Accordion Talk

October 2026

Upcoming club meeting

Nov 21
11:30 – 3:30 pm
Milwaukie Police Community Room
3200 SE Harrison St
Milwaukie, OR

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President's Message

Greetings RCAC!

First off, thank you to the RCAC Autumnfest ensemble players: Beth McDonald, Fran Kincaid, John Mohney, Chad Anderson, Larry McCullough, and Kathy Grambsch. Our group played 2 songs at the "Autumnfest" Accordion Social at the Forest Grove Senior Center on Sunday October 25. It was fun playing with you!

The next board meeting will be Monday, November 16 at 1:30 pm.

The upcoming November 21 club meeting will have a special agenda which I have emailed the club about already. Find the schedule on Page 4. The club is hosting Andrew & Courtney's Mystery Box, a clarinet and accordion duo that afternoon. I have seen them play several times, and each performance is unique and wonderful. It really is an delightful exploration of music. Accordion students of Courtney Von Drehle will certainly recognize at least some of the songs and be inspired by how they're played.

The club meeting on November 21 will stick to the published schedule, so that you can arrive for the parts of the afternoon that interest you the most. I know it is a long afternoon! As always, spectators are always welcome to sit and watch Music Circle and Open Play. On this day in particular, your friends and members of the public are welcome to these activities as well as the featured performance. Let's show them a warm welcome to our local accordion community.

Save the date, December 19, for our catered holiday party!
~Amber Matz, President

October Club Recap

October Meeting Recap

Our October 17 club day started with an RCAC ensemble rehearsal for the Forest Grove “Autumnfest” Accordion Social, which took place on October 25. The club meeting officially kicked off with Music Circle. We played together two familiar tunes: Autumn Leaves and Tennessee Waltz. This was followed by a little social break with snacks. Thank you, Beth McDonald (Vice-President) for taking responsibility for these club-provided snacks. Open play featured individual soloists from our club. Thank you so much to all who played!



Beth McDonald

Open Play

Larry McCullough — Satin Doll, El Reloj
John Mohney — When The Saints, Whispering
Beth McDonald — Java, Fascination
Marlene Meissner — Angelina Polka, Patty’s Waltz
Kim Nurmi — Toccata in D minor, Nightmare Before Christmas
Bev Spurgeon — Strawberry Hill Polka, Tonight by Candlelight
Leonard Kosatka — Bésame Mucho, Luci d’ Ombre
Mark Greathouse — Accordiana, Come Back to Sorrento
Wayne Nelson — Just Slumber On, Irish Eyes
Jeanette Bauman — Mansion Over the Hilltop, I’ll Fly Away
Katie Eberhart — The River Cinnebar, Take Five
Fran Maddox — The Traveled Road, Jacob Gigrist
Fran Kincaid — I Can See Clearly Now
Chad Anderson — Dernier Vol from Micmacs



Marlene Meissner

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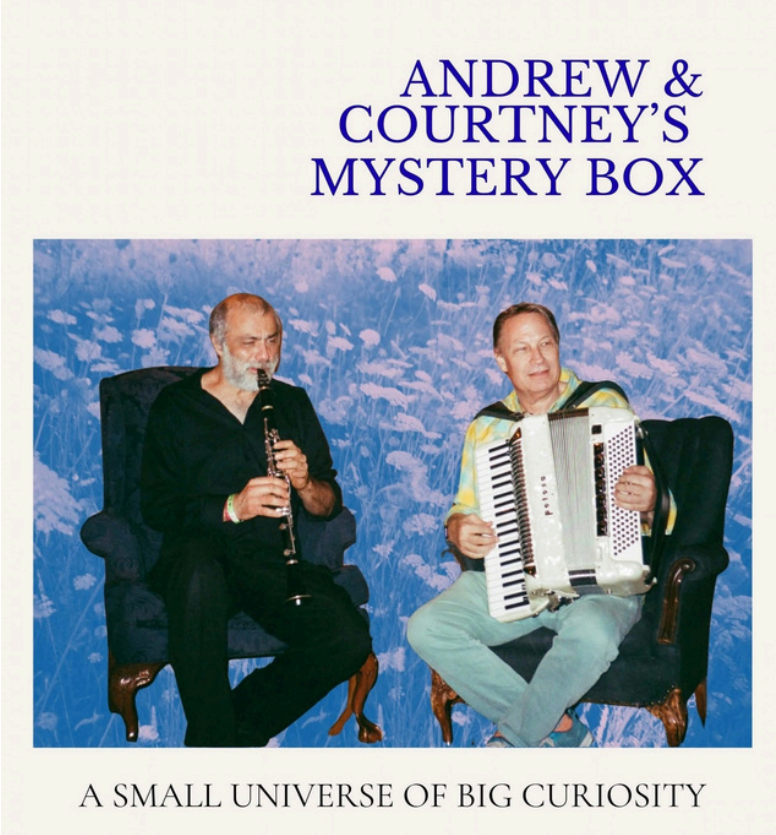
Marlene Meissner, Kim Nurmi, Bev Spurgeon, Delette Huffman, Leonard Kosatka, Mark Greathouse

November 21 Club

Rose City Accordion Club is excited to host **Andrew and Courtney's Mystery Box**, a tiny traveling universe of clarinet and accordion, at our Nov. 21 club gathering.

Courtney Von Drehle on accordion and Andrew Alikhanov on clarinet blend Eastern European flavors, jazz, and original compositions.

Free and open to the public! Invite your friends!



Schedule

11:30 am: Doors open and set up. Anyone is welcome to watch and listen!
11:45 am: Music Circle (America the Beautiful)
12:00 pm: Open Play
1:15 pm: Break
1:30 pm: Guest performance: Andrew & Courtney's Mystery Box
2:30 pm: Q & A
2:40 pm: Break
3:00 pm: Club business
3:30 pm: Adjourn

Location:
Milwaukie Public Safety Building
(Community Room, doors on the right as you face the building)
3200 SE Harrison St
Milwaukie, OR 97222