

# 2020 AAMS Workshops & Festival Orchestras



**Joan C. Sommers**

## **Really Useful Technique to be Mastered in Pieces Instead of Exercises! and The Importance of Sight-Reading Skills!**

Joan Cochran Sommers began teaching at the age of 14 and soon after that also began conducting an accordion ensemble. In addition to having many award-winning accordion orchestras, she also taught many students who earned prizes in the different levels leading to and including the Coupe Mondiale. During her years of teaching all levels of students, she found there were certain pieces and selected exercises which could produce some of the many important techniques needed in order to become an award-winning player. She will demonstrate some of these during this workshop.

**Bring an accordion if you would like to do so.**



**Joseph Natoli**

## **Combining Studio Quality Digital Home Recording with Video Production**

This workshop anticipates giving you the freedom to finally record yourself in the privacy of your own home, thereby avoiding the steep hourly fees of recording studios (from \$100—\$200 per hour). But it is taken one step further to show you how to use Video software to take your studio quality audio track and expertly combine it with a recorded video of your performance. Also, you will be shown how to insert text and/or other pictures in addition to your video performance to come up with a nice production that will be ready for YouTube, a DVD disc, or to post elsewhere online if that is your desire.

You will be taught to use inexpensive and even FREE audio and video recording software that has all the tools and capabilities that you will ever need to produce very high-end studio quality recordings and videos.

Certainly, everyone has different motivation for why they want to record themselves — to keep as a memento, share recordings with family and friends, create a professional demo CD/DVD, to create marketable and respectable studio quality recordings that can be sold for extra income, or to create an audio track along with your YouTube videos. Whatever your reasons, this course will provide you the tools to realize your ambitions.



**Al Terzo**

## **Al Terzo and Friends**

Performances with biographical and historical information on standard literature of the accordions repertoire.

Al started accordion lessons at the age of 7. Teachers and coaches included Flora Foscatto, Louis Iorio, Charles Nunzio, & Eugene Ettore. He studied for 12 years at Major School of Music in Irvington, NJ and was Concert Master of the Sano Accordion Symphony. In 1970 he became the New Jersey State Viurtuoso Champion. Al is an original member of the ATA of NJ Teachers Orchestra. Currently he conducts the Accordion Pops Orchestra. Al continues to teach Accordion and Piano. He is married to the former Kathy Kump. He has 2 children, Frank and Regina as well as 4 grandchildren, Benjamin, Brianna, Peyton, and Aria.

<p><b>Panel</b> (Depending of Availability) <b>Joan Sommers,</b> <b>Joe Natoli,</b> <b>Dee Langley, Al Terzo</b></p>	<p><b>Question and Answer Panel:</b></p> <p>Please submit questions ahead of time for discussion by workshop presenters and festival orchestra directors.</p> <p>Panel participants will be determined by their availability for this session.</p>
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## Festival Orchestras

 <p><b>Dee Langley</b></p>	<p><b>Festival Orchestra 1</b></p> <p><b>Festival Orchestra Music is available now for advance practice preparation.</b></p> <p><b>Register now and request your music. Please indicate your advancement level.</b> <b>If you are not sure of your level then please contact Joanna Darrow</b></p> <p><b>Both Festival Orchestras will be performing on the Gala Concert</b></p>
 <p><b>Joan C Sommers</b></p>	<p><b>Festival Orchestra 2</b></p> <p><b>Festival Orchestra Music is available now for advance practice preparation.</b></p> <p><b>Register now and request your music. Please indicate your advancement level.</b> <b>If you are not sure of your level then please contact Joanna Darrow</b></p> <p><b>Both Festival Orchestras will be performing on the Gala Concert</b></p>
	<p><b>Members of Festival Orchestra 1 will be combined with Festival Orchestra 2 on 1 selection.</b></p>

**Honoree Banquet**

Reserve your seating for the exciting 2020 Honoree Banquet.

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2020 AAMS Honoree

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