



“Accordion Star International 2023” June 23-30, 2023

Applications are due by June 11, 2023.

The third international online "**Accordion Star International 2023**" **competition/festival** offers a unique worldwide opportunity for talented youth and adult accordionists from over 30 countries. The international jury includes leading world-class performers, teachers, composers, conductors, and producers from across the world. YouTube and Facebook audiences may vote to select the "Public Favorite" performance.

The purpose of the festival is to promote and develop the performing arts, popularize the accordion as a concert musical instrument, broaden new connections and open unlimited opportunities in a global wide circle of accordion lovers. Music supports the ideals of peace and kindness and does not tolerate violence in any of its manifestations. Our doors are open to all who adhere to these ideals. Our art should bring joy and love, the language of music is international and has always served for unification and mutual understanding.

The First prize winners in all categories will be awarded the "Accordion Star International 2023 Champion" titles, cash awards and winners' diplomas. Holders of second and third places will receive titles of laureates of the competition and diplomas of second and third degrees. There will be special prizes from sponsors and jury members.

All participants in the competition will be awarded diplomas which will include the average score and world ranking position with "Accordion Star International 2023."

The 2023 competition features a new category, “Best Music Video,” which is open to all soloists and ensembles. Create your own music video and showcase your musicality, cinematic ideas, and audio/video editing skills. There are no restrictions -- just make sure the accordion is present. Both acoustic and digital accordions are welcome in this category.

Entrants are encouraged to play popular music. In some categories there will be a mandatory piece - a popular piece of music in any style such as pop, rock, jazz, classical, movie soundtrack, etc., that has gained widespread popularity in the US and around the world and has received at least one million views on YouTube.

"Accordion Star International 2023" Rules:

The detailed program and competition schedule will be published on the [Accordion Star International Facebook page](#) and available upon request by emailing your request to accostarfest@gmail.com

In addition to the competitive program, the festival will feature concert performances, master classes, interviews and presentations by members of the jury and festival guests. We invite everyone to take part in the grand celebration of our instrument, challenge the best of the best by participating in one of the

most prestigious and fair world competitions where the names of the new 2023 champions will be announced!

Categories and Prizes:

1. Accordion Star 8 and Under
Free Program 3-5 minutes maximum
First Prize \$100
2. Accordion Star 10 and Under
Free Program 5 minutes maximum
First Prize \$100
3. Accordion Star 12 and Under
Free Program 6 minutes maximum
First Prize \$100
4. Accordion Star 14 and Under
Free Program 8 minutes maximum
First Prize \$100
5. Accordion Star 17 and Under
Free Program 10 minutes maximum
First Prize \$100
6. Accordion Star Open18+ Professionals
(No age restriction).
Free Program including 1 popular piece
of music 15 minutes maximum
First Prize \$500
7. Accordion Star Open 18+ Amateurs
(No age restriction).
Free Program 10 minutes maximum
First Prize \$200
8. Accordion Bands Youth 17 and Under
Any size, any combination with at least one
accordion of any kind or accordion related instrument.
Free Program 10 minutes maximum
First Prize \$200
9. Accordion Bands Adults 18+
Any size, any combination with at least one
accordion of any kind or accordion related instrument.
No age restrictions.
Free Program including 1 popular piece
of music 15 minutes maximum
First Prize \$500
10. "Best Music Video".
Solo or Ensembles of any size, any combination
and at least one Accordion or accordion related instrument.
Back tracks are permitted.
No Age Restriction
1 popular piece of music
5 minutes maximum
First Prize \$300

*A Special Prize "Public Favorite" will be an additional \$200

All contest videos will be posted on our YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/@stelesh> and will be promoted by the Accordion Star International contest and contestants on Facebook and other social media. The number of views, likes and comments will be counted and used as additional points towards the final score. The "Public Favorite" prize will be awarded to the video with the most views.

Instrument and Program Requirements:

- In categories 1-7, accordions of all systems and modifications can be used.
- In categories 8-9, all types of accordions (including digital and hybrid accordions) can be used, as well as related instruments such as bandoneon, concertina, melodica, diatonic accordions, etc. The ensemble may include any musical instrument, but must include at least one type of accordion.
- In category 10, solo or ensembles of any size, any combination with at least one accordion, digital or hybrid accordions, accordion related Instruments and any kind of acoustic or electronic musical instruments can be used. Back tracks are permitted. Video and sound editing are welcome. Be as creative as you can.
- For all categories, the free program may consist of a variety of concert pieces. At the choice of the participant, the program can include classical music, polyphony, virtuoso pieces, concert arrangements of folk melodies, cantilena, contemporary music, world music of different genres, tango, jazz, etc.
- In categories 6,9,10 the program **must include one popular piece of music** in any style such as pop, rock, jazz, classical, movie soundtrack, etc., that has gained widespread popularity in the US and around the world and has received at least one million views on YouTube.
- Since the competition is held in one round, large-scale pieces should not constitute the main part of the program and can be performed in a shortened format (1-2-3 parts).
- Try to throw away the competitive tension and create a relaxed concert environment. New original solutions are encouraged!

Video of Your Performance:

The full program (all pieces) must be recorded in ONE take, without stops or interruptions. External microphones and studio equipment can be used. Editing the sound is not permitted. However, to improve the sound quality, you can add a little reverb or some other effects. Multiple Cameras are permitted. The video can be recorded during a live public performance.

There are NO restrictions for category 10 "Best Music Video". Create your own Music video yourself or ask professionals to do it for you.

Important Instructions on How to Submit Your Video:

Send your video file to accostarfest@gmail.com using any file sharing service like Google Drive, Dropbox, We Transfer, Sync.com, Yandex drive, One Drive, etc. We will do the rest.

The videos of all the candidates will be published on the Accordion Star International YouTube and Facebook pages by the corresponding category in random order. Thus, each candidate will have an equal chance to be presented, as well as an opportunity to view all the performances of other candidates during the competition. After the videos are published, we encourage you to share your performance on your social media in order to attract more views and increase your final score and possibility to win the "Public Favorite" prize!

Adjudication:

To ensure objectivity and impartiality in the work of the panel of judges, jury members will not be able to evaluate the competitive performances of their students, as well as competitors representing their country.

The organizers of the competition respect the opinion of each jury member and will consider all the marks!

The number of views, likes and comments received by each contest video will be counted and converted to additional points towards the final score.

The final results of all the categories will be announced on the last day of the festival and the jury marks will be published.

We are confident that the Accordion Star International Festival/Competition will become one of the most prestigious and popular annual events, bringing joy and positive emotions to thousands of bayan and accordion music lovers around the world.

Sergei Teleshev (USA) is President of Accordion Star International Competition/Festival. He is a distinguished winner of numerous international competitions.

How to Apply:

Entrants need to pay their registration fee and email an application no later than June 11, 2023!

The registration fee can be paid through PayPal, Visa or Master Card. Send the payment to: Accordion Star Festival (PayPal Account: accostarfest@gmail.com). When you pay, make sure to include in the PayPal "message" section the first and last name of the candidate and category number. If you don't have a PayPal account, please contact accostarfest@gmail.com ahead of time to arrange payment with Visa or Master Card.

The cost of the registration fee depends on the category.

Categories 1,2,3,4,5	\$30
Categories 6,7,8,9,10	\$50

After your payment is completed, email your application **in English** (see nine requested application items below) to: accostarfest@gmail.com

1. First and last name (for ensembles - the name of the group and the names of all participants)
2. Age (for ensembles – age of all participants)
3. Country of residence
4. Teacher's name (if applicable)
5. Category number(s)
6. Program selections with names of composers
7. Photo (for ensembles -- a group photo),
8. The link to download your video file.
9. Photo (JPG) or PDF file of your receipt or payment confirmed by email.

Competitors will receive registration confirmation within 24 hours of applying with payment and required information. After registration is confirmed, the registration fee is not refundable. Contact Sergei Teleshev with any questions: accostarfest@gmail.com



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