

## *New Hampshire Accordion Association ...*



*...for people who really appreciate the accordion!*



### *New Hampshire Accordion Association [NHAA]*

*welcomes listeners and players of any level – beginner to professional*

*as well as family members of all ages!!*

- Perform at open mike, join group sessions, jam with others, or just listen -- as you prefer.
- Everyone has a good time in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.
- Promoting enjoyment of accordion playing is what we are all about!

*NHAA meets monthly at Accordion Connection LLC, 136 Route 106, Gilmanton NH*

*Call 1-800-328-5227 or go to [www.accordionconnection.com](http://www.accordionconnection.com) for details.*

# NEW HAMPSHIRE ACCORDION ASSOCIATION [NHAA]

## Membership Information

### Goals, Meetings/Dues, Activities/Benefits



### Goals

- Promote public awareness of and appreciation for the accordion
- Offer membership to players of all ages and proficiency levels
- Sponsor concerts, festivals, workshops or other educational programs to enhance members' knowledge and promote their self-improvement
- Form accordion ensembles (orchestra, band, chamber groups)
- Cooperate and share information with other accordion organizations

### Meetings/Dues

- ***WHEN DOES NHAA MEET?*** Usually 1:00 - 4:00 PM the third Saturday of every month. Meeting dates may change if races are scheduled at the nearby speedway or be cancelled if bad weather prohibits safe travel.
- ***WHERE DOES NHAA MEET?*** Accordion Connection LLC, 136 Route 106, Gilmanton NH 03237. Phone 1-800-328-5227.
- ***HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?*** Dues are \$30.00 annually (January 1 - December 31) *per family* (including spouses, parents, children, grandparents). Dues help to cover professional concerts, workshops, presentations, other performances, and administrative costs.

## Activities/Benefits

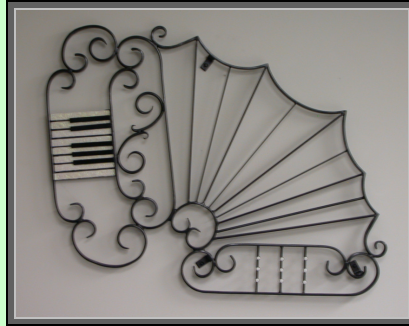
- **OPEN MIKE** – members may perform individually or as duos, trios, *etc.*
- **GROUP SESSION** – members receive sheet music parts and rehearse with the music director, who conducts the ensemble at performances and other events, *e.g.*, **ACCORDIONS NOW!** Music Festival (see box below), local appearances, joint meetings with other associations
- **JAM SESSIONS** – spontaneous music-making by members, usually during Social Time, occasionally with guest performers' participation
- **GUEST ARTISTS** – soloists -- or ensembles featuring accordion – are invited periodically to perform concerts and/or present workshops
- **MEMBERS AS FEATURED PERFORMERS** – members may volunteer to perform a concert, present a workshop, or give a demonstration (advance consultation with music director is required re scheduling)
- **SOCIAL TIME, REFRESHMENTS** – delectable snacks are provided by NHAA members, beverages by Accordion Connection LLC
- **DISCOUNT** – members receive a 10% discount on all merchandise at Accordion Connection LLC
- **ADVANCE NOTICE** – members receive first notification of events sponsored by NHAA and/or Accordion Connection LLC, usually with special admission rates offered
- **NEWSLETTER** – published periodically to cover:
  - members' activities and accomplishments, *e.g.* performance dates, awards, CD releases, compositions, arrangements, *etc.*
  - accordions or accordionists in the news, *e.g.* interviews with contemporary artists, biographies of the greats, CD reviews, technological developments, new products, *etc.*
  - concerts, festivals, or other events of interest to members

The **ACCORDIONS NOW!** Music Festival is co-sponsored by NHAA every August. Members of the NHAA Ensemble form the core of the ever-popular **ACCORDIONS NOW!** Festival Orchestra [AN!FO], in which pre-registered attendees may participate.



This annual gathering of accordion fans is accurately described by the festival's motto:  
**ACCORDIONS NOW! LOTS OF ACCORDIONS, LOTS OF MUSIC, LOTS OF FUN !!**

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