

AAC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Festival results | AGM | Executive Openings



Festival Review

June 21st 2025 Festival.
We had a Fun Creative and Cultural Accordion Music event. Held at the Killarney Glengarry community hall Calgary. The event had competitors attending from a variety of locations, including; Lethbridge, Edmonton, Vancouver, Saskatoon and Calgary. A thank you to all volunteers and teachers who helped make this event so successful.

Participating accordion teachers
Howard Chapman,
Louise Dionne,
Cynthia Gietz,
Margaret Miller,
Maureen Jarosh,
Antonio Peruch,
Penny Sandborn,
Jessica Zhou.

Event dates for the upcoming year:

AGM date Sept. 21st 7:00 via Zoom
(details to follow later)

Fall - Concert Nov. 15th, 2025
Spring - A La Carte March 28th, 2026

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting 'AGM' will be held Sept. 21st 7:00 via Zoom:

This is an election year! Executive positions are:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,
Membership, Newsletter, Website and
Members at Large.

Anyone wishing to run for positions contact Tony
Van Ham at... avanham@mac.com

Most current board members are happy to stay
on if no one wishes to contest the positions.

At this meeting we will:

Elect board members for the next two years,
Discuss the agenda for the upcoming year.
Discuss all things accordion as required.

Zoom invitations will be sent out by email to
current AAC members, preceding the meeting,
with the meetings agenda.



Breaking News: Young Accordionists swarm
Trophy Table. No injuries reported.

2025 Annual Festival Results

Level A: 1st place. Timi Lup,

2nd Place. Carson Rapke.

Outstanding solos went to Jingqi Shen, Chloe Peng, Jacob Cristea, Elijah Dan, Samuel Jr. Oncea, Nicolas Toma.

Level B: Jr. 1st Place. Damian Beschier.

2nd Place. Iose Popa.

Outstanding solo. Joseph Lup.

Level B: Intermediate, 1st Place. Elliott Akliku.

2nd Place. Misael Popa.

Outstanding solo. Louis Zimmerman

The Junior Scholarship of \$100.00 was awarded to Elliott Akliku

Level C: 1st Place. Declan Howell.

2nd Place. Billy Bi

Level D: 1st Place. Kevin Zhuang.

2nd Place. Gloria Van Ham

The Intermediate Scholarship of \$150.00 was awarded to Kevin Zhuang

Level E: 1st Place. Gloria Van Ham.

2nd Place. Daniel Cai.

Outstanding solo. Paige Taillon

Adult Advanced: 1st Place. Tony Van Ham.

2nd Place. Cynthia Gietz

The Senior Scholarship of \$200.00 was awarded to Gloria Van Ham

Junior Pop/Jazz: 1st Place. Carson Rapke.

2nd place. Jacob Cristea.

Intermediate Pop/Jazz: 1st Place. Declan Howell.

2nd Place. Kevin Zhuang.

Outstanding solo. Damian Beschier

Senior Pop/Jazz: 1st Place. Daniel Cai.

2nd Place. Paige Taillon.

Outstanding solo. Francesca Yingst

The Pop/Jazz scholarship of \$200.00 was awarded to Daniel Cai



Junior Folk/Ethnic: 1st Place. Damian Beschier.

2nd place. Iose Popa.

Outstanding solos went to: Elijah Dan, Jinqi Shen, Carson Rapke, Jacob Cristea.

Intermediate Folk/Ethnic: 1st Place Declan Howell.

2nd Place. Misael Popa.

Outstanding solo. Nicolas Toma

Senior Folk/Ethnic: 1st Place. Jeremiah Cristea.

2nd Place. Gloria Van Ham.

Outstanding solo. Louis Zimmerman

The Folk/Ethnic scholarship of \$200.00 was awarded to Jeremiah Cristea

Virtuoso Soloist Class was won by Louise Dionne with a cash prize of \$250.00

Duets Level A: 1st place. Keyan Qu and Elliott Akliku

Duets Level B : 1st Place. Chloe Peng and Kevin Zhuang.

2nd Place. Damian and Beatrice Beschier. Outstanding Duet. Keyan Qu and Elliott Akliku.

Duets Level C: 1st Place. Leona Gordy and Margaret Miller.

2nd Place Margaret Miller and Jacqueline Kibsey.

Chamber Groups level B: 1st. Place Buddies with Bellows

Chamber Group Level C: 1st Place. Jazz Burlesque.

2nd Place. Edmonton Trio

Ensembles Level B: 1st Place. Acclectica.

2nd Place Harmonic Breath Ensemble

Ensembles Level C: 1st Place. Jarosh Ensemble.

2nd Place Windy City Accordions



EEE Trophy of Excellence was awarded to Paige Taillon.

Adult Learner Trophy Francesca Yingst.

Top Soloist Award Trophy Daniel Cai with a \$ 300.00 cash prize.

Congratulations to all performers for a job well done

Please check your AAC website for current information on

Membership, Events and Venues

<http://accordion-now.com>