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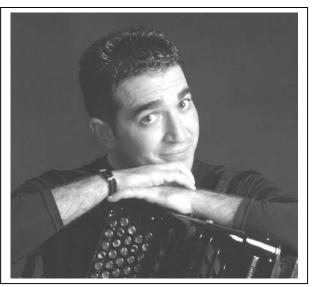
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## News from Italy...



The Film entitled 'The Accordion' written by Gianluca Pica: The Composer Carmine Di Marco in collaboration with the DIGITAL DESK film production society is on the point of releasing a short film entitled: THE ACCORDION that tells the story of the first years of the career of Carmine Di Marco who will be played by the actor Pier Giorgio Bellocchio who starred in the film entitled: "Good Morning Night" by Marco Bellocchio. Other stars will be the actresses Chiara Ponti and Sergio Castellitto who featured in the "The Hour of Religion", a film presented at the Cannes Film Festival. The sound track for the movie is composed by Carmine Di Marco.

9th Accordion Seminar 'Città di Fiuggi' in Italy: The 9<sup>th</sup> Accordion Seminar will take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of January. Teachers include accordionist Gianluca Pica - Italy and pianist, conductor and composer Antonio D'Antò - Italy.

The stage will be held in: Pensione Muretti, (Fiuggi). The cost of the seminar is Euro 200 with the room and board is Euro 30 a day.

At the end of the stage a certificate of participation will be given to every participant. For Information: Gianluca Pica - Phone/Fax: 0039 (0) 775-746043.

**Gianluca Pica Activities:** The 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 Gianluca Pica was presented with the "Roma Città Eterna" prize and on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 Gianluca Pica received the International Prize, called the "Bonifacio VIII".

From the month of April, the Prof. Gianluca Pica made some performances by the Italian Senator Mauro Cutrufo in the most important Concert Halls of the Lazio's provinces: Ambra Angiolini (Roma), Nestor (Frosinone), Sala dei Cordari (Roma), D'Annunzio (Latina), San Leonardo (Viterbo) and more.

Gianluca Pica was born in Switzerland in 1973 and has studied the classic accordion with A. Cardinali and C. Jacomucci with advanced studies at the CNIMA in Larodde (France) with E. Pisani, Frank Angelis and Jacques Mornet.

Graduating in 1999 from the classical accordion course at the Conservatory "Edgard Varese" in Paris, he has won numerous competitions including the 1997 Andorra competition and the 47<sup>th</sup> Trophee Mondiale d' Accordéon - CMA.

**First Italian National Candidate Selection:** The APM Music Center in collaboration with the Academia Internazionale di Foormazione Musicale (AIFM) held the first Italian national competition to select the Italian candidates to represent Italy at the 57th Coupe Mondiale in Pontarlier, France from 19th to 24th October.

The Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA)
Member International Music Council (IMC-UNESCO)

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    - Mrs. Michèle Chabod and her team
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and the many people who have worked so hard to make this 57<sup>th</sup> Coupe Mondiale in Pontarlier, FRANCE a great success!

Merci! Thank You!