

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

The Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration is coming soon. The LIAC web site is being updated and you'll find it easy to navigate. Updates and revisions will be set by March, 2026. Check www.accordioncelebration.org for details and the latest updates for LIAC June 25 – 28, 2026.

Concerts, competitions, private coaching, workshops, the accordion parade, performances at the gazebo and the Gazebo Ensemble performances are planned. The “free”, 30-minute concerts will be held at King Ludwig's Restaurant on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The grange will be available to accommodate workshops, private coaching and jam sessions. Various people will lead the jam; it was well received in 2025. A special mini concert featuring some selected competitors will take place just before the awards on Sunday morning. The schedules, workshop descriptions, and other pertinent information is being confirmed and updated now. Things beyond our control could alter the schedules; check the web site for regular updates with the latest details.

An accordion music festival doesn't happen without the support of people who love the instrument and its music. It's a labor of love for us all. Our accordion celebration is the only event of its kind in the Pacific Northwest; be part of something special. **Invest yourself in LIAC. Participate! Volunteer!** Volunteering opportunities will be posted on the web site and you will be able to sign up for those on the web site also. Scheduling volunteers is a huge job and it's hoped that our volunteer coordinator, **Kathleen Falco**, will have that burden eased a bit. If needed, her contact information is: kathleen.falco@yahoo.com or 208-610-8426.

A music festival of this size requires substantial funding. We are so grateful for the support we've received over the years from many individuals, clubs, accordion businesses, and the Leavenworth Community, Chamber of Commerce, and Chelan County. Thank you. Donations are an important part of maintaining the bursary and competitions. Our young accordion students need encouragement and support; they need a place to perform and demonstrate their skills for adjudication. Young players will have the benefit of seeing and hearing one another in person. They will also have the opportunity to hear accomplished accordionists during the weekend. **We encourage you to donate what you can to help fund our competition, artistry, private coaching and bursary program.**

We are extremely grateful for the Leavenworth community support since 1994. On the LIAC site: www.accordioncelebration.org you will find that PayPal is available for your donation or you may send a check to *Northwest Accordion Society – LIAC* 5102 NE 121st Ave. Unit 12 Vancouver, WA 98682-6164.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the **Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration June 25 – 28, 2026. For the love of the accordion!**

Sincerely,

Doris Osgood and the LIAC Committee