

World Accordion Day and Palmer Festival 2024
May 4 & 5, 2024
A World of Accordions Museum
Superior, Wisconsin

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Jane Christison, Janie Next Door® presents a free concert for families.

Friday, May 3, 2024

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Rehearsal of the Accordion & Concertina Music Band and Friends

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - WORLD ACCORDION DAY CELEBRATION

10:00 a.m. - noon Welcome and Introduction of AWA Officers and Board Members
Welcome from Kevin Friedrich, Ambassador of the CIA
Q&A with Helmi Harrington, Ph.D., Founder and Curator of AWA
Welcome from Mayor Jim Paine

Honorees:

George Curletto

Willard A. Palmer III

Joan C. Sommers

Museum Collections Visit

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. World Premiere of the ATG sponsored documentary, “A World of Accordions . . . a Harrington Legacy”

2:00 p.m. Chicagoland Accordion Academy, directed by Mary Ann Covone

3:00 p.m. Joan Cochran Sommers, Professor Emerita Workshop
What should we learn between Book 3 and Book 10? Scales, Arpeggios, Chords and More!

4:00 p.m. World Accordion Music by the Accordion & Concertina Music Band and Friends

5:00 p.m. Dinner Break (on your own)

7:30 p.m. Mike Middleton and the Middletones (ticketed event)
Dr. Mike Middleton (accordion), Clayton Capps (tuba) and Lance Middleton (drums)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – DR. WILLARD A. PALMER FESTIVAL

- 10:00 a.m. Non-denominational Polka Service - Dr. Mike Middleton (accordion), Clayton Capps (tuba), Lance Middleton (drums) and Friends. Bring your accordion to join in as part of the service! This is a FREE EVENT.
(Donations to A World of Accordions would be gratefully accepted.)
- 11:00 a.m. Willard A. Palmer III – The Life and Importance of My Father, Dr. Willard A. Palmer
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. George Curletto – Innovative Accordion Concepts
- 2:00 p.m. Around the World with the Accordion - Jane Christison, Music With A Smile®, and Kevin Friedrich
- 3:00 – 4:45 p.m. Meeting the Beatles – Hands On - Dee Langley will conduct an open group rehearsal of Beatles music. Accordion & Concertina Music (ACM) Band and Friends.
- 4:45 p.m. Performance: Beatles Music - the Accordion & Concertina Music (ACM) Band and Friends – Dee Langley, Conductor
- 5:00 p.m. Celebration Toast in honor of Dr. Willard A. Palmer and World Accordion Day and all the festival participants

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – Benefit Concert by Elias Mokole, Baritone, and Linda Turpening, Pianist

A World of Accordions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your tax-deductible donations are gratefully received and used to preserve this incredible collection of accordion-family instruments as well as maintain our historic building. THANK YOU!