

August 19 & 20, 2023



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Cotati Accordion Student Scholarships: the CASS JAM TENT 2023

Last year, for the first time, CASS operated the Jam Tent. The Scholarship Committee took over the responsibilities and tasks from the Golden Gate Accordion Club which had dissolved in 2019. This was a big step forward and resulted in a successful weekend of fundraising for the scholarship fund. We sponsored a comfortable place to sit and listen, and we welcomed accordionists, and all other musical instruments, to participate inside the Jam Tent. A commonly shared binder with a playlist enables all musicians to enjoy this opportunity.

In addition to welcoming accordionists to play, all students should sign up if they would like to perform in a specific time slot inside the Jam Tent. Contact Janeen Murray. Email janeenmm@hotmail.com Make sure students are approved for a slot in the Jam Tent. One need not compete or win a scholarship in order to perform inside the Jam Tent. This year we will, once again, feature any and all students who wish to perform inside the Jam Tent.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jam Tent is a very busy tent and its traditions and activities do not take place without volunteers. The Jam Tent, the Student Competition, the Student Scholarship fundraisers are not possible without crucial help. We NEED volunteers who provide time and energy to make everything happen. If you wish to volunteer for any task, CASS will provide a grateful thank you in the form of a weekend festival pass. A volunteer can expect to donate between 3 to 4 hours toward assisting CASS. We need volunteers to fulfill the following responsibilities and tasks in these categories:

- Saturday, 8/19/23, TBD, probably mid-afternoon slots will be available to students. Please check the schedule as posted at the Jam Tent or contact Janeen Murray.

- Sunday, 8/20/23, 11:30A-12:30P – All students are invited to play 2-3 more songs in the Jam Tent. Must apply to Janeen Murray.

VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

#1 Before and After the Festival:

- Four (4) Volunteers, Friday afternoon: 2:00p to 4:00P and Sunday closing:

5:00P-6:00P. Setting up the interior of the Jam Tent. This includes placing posters on the walls, arranging folding chairs in a circle and along the back wall. Assisting the MC as may be required to set up equipment. It may entail setting up at some portable tables. On Sunday, we strike the tent and dismantle the interior of the tent. This might mean stacking tables and chairs to the side and removing and placing posters inside boxes. You will only be required to do what you can physically perform. Nothing will be requested if too heavy or demanding.

#2 During the Festival inside the Jam Tent, we need volunteers to lead the Jam Tent musicians. If you lead in the tent, you must also provide volunteer time at the tables adjacent to the Jam Tent. Contact Sheri.

- Here are jam tent leader slot times:

8/19/23 Saturday:

9:40A -10:30A leader

10:30A to 11A STUDENTS ONLY

11:15A to 12:30P leader

12:30P to 1:30P leader or small ensemble

1:30P to 2:30P leader or small ensemble

2:30P to 3:30P leader

3:30P to 4:45P leader

8/20/23 Sunday:

9:40A to 10:30A leader

10:30A to 11:30A leader

11:30A to 12:30P STUDENTS ONLY

12:30P to 1:30P leader

1:30P to 2:30P leader or small ensemble

2:30P to 3:30P leader or small ensemble

3:30P to 4:30P final slot

Sign up for a minimum of 3-4 hours by contacting the CASS coordinator. You will receive a weekend pass. Sheri Mignano Crawford:

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**CHURCH OF THE OAKS' Social Hall 160 W. Sierra @ Page St FRIDAY,
AUGUST 18, 2023 c. 4:00P-6:00P CASS FUNDRAISER CONCERT
SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30A to 12N. Student Competition, August 19, 2023**

#3 On Friday afternoon, August 18th from 3:00P to 6:00P, we need a volunteer to assist Dave Noferi and Pat McCarty, Church of the Oaks, to set up chairs at the Church of the Oaks Social Hall (3:00-4:00p Friday). No free weekend pass for this task.

#4 During the festival, we need Three Volunteers as Student Stage judges: If you play accordion and read well, you are invited to apply for one of three positions. These volunteers must judge the student accordionists at the Church of the Oaks. Judges do not receive weekend passes.

The Story of CASS

In 2014, the first scholarship fundraiser was held. Over the many years, we have featured professional accordionists. They all step up to the plate and provide an extraordinary evening concert. This intimate setting allows festival goers to enjoy a relaxed, intimate context in which to get to know the musicians and help us kick-off the festival weekend.

Donations are accepted at the door and all proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the students by donating to this terrific late afternoon fun concert. You might see familiar accordionists and you might hear some new ones, but you will always find the best accordionists giving their talents to this worthy cause. Please stay tuned for updates as the Friday start time can change. Thanks to the generous support of The Church of the Oaks, the fundraiser is held in the Social Hall, located about a block from the Polka-Zydeco Tent. The Student Scholarship fundraiser is free and requests a donation only. In addition to the Friday fundraiser, the student competition is held on Saturday morning at the Social Hall from 9:30A to 12N. Again, there is no admission fee to attend these two events and donations are accepted.

Again, it is our pleasure to announce the 2023 Cotati Accordion Student Scholarship competition and we encourage all accordion teachers and students to apply for a scholarship. Feel free to contact Sheri if you have any questions about volunteering and the categories associated with that role.

We look forward to seeing you at the festival and thank you for your support.

CASS Co-Coordinator, Sheri Mignano Crawford

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CASS Coordinator, David Noferi dnoferi@aol.com

Sunday Morning Student Stage, Janeen Murray janeenmm@hotmail.com

Jam Tent MC, Robert Flournoy, N/A
Pat McCarty, Social Hall, Church of the Oaks, N/A