshop for all your accordion and accordion accessories needs.

\$175 for Accordionists.

Includes all materials & Lunch each day.

\$60 for Non-Accordionists.

Includes Lunch each day.

ARE YOU 18 years old Or YOUNGER! IF SO, we are

offering ONE LUCKY YOUNG ACCORDIONIST

a WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP ! Check out the Scholarship

Application to see if you qualify, and if so, apply today!

POLKA DANCE SESSION Sunday, June 28, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Free & Open to the Public. All Ages Welcome!

Lamar Senior Activity Center

**Workshop Participants join Kevin Solecki in playing for the Polka
Dance Session. Dances taught by Gaby Thompson.**



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Alicia Baker is a classically trained accordionist, singer, pianist, and composer from Portland, Oregon, who currently resides in Denver, Colorado. Alicia earned 3 Bachelor of Arts degrees from Oregon State University; piano performance, vocal performance, and choral music education, in addition to a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2017.

Alicia's repertoire spans a wide variety of musical genres, including jazz, pop, opera, French musette, folk songs, contemporary, classical, techno, etc. She often features her own arrangements and compositions in concert. Throughout her career, Alicia has won multiple International accordion competitions, received full-ride scholarships for all her degrees, sung leading operatic roles in multiple productions, and has performed at many accordion festivals as well as at notable venues including Carnegie Weill Hall in New York and the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland.

Alicia currently spends her time teaching private students, performing, composing, and arranging. You can visit her website for recordings and more information: www.aliciajobaker.com

Kevin Solecki was born and raised in Detroit, MI, but now makes his home in Pittsburgh, PA. Earlier highlights of his career include performances on several Detroit radio and television stations in the late 1980's and early 1990's. In 1996 he joined a nationally known polka band from Pennsylvania, the "Polka Family Band." For the next 10 years, Kevin and the band toured throughout the USA, as well as internationally in Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Caribbean, and Europe. They had the opportunity to perform at some of the country's top polka festivals, state fairs, county fairs, hotels, cruise ships, as well as on numerous radio and television shows.

Solecki's career highlights include a PBS Television documentary on the polka recorded with the Polka Family Band in 2001, a 2006 GRAMMY nomination for his debut album "Solecktions", followed by multiple visits to the GRAMMY Awards since. In 2006, Kevin's GRAMMY recognition earned him appearances at the International Accordion Convention in Las Vegas, the Milwaukee Accordion Club's Summer Concert Series, the International Accordion Spectacular Show in New York, along with several sold-out concerts for the Michigan Accordion Society. Another career highlight for Kevin was when he received a personal invitation from Harry Connick Jr. to perform at Connick's sold-out June, 2013 performance at Pittsburgh's historic Heinz Hall. Per Harry's request, Solecki performed solo for several songs, and then he accompanied Connick's band for a tune. It was a memorable night of music and fun!

Currently Kevin continues to perform with a versatile repertoire at many accordion functions around the United States and abroad. Kevin also teaches, repairs, and sells accordions at his Pittsburgh based accordion shop "Carnegie Accordion Company." For more information about Kevin, as well as his recordings, visit his website: www.kevinsolecki.com

Nick Ballarini is a versatile accordionist, pianist, and bandleader who resides in Dallas, TX. This is the third year that he is bringing for various accordions and accordion accessories for sale to the Not Just Oom-Pah! Workshop. Nick is an Authorized Accordion Dealer for Petosa, Giulietti, and Hohner Accordion manufacturers. He is also a participant in the Accordions of Kids (AFK) program that provides accordions for little or no cost to children provided they are taking lessons with an AFK associated accordion instructor. To learn more about Nick and his services, visit his website: www.nickballarini.com