

**World Accordion Day
Ninth Annual Palmer Festival
May 6-7-8, 2021**

World Accordion Day May 6 (Thursday)

- 9:00-** **Museum opens. Free time:** wander the museum, study sectional displays,
Q&A, enjoy chats with friends
Coffee station, bagels, donuts
- 10:00-10:45** Helmi Introduces the Festivals (Cyril Demian patent)
Mayor's Proclamations
Announcement of Stas Venglevski as "Artistic Director"
Stas Responds concerning his vision for AWAM's future
- 10:45** Helmi introduces AWAM Board Members and Honored Friends
- 11:00-11:45** Special Concert:
Stas Venglevski: Premiere of "Full Moon" Suite in Four Movements
In honor of Joan Cochran Sommers
Stas Concert (Solos)
Bandoneon: Basil and Bay Leaves *Guy Klusevsek*
Poetic Rhapsody *Stas Venglevski*
Full Moon Suite *Stas Venglevski*
Potential
Momentum
Transformation
Fugue-Motion
May (from Seasons) *Stas Venglevski*
- 12:00-12:45** **Lunch (Concert Hall foyer) Asst. Subway sandwiches**
Reset stage
- 1:00-1:45** Judy Campbell Contino: Dick Contino Legacy
- 2:00-2:45** Mike Middleton Concert: Honoring Dick Contino
*Lady Of Spain (BMI)**
12th Street Rag (BMI)##
Tico Tico (not checked)
*Lichtensteiner Polka (not BMI)**
Maleguena
Dizzy Fingers (BMI)
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Moon River (BMI)
*Those Were The Days**
*El Cumbanchero (BMI)**
The GodFather movie Theme
*Beer Barrell Polka (BMI)**
Flight of the BumbleBee##
The Contino Boogie
My Melody of Love Polka

3:00-3:30

Joan Cochran Sommers and Stas Venglevski: Original Duets

Invention in C Major
Invention in G Major
Butterfly Spring
Valse Elegante
Brokenhearted Clown
Dancing on the Roof
Happy Mother's Day
June (from Seasons)
July (from Seasons)

4:00-4:45

Accordion Trio from Kansas City

Joan Cochran Sommers, Betty Jo Simon, Jane Christison

Toccata *Galla Rini, arr. Girolamo Frescobaldi*
Staendchen *Paul de Bra, arr. Franz Schubert*
Triplicity *Stas Venglevski*
Dark Eyes *Paul de Bra, arr. Yevgeny Grebyonka and Florian Herman*
Por Una Cabeza *Maksim Federov, arr. Carlos Gardel (BMI)*
Musical Shenanigans *Stas Venglevski*
Ritual Fire Dance *Galla Rini, arr. Manual de Falla (not BMI)*

Reset stage

5:00-5:45

Video: Japanese Guest Artists: Mihoko Goto and Chiharu Ebihara

1.Mihoko's solo

* *Für Elise (Beethoven)*
* *Jupiter (Holst)*
* *Spring Dancing (Mihoko Goto)*

2. Chiharu & Her friends

* *Hungarian Dance No.20,21 (Brahms)*
* *Pegasus (Mihoko Goto)*

3.Chiharu & Mihoko

Furusato(Japanese song released in 1914) ~Old Kentucky Home

6:00-6:45

William Susman: "Three for Keyboard": Stas, Dr. Brett Jones (UWS Music Dept. Chair), UWS pianist Hector Landa

6:45

Adjourn to restaurant (Elks Hall for Famous Dave's BBQ buffet, Cash bar)

Ninth Annual Dr. Willard A. Palmer Festival May 7 (Friday)

- 9:00-** **Museum opens. Free time:** wander the museum, study displays, chat
Coffee, donuts
- 10:00-10:45** Festival Introduction: Willard A. Palmer III
“Growing Up Bill Palmer”
Bill Palmer, III, relates Contino to Palmer Accordion Method connecting both Festivals
- 11:00-11:45** Paul Vargason: Concert in Honor of Lorren Lindevig
Button Diatonic and Piano Accordion
- 12:00-12:45** **Lunch (Concert Hall foyer) Asst. Subway sandwiches**
- 1:00-1:45** Demos of Special Instruments of the Museum
(to be selected according to allotted time: 3 minutes each)
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| FAVORITE | Super Emperor – Mike |
| | Titano Tiger – Bill Palmer |
| EARLY | 6-key Flutina -- Flutina w. lever basses |
| | Galleazzi chromatic (BC + FB) |
| | Guerrini BC w Piccolo reeds |
| | Luttbeg -- Geraci |
| SOUND EFFECT INSTR | Cello Acc. |
| | Hohner w. horn |
| | Flutterbox |
| | Colombo Musette |
| UNUSUAL & RARE | Bells Acc (restored by Bob Ward) |
| | Bonvincini pedestal |
- 2:00-2:45** Willard Palmer, III: Family Music developments mid-19th C
This is a very important era in the development of strummed instruments, paralleled in accordion evolution. Palmer is an exciting speaker with incredible factual compass.
- 3:00-3:45** Dee Langley Workshop: Balkan Experience: Music from Bosnia, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Serbia, and Slovenia
- 4:00-4:45** Dance Attic: Suzi and Jimi Concert
Popular, folk and original compositions that every audience enjoys.
- 5:00-5:45** Roundtable Discussion: Composing and Arranging Music for Accordion
Megumi Hada, Stas Venglevski, Joan Cochran Sommers, Tracey Gibbens, Dee Langley, Mike, Bill, Paul, Helmi, (open to additional participants)
- [reset stage]

6:00- World Accordion Music Band: Tracey Gibbens Conductor
Ombo (Palmer)
Ave Maria (Piazzolla) (not BMI)
Euclid Vet's Polka (John Pecon) (not BMI)
Give Back My Heart: Bavarian Laendler (Diatonic Trio: Shelby Setnikar, Rob Dingmann, Helmi)
Scheherezade

Band Participants:

Josie Beach (KS)	John Blumenfeld (Mendota Hgts, MN)	Mary Carlson (Duluth, MN)	Carolyn Carver
(Duluth, MN)	Sandy Caywood (Duluth, MN)	Jane Christison (Lenexa, KS)	Jimi Cooper Mary Ann
Covone (Western Springs, IL)	Tracey Gibbens (Duluth, MN)	Lake Gordon (KS)	Kathleen Selvig Grambsch
(Vancouver, WA)	Megumi Hada (Pasadena, TX)	Linda Knudsen (Superior, WI)	Marian Syrjamaki-Kuchta
(Duluth, MN)	Dee Langley (Minneapolis, MN)	Suzi Ludwig (Poplar, WI)	Mike Middleton (Belton, TX)
Willard A. (Bill) Palmer, III (Spring, TX)	Steven Perunovich (Hibbing, MN)	Elisabet Roeder (Vancouver, WA)	
Shelby Setnikar (Woodbury, MN)	Betty Jo Simon (Overland Park, KS)	Joan Sommers (Prairie Village, KS)	
Jim Doyle Wachter (Duluth, MN)	Anne Velasco (Duluth, MN)	Stas Venglevski (Brookfield, WI)	

6:45/7:00 Elks Hall (Bellisio's banquet buffet, cash bar)
 8:00 Concluding remarks
 Champagne Toast

Special Event May 8 (Saturday)

(Open to the public; no admission charge)

10:00 *The Norsk Høstfest Polka Service Band*
 Sponsored by Yvonne Marts (Fergus Falls, MN)



L-R: Jeanine Engen (MN), *Helen Lunos (MN)**, Leanne Johnson (MN), Jerry Martin (ND), Walt Storey (MN), Karen Rath (ND). Alice Halvorson will substitute for Helen Lunos for the May 8 performance.

This is the first time our May Festivals include a “Polka Service,” also known as a “Polka Mass.” It is a musical event of great popularity in many parts of the USA. Celebrated at Florian Chmielewski’s annual

Ironworld Polkafest events, audiences numbering in the thousands sang familiar texts to polka tunes. We have been asked for this event many times, and this year offer it performed by the Norsk Høstfest Polka Service Band, a sub group of the Norsk Høstfest Accordion Club of Minot, North Dakota.

Norsk Høstfest is held annually in the fall in the N.D. State Fair Center on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot, N.D. It celebrates Scandinavian culture and heritage of the five Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Each nation is represented in one of the halls in which the festival takes place, and each named after their country's capital city. The festival, now entering into its 43rd year, has grown into North America's largest Scandinavian festival with tens of thousands of people attending from all over the world.