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News from Australia...

Formation of the Australian Accordion Teachers Association (AATA): The AATA, a corresponding member of the CIA, was formed ten years ago with the aim to promote the accordion in Australia, improve the accordion standard in Australia, bring Internationally recognized accordionists to perform in Australia and hold regular concerts, seminars and workshops.

AATA Annual Competition: The AATA held its 10th Australian International Accordion Championships and Festival in Sydney on the 29th and the 30th of May, 2004 at the "Ninavah" Sports and Community Club, Edensor Park, Sydney.

The main attraction of the event was a Gala Concert which featured International Guest Artist Pavel Mangassarian, the winner of the CIA International Competition for Piano Accordion. His Australian appearance was part of his prize for winning that category.

Pavel Mangasarian of Russia performed a variety program that had the enthusiastic audience on their feet applauding. Also appearing at the Gala Concert was the ASA Orchestra directed by Elizabeth Jones.

Another concert highlight during the festival was a lovely accordion quartet group from Beijing, China which were very well received by the audience.

AATA Sponsors CIA Winner in Australian Concert Appearance: The AATA is a part sponsor of the 1st prize for the CIA International Competition for Piano Accordion Class.

The 2003 winner was awarded an all expenses paid concert tour to New Zealand and Australia in to appear at their respective national festivals. This is the third year that this prize has been offered.

AATA Hosts Many International Guests: Over the past eight years many well known accordionists have taken part of the AATA festivals as a Guest Artists including:

- The UMKC Accordion Orchestra - USA
 Joan C Sommers, Director
- Ross Maio, John MacDonald, ACE Ensemble,
 Leo and Ozzie Mazzei - Australia
- Genadij Savkov/Eduard Gabnis, Duo - Lithuania
 - The "K" Trio - USA
- North Shore Accordion Orchestra - Auckland, New Zealand
- Royal Accordion Orchestra - Christchurch, New Zealand
 - Lionel Reekie - Auckland, New Zealand
 - Branko Dzinovic - Yugoslavia
 - ASA Accordion Orchestra - Australia
 - Sydney Balalaika Orchestra - Australia
 - Alexander Poeluev - Russia
 - Pavel Mangasarian - Russia
 - many more!

AATA Champions: Some of the winners of the AATA's Australian International Open Competition:

1994 Zhou Jing (China)	2000 Bernadette Conlon (Aust)
1995 Campbell Bettridge (NZ)	Paula Harris (NZ)
1996 Guan Jing (China)	2001 Paula Harris (NZ)
1997 Bernadette Conlon (Aust)	2002 Ann-Elise Koertjjes (Aust)
1998 Liu Jia (China)	Hillary Thwaites (NZ)
1999 Bernadette Conlon (Aust)	2003 Myllie Thwaites (NZ)
	2004 Hilary Thwaites (NZ)

AATA Delegates in Slovakia/Hungary: Rebekah Grieg, a former AATA representative at the Coupe Mondiale in London joined AATA President Tania Lukic-Marx in representing the AATA at the General Assembly in Slovakia and Hungary.

For the second year in succession, two of Rebekah's students represented the New Zealand Accordion Association in the International Competition for Piano Accordion.

AATA President Mrs. Lukic-Marx, operates what is considered to be the largest accordion teaching school in Australia.