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### *News from the USA – AAA...*

**History of the AAA:** Founded in 1938, the American Accordionists' Association has consistently attracted a national membership of outstanding instructors, concert artists, manufacturers, music publishers and individuals interested in the accordion. They have all shared a common conviction: to enhance the accordion's stature in the family of musical instruments through a cooperative effort.

Today, after more than six decades of working to broaden the public interest in the accordion, the American Accordionists' Association serves as a central organization which co-ordinates the activities of those connected with the industry and gathers information pertinent to members and enthusiasts.

The American Accordionists' Association takes pride in the support of all members; support which will see the original aims of the association pursued with new vitality.

**Carmen Carozza Scholarship Day:** In June, AAA sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carmen Carozza Scholarship Day banquet at the Magnanini Winery.

The event featured performances by Carmen Carozza, Dan Desiderio, Dominic Karcic, Frank Toscano, Mario Tacca and operatist Mary Mancini.

Over 200 people were in attendance. The proceeds of the event go to the Carmen Carozza Scholarship Fund that promotes the commissioning and performance of new accordion music.

**2004 AAA Festival in Boston:** In July, the AAA sponsored their Annual Competition and Festival in Quincy, Massachusetts. This event was highlighted by the presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vivian Vivo Stolaruk Virtuoso Entertainment Category. AAA member Steve Stolaruk of Michigan donated the cash prizes.

#### **Virtuoso Entertainment Category:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Håvard Svendsrud, Norway - \$5,000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Andrea Caruso, USA - \$3,000.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sammy Thomas, USA - \$2,000.00

#### **Junior Virtuoso Entertainment Category:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Andrea Caruso, USA - \$1,000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Anthony Falco, USA - \$750.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sammy Thomas, USA - \$250.00

In addition to competition categories, workshops were presented by noted accordion personalities: Karen Adam, Manny Bobenrieth, Joe Cerrito, Sam Falcetti, Dr. Helmi Harrington, Frank Marocco and Ed Monteiro.

An all-star concert was presented that featured: Tony Dannon and Joe Cerrito, The Busso Trio, Frank Marocco and Alexander Poulev, 2002 CIA Coupe Mondiale 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. Aldo DeRossi of New Bedford, Massachusetts was presented with a special award at the Gala Banquet. Mr. DeRossi was a long-time member of the AAA board of governors and an outstanding studio director and teacher.

Co-chairs of the 2004 Festival were Maddalena Belfiore and Linda Soley Reed.