

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

We are all covid weary but after a two year hiatus, the Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration is returning in June. "Normal" is feeling closer! As I write, regulations in the region are changing and the outlook for June is looking more hopeful all the time.

Concerts, competitions, workshops, the accordion parade, performances at the gazebo are all part of this plan for our return this year. The schedules, workshop descriptions, and other pertinent information is being updated now. The web site will have 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!** Check the accordion celebration web site to view the schedule and volunteer opportunities. www.accordioncelebration.org You cannot sign up on line; you can view what's available. Contact **Kathleen Falco**, our volunteer coordinator, to schedule a shift or two during the accordion celebration. The volunteer listing will be updated and dated regularly. Contact Kathleen at kathleen.falco@yahoo.com or 208-610-8426 to participate.

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 and from Projekt Bayren particularly. Thank you. After a two year absence, donations are needed to enable the continuation of the competition/artistry/evaluation element of the festival. Our young accordion students need encouragement and support; they need a place to perform and demonstrate their skills for adjudication. This year they will have the opportunity to see and hear one another in person. **We encourage you to donate what you can to help fund our competition and bursary program.**

On the LIAC site: www.accordioncelebration.org you will find that PayPal is available 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 16 – 19, 2022. For the love of the accordion!**

Sincerely,

Doris Osgood and the LIAC Committee