

Combined Schedule – Festhalle, Grange, Gazebo
2025 Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration
LIAC 2025 Dates: June 26 – 29, 2025

Notes: schedule subject to change; check website for details and updates;
an update board will also be posted in the Festhalle during the celebration.

Festhalle - Thursday – June 26

noon **Festhalle opens**; vendor tables being readied in foyer
4:30pm Auditorium closed for concert preparation-sound check
6:30pm Auditorium open for seating
6:50pm Welcome
Evening highlighting bands with the accordion
7:00- 7:50pm **Leavenworth's Alpenfolk Band (directed by Thomas Tilton)**
7:50-8:10pm break
8:10-9:00pm **Spokane Accordion Ensemble (directed by Beverley Fess)**

Festhalle - Friday – June 27

8:45 am **Festhalle opens**
10:00-Noon **Competition: Judges: *Matt Tolentino, Andy Mirkovich***
Variety (V-1)
Artistry: Accordion Artistry Performance 18 & over (AA-1)
1:30-3:45pm **Competition: Judges: *Beverley Fess, Andy Mirkovich***
Duets (ADU-O), Diatonic (DI-O), Bands (BA-O)
4:30 pm Auditorium closed for concert preparation-sound check
6:30 pm Auditorium open for seating
6:50pm Welcome
Evening highlighting accordionist & multi-instrumentalist Matt Tolentino
7:00-7:50pm **1st half: *Matt Tolentino - Ragtime music***
7:50-8:10pm break
8:10-9:00pm **2nd half: *Matt Tolentino - French music***

Festhalle - Saturday – June 28

8:45 am **Festhalle opens**
9:30-Noon **Competition: Judges: *Hank Thunander, Beverley Fess***
Variety (V-2), (V-3), Classical (18 & under CL-A), Duets (ADU-A),
Artistry: Accordion Artistry Performance (17 & under AA-2)
12:30 pm **Frank Calapristi Accordion Parade/Gather at Festhalle**
12:45 pm **Frank Calapristi Accordion Parade/Parade down Front Street to Gazebo**
1:45-3:45pm **Competition: Judges: *Andy Mirkovich, Beverley Fess***
Leavenworth Open (LV-O), Classical Open (CL-O)
4:30 pm Auditorium closed for concert preparation-sound check
6:30 pm Auditorium open for seating
6:50pm Welcome
Evening highlighting the best of Polka and Tango music
7:00-7:50pm **Hank Thunander – The World of Polkas**
7:50-8:10pm break
8:10-9:00pm **Ben Thomas Trio – Tango music with Bandoneon**

Festhalle – Sunday, June 23

9:00am **Festhalle opens**
9:45 – 10:15 **Competition Highlights Concert**
10:15am Awards Ceremony; Visiting and Clean up;
12:00pm Festhalle closes

2025 Grange Workshops and Schedule

FEATURING: Workshops, FREE accordion lessons, Group sessions, and more;

Note: The Free Concerts (formerly held at the Grange), are now taking place at King Ludwig's Restaurant on Friday and Saturday from 12:30 – 3:30pm)

Grange - Thursday, June 26

1:30 – 3:00	Grange available for jamming or practicing	Grange/Upper
3:00-4:30pm	Gazebo Ensemble Rehearsal with Jakob Bean - FREE (Playing in a group; Rehearse Gazebo Ensemble music)	Grange/Upper

Grange - Friday, June 27

9:00am	Grange opens	Grange
9:30-11:30	Private Coaching: with John Giuliani, Hank Thunander; all skill levels	Grange/Lower
12:00-1:00	Private Coaching: with John Giuliani, Hank Thunander; all skill levels	Grange/Lower
1:30-3:30pm	FREE Accordion lessons by The Northwest Accordion Society	Grange/Lower
3:30–5:00pm	Available for Practicing	Grange/Lower
10:00–11:30am	Workshop with Mark Myking Louisiana Comes to Leavenworth	Grange/Upper
12:30-1:30pm	Workshop with Thomas Tilton The Accordion's Humble Beginnings	Grange/Upper
2:00-3:00pm	Workshop with Hank Thunander The World Of Polkas	Grange/Upper
3:30 – 5:00	Jam Session for all accordionists; Hosts: Rod Miller/Cooksie Kramer - FREE	Grange/Upper
3:20-4:10pm	FYI-Gazebo Ensemble (perform at the Gazebo)	Gazebo

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1:30-3:30pm	FREE Accordion lessons by The Northwest Accordion Society	Grange/Lower
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10:00–11:30am	Circle Jam for all accordionists; Hosts: Bonnie Birch/Cooksie Kramer – FREE	Grange/Upper
12:30-1:15pm	Frank Calapristi Accordion Parade (gather at Festhalle and parade down Front Street)	Festhalle
1:30-2:30pm	Workshop with Ben Thomas Tango Articulation and Phrasing on the Accordion	Grange/Upper
3:00-4:00pm	Workshop with Matt Tolentino The Accordion in Ragtime, Hot Jazz, and Early Swing	Grange/Upper
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Gazebo Schedule Summary:

See website Performances/Gazebo Schedule for details

Thurs: 11am – 5:00pm

Fri, Sat: 11am – 5:00pm (Gazebo Ensemble 3:20 – 4:10 p.m.)

Sun: 11am – 2:30pm

Be sure to attend our FREE Sessions – all held in Grange upper level

Thurs 3:00 – 4:30pm Gazebo Ensemble Rehearsal with Jakob Bean – FREE

(Playing in a group; Rehearse Gazebo Ensemble music)

Friday 3:30 – 5:00pm Jam Session for all accordionists; Hosts: Rod Miller, Cooksie Kramer – FREE

Saturday 10:00 – 11:30am Circle Jam Session for all accordionists;

Hosts: Bonnie Birch, Cooksie Kramer– FREE

Thurs – Saturday Button Box Display: An Historical Collection

An exhibit of diatonic instruments dating from inception through the present.

On display in the Grange throughout the Accordion Celebration.

- From the private collection of Thomas Tilton of AlpenFolk.
- Sponsored by the Greater Leavenworth Museum.

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Private Coaching – This non-competitive category is held in the Grange with a team of professional accordionists;

Fri, Sat 9:30 – 11:30 am 12:00 – 1:00pm

FREE Accordion Lessons in the Grange – Fri, Sat 1:30 – 3:30 pm