

# FRANCE

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### News from France...



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The Confédération Nationale Française de L'Accordéon (CNFA) comprises three different accordion associations under the one roof. The three French associations making up CNFA which hold their national festival June 29 each year are:

#### Accordéon Club de France

-ACF President: Lydie Kotala  
-ACF Vice-Président: Yvon Fraval/Roger Chiapello

#### Association des Professeurs Hohner

-APH President: Robert Graczyk  
-APH Vice-Presidents: Michèle Chabod/Daniel Jurquet  
-APH Trésorier: Jean-François Dumonteil  
Secrétaire: Evelyne Bourquard

#### Union Nationale des Accordéonistes Français

-UNAF President: Max Bonnay

### Franck Angelis writes 2004 CIA Test Piece:

French composer Frank Angelis had his four movement work entitled 'Impasse' selected as the Test Piece for the 2004 Coupe Mondiale in Pontarlier, France. For the first time in CIA history, this piece was available to be downloaded on-line from the Coupe Mondiale website at [www.coupemondiale.org](http://www.coupemondiale.org)

**CNFA Offers On-line Registration:** The CNFA has established a large presence on the Internet with their website offering on-line entries for their 2004 Competitions. In addition, the website contains information on their organization, the many CIA winners in the various categories, important dates and other news items. To follow the CNFA online,

**Jérôme Richard makes USA Debut:** Jérôme Richard famed French Virtuoso who has developed a world wide reputation for his dazzling technique and outstanding improvisational skills appeared at the Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International (ATG) festival in the United States from July 21-25, 2004 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Jérôme won the CIA Virtuoso Entertainment Category in 1997 and the Coupe Mondiale World Accordion Championships in 1999. Due to popular demand, Jérôme has been invited back to appear at the 2005 ATG Festival in Richardson, Texas (near Dallas) from June 15-19, 2005.

Jérôme keeps a busy schedule performing both in France and abroad as a soloist, with his guitarist Jeff Rossi and with his International Orchestra.

### France Hosts Coupe Mondiale for Eighth Time:

France will host the 2004 CIA World Accordion Championships for the eighth time, when the CNFA hosts the 57<sup>th</sup> Coupe Mondiale from 19-24<sup>th</sup> October in Pontarlier, France.

### CIA World Champion Max Bonnay at CNSMD:

Max Bonnay, member of the CIA Music Committee and former CIA Coupe Mondiale World Accordion Champion has opened the accordion program at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et Danse (CNSMD) in Paris.

A milestone in the continuing advancement of the accordion in France, the inauguration of the accordion division at the CNSMD now provides opportunities for accordionists worldwide to study at the premiere conservatory in France.

Max is one of the most respected accordionists in the world, having established an outstanding reputation as both an artist and a teacher. A former student of Friedrich Lips in Moscow, Max makes his home near Paris, where he lives with his wife Elena and son Michael. For information: [www.maxbonnay.com](http://www.maxbonnay.com)