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Annual San Francisco Accordion Club Lou Jacklich Scholarship

Starting in 2022, the San Francisco Accordion Club, (one of the oldest in the US) has pledged an annual scholarship of \$500, to be awarded at the discretion of the competition judges, based on ranking and scoring criteria. This award will be presented at the main CAF stage by the President of the San Francisco Club to honor longtime bay area accordionist Lou Jacklich.

LOU JACKLICH: A Short Biography

Lou Jacklich has been a professional accordionist for 75+ years. He got his union card at the age of 17 and taught for the Meni-Ketti studio and toured vaudeville.

In the 50s Lou founded the “Lou Jacklich School of Music” with 450+ students and 9 teachers. In the late 50’s he was a pioneer on the electronic accordion and was in high demand with his virtuoso artistic arrangements.

Currently, Lou teaches and is an active member of several local accordion clubs. He performs his own jazz arrangements to the delight of audiences. Lou has received local and international acclaim including Cotati Accordion Festival Honorary Director in 2016.

Lou has had an incredible career with the accordion over the years as he started out playing in vaudeville and currently teaches both in person and via ZOOM.