

2017 27TH ANNUAL

# COTATI ACCORDION Festival



August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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To Parents, Teachers, and Accordion Students:

February 7, 2017

The Cotati Accordion Festival is investing in the future generation of accordionists. Last year we awarded nearly \$1000 in scholarships. The Student Stage celebrates its third year as part of the festival. Accordion students 18 and under will be competing for a scholarship during the festival weekend: Saturday August 19, 2017. What better way to encourage young accordionists to achieve their goals! Teachers indirectly benefit as well. It's a win-win for students, parents, and teachers. These are future accordion club members, too. It is an opportunity for students to experience a public performance, be adjudicated, and win cash prize(s). Here's the procedure:

Students apply with documentation (see the 2017 application form). The teacher prepares up to four songs (about 10-15 minutes); three judges independently evaluate students based on shared criteria. Students complete the current application form and are placed into a category based on length of study and age. There is no fee for applying. Each performance category uses a tally system; the top achiever(s) in those categories will be eligible for a scholarship. Adjudication form (This guideline shows teachers how students will be evaluated).

As Student Stage Coordinator, I collect applications, organize a smooth performance schedule on the morning (c. 9:45A to 12:00P) Saturday August 19, 2017. There is an open-to-the-public student scholarship fundraiser on Friday, August 18, 2017 at Redwood Café (downtown Cotati). Everyone is welcome and invited to contribute to the scholarship fund. Your tax deductible support will help us! Come out to hear inspirational professional accordionists in an intimate setting!

Deadline: Current 2017 application and three (3) copies of each of the titles you expect to perform must be received NO LATER THAN July 1, 2017. PDFs can be emailed to [CotatiAccordionStudentStage@yahoo.com](mailto:CotatiAccordionStudentStage@yahoo.com)

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Thank you and feel free to email or call me with any questions you might have.

Cordially,

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