

Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International (ATG)

2007 60th Anniversary Coupe Mondiale in the United States: The ATG and the AAA have each formed a committee to work on the details for the 2007 Coupe Mondiale to be held in the United States. In January several members of each organization met together and worked out a preliminary plan for future study and decision.

ATG 2007 Coupe Mondiale Chairperson
Joan Cochran Sommers

AAA 2007 Coupe Mondiale Chairperson
Maddalena Belfiore

Preliminary plans call for the Coupe Mondiale to be held in the 2nd or 3rd week of August, 2007, in Washington, DC in conjunction with the competitions of both the AAA and the ATG. These ideas are only in the planning stages at this point and further details will be announced soon.

2005 ATG Competition & Festival

The 2005 ATG Festival will be held in a suburb of Dallas, TX from June 15 – 19, 2005 at the:

The Richardson Hotel
701 E. Campbell Road
Richardson, Texas, 75081 USA

2005 International Competitions: In 2005, the ATG will offer the Anthony Galla-Rini Competition for Classical Accordion as well as well as the Art Van Damme International Competition for Jazz Accordion.

Anthony Galla-Rini International Competition for Classical Accordionists:

- 1st Prize: \$3,000.00
- 2nd Prize: \$1,500.00
- 3rd Prize: \$500.00

Art Van Damme International Competition for Jazz Accordionists:

- 1st Prize: \$3,000.00
- 2nd Prize: \$1,500.00
- 3rd Prize: \$500.00

2005 ATG Festival Guest Artists: Due to popular demand, the ATG has invited French sensation and double CIA Champion Jérôme Richard back to appear at the Texas festival in 2005. Jérôme will be appearing both as a soloist and with his guitarist Jeff Rossi in the "Jazzy Duo". Jérôme is undoubtedly one of the most talented virtuoso entertainers of the new Millennium and received numerous standing ovations for his dazzling USA debut performance the 2004 festival, which highlighted his flawless and effortless technical ability with his popular and appealing program.

The other international guest artists will be the popular Moscow Duo from Russia. Since their formation of the Moscow Duo in 1995, Evgenij Grechov and Aleksandr Ushakov have toured throughout Russia as well as in Denmark, Portugal, Germany, Korea, Italy and the United States.

USA Jazz legends Art Van Damme and Frank Marocco will be featured at the 2005 festival as the ATG holds its first ever International Jazz Competition.

In addition to the regular features of the ATG Festival including competitions, tradeshow displays, workshops and concerts, the 2005 Festival will also offer its popular ATG Festival Accordion Orchestra to be conducted by Joan C. Sommers.

There will be the numerous festival activities such as competitions for all levels of abilities and ages, workshops, master-classes, festival orchestra rehearsals and concerts, exhibits of accordions, accordion music and all related musical items, and many concerts as well as the two International Competitions listed above.

You and your students are invited to attend and participate in all events. The Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International looks forward to welcoming everyone.

For details on ordering the new ATG CD and the upcoming competition and festival, please visit the ATG website at www.accordions.com/atg



ATG President Stas Venglevski presenting Joan C. Sommers with the ATG Interational Hall of Fame Award