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Dear Friends of the Accordion,

On March 5th, Zella Waddoups, Julie and Wayne Eckman , and the trio consisting of Pat Whall, Leland Flinders, and Dave Marasco presented us with an evening of entertainment; Irish and otherwise. Julie and Wayne played their famous violin and accordion duet, plus Wayne accompanied himself in singing a number of ballads. Zella played two pieces demonstrating not only her musical skills but also her incredible courage to single-handedly take center stage as the first artist of the evening. The trio of Pat, Leland, and Dave played a half-dozen songs from the early 20th century, probably songs they remember from their elementary school days. A couple of them were composed as late as 1925. It's amazing how well their memories function at this stage of their lives. All in all, the club members received the performers with the figurative "open arms"; a sign all on stage entertained well, were properly dressed, smiled, and remembered to bring their accordions.

For the April 2nd meeting, the talented Patterson family will once again grace our stage. A couple of weeks ago, several Wasatch Accordion Club members went to Jordan High School to listen to Jacqi Patterson play John Gart's "Vivo", a very demanding semi-classical piece. Jacqi performed in concerto fashion with her father's Concerto, with the high school orchestra behind her. Talk about impressive. I was impressed just watching her play a piece I have only heard other professionals play. I suspect many orchestra members were equally impressed. The board members have asked, and Jacqi has graciously agreed, to play "Vivo" and some additional pieces at our next meeting. Incidentally, Jacqi will have an autograph session during the meeting. She also indicated that since she will have no cd's available, we could all take turns taking her home so she could play in our own living rooms. Jacqi said she would have to limit each visit to a single evening---after all, she must practice her music and do her homework!!! I guess I better remind everybody that Jacqi's parents, who will also be playing April 2nd, are Rob and Cheri Patterson. Both Patterson parents are former competitive accordionists with trophies and certificates to prove their passions. Oh, oh, did I mention that Jacqi will be performing at that same meeting?

On August 11th, Mario Pedone will visit the Salt Lake Valley from Sugarland, Texas. Mario is a professional accordionist, instructor, arranger, and composer who operates his own business consisting of instructing students, recording albums, printing his own music books, and performing about the country. The Wasatch Accordion Club is in the process of finalizing a schedule, but has determined the cost to members will be \$8.00 per ticket. As a perk to members, they may purchase as many tickets as they choose for as many people as they can bring. Advertised prices will be \$10.00 to all others. In the past, Mr. Pedone has presented workshops and entertained at the Las Vegas International Accordion Convention.

We look forward to seeing you on April 2nd at 6:30pm at Kowloon Café.

Keep Squeezin'

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