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Dear President John Statham and all members of the NZAA

It is with joy that the New Zealand Accordion Association are about to celebrate it's 40th anniversary!

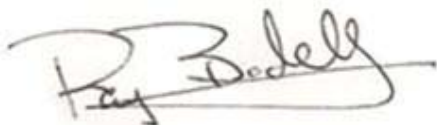
In those 40 years your members have done so much to promote the accordion both in New Zealand and internationally including of course, hosting the CIA Coupe Mondiale in both 1980 and more recently in 2009.

Eminent members of the NZAA have been very active as CIA members – with of course Kevin Friedrich serving as a wonderful President (2001 - 2009), Harley Jones as a long term Executive Officer and Music Committee member and now more recently the appointment to this Committee of your own Coupe Mondiale Champion Grayson Masefield

On behalf of the CIA, I thank you and congratulate the NZAA for all your dedication and all you have done for our instrument – the accordion!

I regret that Anna and I cannot be with you on the occasion of this special festival but we wish you a wonderful time and on behalf of all nations around the world, wish you every success in future.

Yours Sincerely,



Raymond Bodell – President
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