

It's Time to Prepare for Leavenworth
June 22 – 25, 2023
www.accordioncelebration.org
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Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration returns at last! Note the outstanding line up of professional performers. Master musicians will showcase the versatility of the accordion with a variety of musical genres. Workshops are returning also that will hone your skill and musicianship.

The Gazebo Ensemble will perform Friday and Saturday at the gazebo, as has been the custom for the past several years. The gazebo ensemble music is on the LIAC web site. There are two versions of the Ensemble gig book. One is the more complex version prepared in 2020; the other is a new "lead sheet" version that is simplified. Print out the music as soon as you can and begin preparing. (Music will not be provided on site) The 2020 version prepared by Toby Hanson and Lyle Schaefer has not changed. If you have that already, you're set. A Thursday rehearsal for those able to attend will be scheduled. That time will be printed in the LIAC program. Be sure to bring your own music and music stand to the gazebo for performances. Players will bring out extra chairs at the gazebo and will restore them after the program.

Public performances at the gazebo and grange will be scheduled beginning in late **April**. Prepare Bavarian/ethnic/**audience friendly** music for your performances downtown. Bavarian/ethnic attire would be great! **You cannot sign up on line**; you can see what opportunities are available. The gazebo, grange, competition/workshop schedules are posted on the celebration web site: www.accordioncelebration.org **After** reviewing those schedules, contact Doris Osgood for times that will fit your plans. Doris will schedule the performers and the roster will be updated on line regularly. To sign up for performance contact: dorisosgood@frontier.com or 503-357-0417. Folding chairs are provided at the gazebo, but bring your own music stand if you need one. Remember, the performance schedule at the gazebo is tight. Time your program and be ready to roll when you are scheduled. Tardiness does not mean you will have your full 15 minutes; the next player will be "on" as scheduled. **The last date to schedule performances via email and phone will be June 19.** See Doris in person in Leavenworth after that.

For those participating in competition, artistry or in evaluation, bring any "special" equipment you may need for your performance, like a music stand or stool. There are folding chairs on stage at the festhalle, gazebo and at the grange.

Volunteers make our event happen. This is an important part of the celebration. Participate in the competition, workshops, concerts, parade AND volunteer for a shift or two. Check the volunteer schedule to see what times and venues are available. Invest yourself in the accordion celebration! Contact Kathleen Falco to indicate the times you'd be available to work. kathleen.falco@yahoo.com (208-610-8426)

The parade will be close to the lunch hour on Saturday during the celebration. **The time will be posted and printed in the Festival schedule.** The music is Leavenworth friendly; most will be

in the key of C. Generally there is only time to walk down the street playing Happy Wanderer, Edelweiss at the gazebo with singing, the Beer Barrel a time or two, and then off the gazebo marching back to the Festhalle! Occasionally the Snow Waltz and Wooden Heart find their way into the program. Come to the Festhalle about 15 minutes before parade time for a brief rehearsal and marching orders from parademeister, Rod Miller. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Remember to check the web site regularly for updates prior to the event. The schedules are subject to change. We're almost "normal" for LIAC 2023 but adjustments may be necessary that can't be foreseen now. Doris will have the "official" gazebo schedule on site at the gazebo.

Do not rely upon old data for the accurate schedule. See you in Leavenworth – June 22 – 25, 2022 – *for the love of the accordion.*