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Dear Friends of the Accordion,

Once upon a time, there was a printer by the name of Pasquali (yes, with an "i"). He enjoyed printing but only to the extent he kept his hands free of the oil and ink associated with such work. As time progressed and printing was not happening, due to the fact he avoided ink, Pasquali began to wonder: "What could I do with all these moveable-type pieces that resemble buttons?" "I know," he said with the proverbial light bulb brightening above his head. "I will invent the Concerto, which will necessarily require sufficient grill buttons to create multiple orchestrations that can accompany the accordion."

The rest is history, resulting in the debut at our August meeting of *The Six Concertos* (Rob Patterson, Cherrie Patterson, Ruth Paslay, Pat Whall, Dave Marasco, and conductor Paul Pasquali). The pieces performed by *The Six Concertos* included *The Rose, One, Phantom of the Opera, and Moon River*. In addition, each member played a solo or two using the vast sounds of the Concerto. It was an impressive performance, which the audience enjoyed greatly. For it has been noted: Pasquali will never return to his printing days.

Coming to a Wasatch Accordion Club meeting near you in September will be Ruth Paslay from Alpine, and Bart Chadaz from Tremonton. Both artists have played very elegantly for us in the past; Ruth is always welcome on our stage and Bart has played several times in the past.

According to Maria, Bart's mother, Bart has a very difficult time determining if he is Italian or Serbian. You see, Maria was born and raised in Trieste, a city that has been conquered by either nation several times throughout history, thereby being either Serbian or Italian (but not both simultaneously) even into recent history. So if Bart seems a bit confused at our meeting, we may rest assured it is not his musicianship that is causing difficulties, but instead his perceived heritage.

Bart, believe us, we all understand. After all, we are ruled by a legislature that understands the United STATE lies between Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and Colorado---talk about confusion!!! Regardless of any state of confusion, expect a great performance from both Ruth and Bart---accomplished musicians on stage, and congenial individuals at their tables.

Our next club meeting will be held at Kowloon Café at 6:30pm on September 9th. Remember to come with a smile, a good thought, a positive attitude, and a hearty appetite---your friends will be waiting for you!

"Keep Squeezin"

Dave Marasco

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