

# NATIONAL ACCORDION ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (NAO)

## NAO AREA FESTIVAL SEASON 2004 / 2005

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The National Accordion Organization of the United Kingdom (NAO) celebrated their National annual competition and festival at the beginning of May, in the lovely seaside Spa resort in Scarborough, UK. The weekend featured competitions for all levels including solo, duo, ensemble and orchestra as well as trade shows with music and instruments, a Ceilidh dance (with Gary Blair and his Ceilidh Dance band) and a fantastic evening concert featuring Gary Blair and Renzo Ruggiero (Italy).

The International Jury included Mirco Patarini, Renzo Ruggiero (Italy) as well as Jacques Mornet (Director of CNIMA –France). Also on the Jury were Raymond Bodell (CIA Vice President), Gary Blair, Karolyn Broadhead, Alistair Gillespie, Ken Farran, Raymond Jones and Graham Laurie.

The Executive Committee, continues to make many advancements and the festival is currently experiencing great times – Never has it been in the position financially to welcome so many International stars which to all in attendance added to the atmosphere of the event. With over 400 entries again in the various classes, the competition has really established itself as the Premier Accordion Competitive Festival in the United Kingdom.

During the weekend, Raymond Bodell was honored with the NAO Merit Award 2004 “In appreciation of his tireless and Inspirational work for the Accordion both Nationally and Internationally”.

Advanced Orchestra Classes were divided between Orchestras from Northern Ireland, East Antrim and St Johns Drumcree, while the Graham Laurie Paisley Accordion Orchestras from Scotland continued their yearly success winning both Intermediate Classes.

### 2004 UK Championship Winners:

- Virtuoso Solo Championship - Larysa Bodell
- Senior Recital – Maire Leonard
- Virtuoso Solo Entertainment – William Langton
- Senior Polka – Rober Thorne
- Senior Musette – Fiona Titterington
- Senior Scottish – Duncan Hutchinson
- Open Premier Duet – Karina Rushton & Claire Ufton
- Art Level Group – Jenny’s Accoridonists
- Art Level Orchestra – Colchester Accordion Orchestra (Elaine Beecham – Musical Director)

## 2005 NAO UK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Including for the first time the  
NAO INTERNATIONAL CONCERT SOLO CLASS

This is the first time that our National Competition has included a Solo Class for those from *any* Nation!

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22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005

SPA COMPLEX, SCARBOROUGH  
YORKSHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM

Closing Date for Entries: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2005