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May 1, 2012

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

At our April 2nd meeting, we were well graced by the performances of that champion accordion family known as "The Pattersons". They always have specialty numbers that flummox the eyeballs and tantalize the ears.

Daughter Jacqi is no different. She performed John Gart's *Vivo*, a semi-classical number that she recently played as a soloist with the Jordan High Symphony Orchestra. Great skill, coupled with her grace and charm, will do her well when she competes at Kimberley Old Time Accordion Festival this summer. Cherie and Rob, as always, presented a very masterful, crowd-pleasing performance including both duets and solos. Cherie did a great job performing Carioca and Rob and Cherie played Clarinet Polka. Rob followed up with wonderful renditions of Piano Man, Theme from St. Elmo's Fire and Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head. Thank you Pattersons! It's always a wonderful pleasure to have you perform.

Coming to our May 7th meeting will be Yvonne Mueller and her prize student, McKay Bryson. Both have played duets and solos for us in the past. Yvonne, you will recall, plays annually at the Snowbird Oktoberfest. She leads the band known as the Polkatonics, and is a past competitive performer. McKay last played a rock piece he composed himself, as well as a non-traditional piece.

Also May 7th, Moly Creel, a relatively new member to our club and student of Paul Pasquali, will make her club debut. It is always exciting to have the youth of our valley give us older accordionists faith that the accordion, it's beauty and soul, will be kept alive.

Sylvia Marie Barber recently passed away. Those who have attended the International Las Vegas Accordion Convention in the past will remember her as an energetic, lively performer and a musical comedienne. Her musical skill, stage presence, hallmark laughter, and her rendition of "Doggy in the Window" will surely be missed.

As a reminder, Mario Pedone from Sugar Land, Texas, will play for our community on August 11, 2012. Please mark your calendars; tickets will be available soon. We will see you "Soon at Kowloon" May 7th at 6:30 pm. Until then:

Keep Squeezin'

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