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September 1, 2011

Dear Friends of the Accordion,

On August 1, we had the great honor of listening to our very own Lou Fornoff, a true accordionist in the grandest sense of the word. Lou demonstrated his feathery fingers, graceful artistry, and musical knowledge with five or six well-known pieces from the classics and American songbook. When asked how he developed such an accomplished style, Lou said: "I cut my teeth on Frosini and I practiced scales, scales, and uhhh, uhhh, oh yeah, scales." Now for all of us who intend on emulating Lou, it is imperative that we keep in mind one more thing---Lou has been at it for 80+ years!!! Oh Boy, I just can't wait.

Also performing on August 1st was Brian Hubrich, son of Ralph. Brian played a night of "Songs of Brian Hubrich". Brian is a very witty and talented lyricist. His showmanship was most evident in the clever lyrics he set to various tunes. Brian provided a fun evening of music and song including some pieces like the Devil Goes Down to Georgia and the William Tell Overture. We look forward to having Brian entertain us again in the near future.

Our next meeting will be held on the second Monday, September 12th, because the first Monday is Labor Day which falls on the fifth. I have fallen on a few fifths in my day and nobody altered schedules to accommodate my issues---nothing more be said.

At the September 12th meeting, we will be blessed with the presence of "Just In Time", Professor Larry Pino's band of renown. The band also includes Eileen Benevidez, Michael Lloyd, Janice McCallister, Marjean Nielsen, and Pat Whall. This rowdy crew is always good for standard pieces plus a rock piece or two. In addition, I am told there will be possible solos and/or duets. As of the last Top 40 survey, this wild group is quickly closing in on the Rat Pack of the '50's & '60's.

Ruth Paslay will also waltz upon the stage with her smooth-as-silk style both as our dinner music artist and a center stage soloist later in the evening. She is being loaned to us via Alpine. I'm told that both Al and Joe Pine temporarily released her from her south-of-the-border contract to enable Ruth to entertain us for a single night.

Lastly, if you would kindly encourage our youth to volunteer a couple of songs, it would be greatly appreciated. Your own performing would be welcome, too. We look forward to seeing you on September 12th at 6:30pm at Kowloon Café.

Keep Squeezin'  
 Dave Marasco

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