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JUNE-JULY 2021

SVAS Next ZOOM Meeting Kim and Dan Christian Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:15pm PDT

**SILICON VALLEY
ACCORDION CLUB
PROUDLY PRESENTS
KIM AND DAN CHRISTIAN
SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021
3:15pm PDT**

**VISIT KIM AND DAN'S
WEBSITE:
WWW.SQUEEZEPLAY.BIZ**

RSVP:
COLETTE.OGATA@GMAIL.COM
to receive a ZOOM link a few
days before the event

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your support.
We hope to see
you on Zoom!!

Thank You

Dan and Kim Christian have established themselves as among the premier accordionist in the world. Their unique ability to play together with exact precision is unparalleled anywhere else on the planet. They have excellent technique and mastery of the accordion. Performances are charged with vibrant energy and a passion and love that create an experience that will be cherished.



Dan and Kim met when Kim was just 5 years old and Dan began taking lessons from Kim's father. Kim's parents have run a successful accordion school for over 50 years. Both Dan and Kim grew up competing yearly at music festivals where they both have won many, many trophies.

Dan and Kim have performed extensively throughout the US, with engagements in Canada and as far away as Beijing, China at the Beijing Philharmonic Hall. Performances also include a 2 year run of their own production entitled "Music Makes the World Go Round" in Branson, Missouri. While in Branson, Dan and Kim experienced performing on the same stage with Bobby Vinton, Andy Williams and Les Brown.. among other great entertainers. They continue to play over 200 gigs a year and thoroughly enjoy each and every performance.

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Hello SVAS Friends,

I want all of you to know what I am grateful for! ZOOM!!! If we didn't have zoom we would not have seen any of US for more than one year and counting! I for one, truly enjoy seeing each and every one of you, even though you are only one inch tall. I hope to see more of our members give Zoom a try!

Kim and Dan Christian, from Colorado, will be playing July 11, 2021 at 3:15pm PDT for our next Zoom event. If you don't know them...Ahem... (pause)... Straightening my collar, then my hair...They are QUITE THE COUPLE! It's as though they complete each other's sentences... on the accordion!!!

They have an incredible array of music such as Italian Tarantella, French Musette, German Polka, Argentine Tango, Russian Folk Dance, Irish Jig. They also play several styles of American music including: Boogie, Ragtime, Rock and Roll, Patriotic, Gospel, Big Band, Jazz and more.

**LIAC-Leavenworth International
Accordion Celebration**

**JUNE 17-20 2021 - Outdoor /Virtual
event**

**NOTE: Due to Covid, LIAC 2021 will
be held outdoors. Most all enter-
tainment will take place at the Ga-
zebo. For more information, Ex-
plore the website below.**

**[https://
www.accordioncelebration.org](https://www.accordioncelebration.org)**

This is one you will want to pencil in. Hope you all will RSVP and get to meet and hear this wonderfully entertaining dynamic duo! Take care, and stay safe. **Colette Ogata**

The 2021 Cotati Accordion Festival dates are still unannounced. They are hoping for August 21, and 22, 2021.

CALL THE COTATI HOTLINE AT 707-664-0444 OR GO TO **COTATIFEST.COM** for updated information.



**American Accordionists' Association Master Class
and Concert Series The Seminars
July 30, 31, August 1, 2021
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(The magical place between sunset and dusk)
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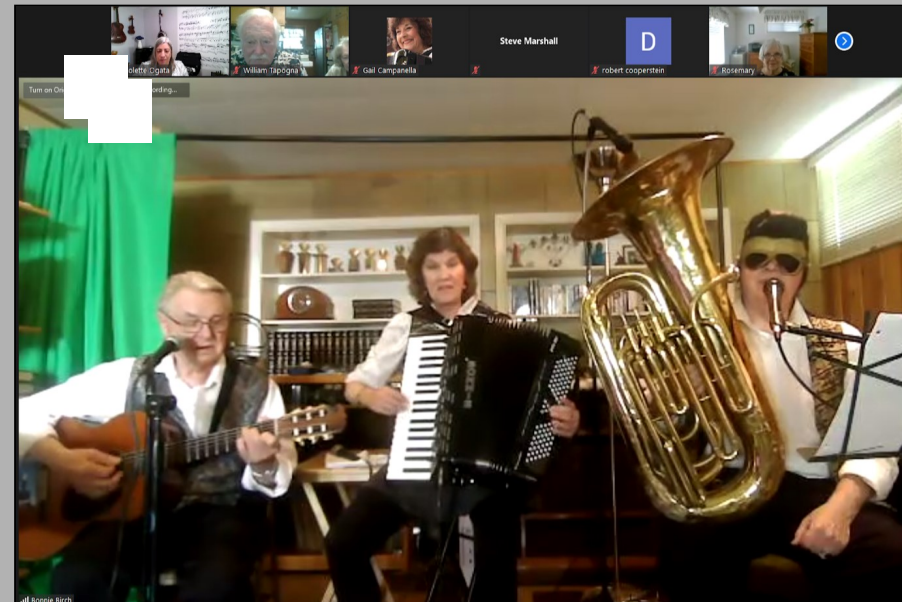
Did you watch Lets Make a Deal Friday, May 4th? Cory Pesaturo was a contestant, dressed as a professional Accordion Player!!! His representation of the accordion was a class act! Congratulations on your new set of wheels, Cory, and just so you know, you did us proud!!! Here is the link to view, in case you missed it.

<https://youtu.be/HGWj2uCSunk>

**We are in need of a newsletter editor:
Please contact any of the board
members, if interested. Thank you**

Silicon Valley Accordion Society Currently holds virtual Zoom meetings the first Sunday of every other month. Our next meeting will be July 11, 2021, at 3:15pm PDT. Check our Website and Facebook for future meetings. Zoom meetings are free to members and we very much appreciate a donation for non-members via PayPal on SVASociety.org, which helps keep us Zooming during Covid.

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**Bonnie Birch Trio with Bonnie on Accordi-
on, Nick Heiting on Guitar and Paul Ostler
on Tuba.**

We were treated to an afternoon of relaxing music. This group has played together for a long time. Bonnie has an easy style with perfect phrasing, and terrific expression. She mentioned that she has thought about moving to a Roland 4X rather than 3X, but stated she is more of a pure accordionist, and Bonnie is content with her 3X.

The guitar and tuba go well with accordi-
on. It was interesting to see Nick strum his
guitar with a pick. It sounded great!

Paul never missed a beat. He gave a lower dimension. Both Paul and Nick added vocals to the performance. At one Point, Paul hid behind his tuba and transformed into an Elvis look and sang "Wooden Heart" in German and English. He ended with an Elvis impression.

Bonnie chose a medley of show tunes, "Theme from the Godfather," Mancini's "Pink Panther," "You Better Tell Me Tonight," and my mother's favorite, "How Are Things in Glocca Morra," from Finian's Rainbow. "Brasileirinho," is a snappy jazz tune that demonstrates Bonnie's ability to move rapidly around the keyboard playing the melody in different keys and registers.

The Trio ended with "Take the A-Train," "Lovers Waltz," and "Eva's Polka." A great afternoon enjoyed by all. We hope to have Bonnie Birch Trio again soon. **Marcia Coullahan**

OLLI Zoom Class on Accordion+Music+Culture for Adults 50+ Submitted by Pamela Tom

David Noferi (Los Angeles Accordionaires President) will give an 8-week Internet accordion lecture series via Zoom on Thursdays (July 8 – August 26, 2021 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM) for player or curious students aged 50+. The program is sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB). The course is \$15 plus semi-annual membership fee of \$20. Scholarships are available for people with financial need which results in students paying 10%. Sign-up starts June 14, 2021 at 9 AM. For further details visit the CSULB OLLI website: csulb.edu/olli, email: olli@csulb.edu or call: (562) 985-8237. This course is an overview of the accordion and how it is embraced in cultures throughout the globe. Whether you are a student of history or different cultures or simply curious about the instrument, you will find many points of interest across many genres of music. Classes consist of story-telling (sometimes humorous) supported by music videos to provide audio-visual examples. Open discussion is encouraged. Class limit: 12. (Source: The Sun Summer Class Catalog, 2018. CSULB OLLI) Check out the OLLI Class Catalog. A wide variety of courses of interest including: yoga, iPad, i-Phone, art, gardening, guitar, writing, etc. Some courses are free including: SSI and Medicare, and an introductory harmonica course, etc

