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# 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN

A LITTLE NEWS FROM THE SILICON VALLEY ACCORDION SOCIETY

IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

DECEMBER, 2020

## Getting together... when we can't!

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Covid-19 has taught us all we can do lots of things differently.

If you are over 60, you might get up at dawn to stand in line to grocery shop during "senior hours." Or you may be signing on to InstaCart to have your groceries delivered. That's kind of fun!

You can attend an SVAS Zoom meeting in your pajamas, as long as you put on your earrings... or toss on a collar shirt over those PJs!

And.. you can share the holidays with your family and friends — no matter where they are!

**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!**

## Murl Allen Sanders Coming to SVAS

January 3, 2021, 3:15 PM, PST



Murl Allen Sanders, a performing musician throughout the Americas, England and Japan, is also a piano and accordion teacher, and an adjunct faculty member at Cornish College of the Arts and Shoreline Community College in Seattle. He has composed works for Orchestra Seattle and the Seattle Chamber Singers, receiving awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. SVAS welcomes this accomplished musician!

**Zoom log-on information will be sent by email  
closer to the meeting date.**

## Cotati Accordion Virtual Winter Festival

December 19th & 20th, 2020

### A Surprise!

Enclosed with this newsletter is a holiday gift from Reno DiBono: his own, original arrangement of "Moonlight in Vermont!"

On the reverse side of the printed music, you will find Reno's notes to help you play this piece as well as Reno himself!

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### Quotable Quotes!

"Great music is that which penetrates the ear with facility and leaves the memory with difficulty."

—Sir Thomas Beecham

"A woman's two cents worth is worth two cents in the music business!"

—Loretta Lynn

"The notes I handle no better than many pianists. But the pauses between the notes—ah, that is where the art resides."

—Arthur Schnabel

The event will be streaming live from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (PST) both days, complete with a **RAFFLE**, accordionists playing in 8 different countries, a Lady-of-Spain-a-Ring, streaming chat, and a Grand Finale.

You can view the whole extravaganza at **no cost** (contributions will certainly be accepted) on Facebook, YouTube or, for the best sound, on the festival's website at [www.cotatifest.com](http://www.cotatifest.com).

Included in the line up of 19 accordionists are headliners such as **Gary Blair, Cory Pesaturo, David Munnely, Matthias Matzke, Corey Ledet**, and a host of acclaimed accordionists from around the world.

If you wish to view the whole line up, please go to [www.cotatifest.com](http://www.cotatifest.com).

If you would like to take part in the Lady-of-Spain-a-Ring, please contact Maggie at: [squeezindivamusic@gmail.com](mailto:squeezindivamusic@gmail.com).

For further questions, please contact Scott at: [scottgoree23@gmail.com](mailto:scottgoree23@gmail.com).

## From our President...

Hello SVAS Friends -

Well, here we are....we made it to the end of an incredibly unpredictable, rollercoaster year. Happy December!

As we enter the holiday season and sit on the brink of 2021, I took some time to reflect on what this year has brought us. While we faced many challenges we never saw coming, we also found joy in new ways of experiencing music. Technology has allowed us to safely enjoy accordion music from within our own homes, and has even broken down geographical barriers. This year we got to experience beautiful performances from Alicia Straka, Monterey International, Ron Borelli and more, straight from our living rooms – and for that, I am extremely thankful. I'm grateful for the SVAS, which continues to bring joy to so many during this unprecedented time. And most of all, I'm grateful for all of you – your friendship, your kindness, and the shared love for the accordion that we enjoy together.

While Zoom allows us to connect even when we're far apart, sometimes a break is necessary. As you know, the SVAS decided to take a break from Zoom this month, and I feel that was a good call as we are finding out about many other Zoom meetings from different clubs and associations all over the United States...including the Cotati Accordion Festival, which is planning a winter Zoom gathering for this month. Another unprecedented event...You'll find more details in this Newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Please join and support our accordion friends with their December Zoom events if you wish. The holidays are about giving, finding joy, and sharing with others – so please do what works for you. Be sure to take some time this month to relax, connect with others safely, and take care of yourselves in ways that bring happiness to you.

If you still need help getting set up on Zoom, my offer still stands - I will be happy to walk anybody through the steps to get on Zoom and we can even set up a practice meeting during the evenings or weekends. It is good to try something new, and I'm here to help. Just let me know.

Once we're into the new year, get ready to welcome back Murl Allen Sanders from Seattle, WA. He'll be playing for us on Sunday, January 3 at 3:15pm. He is such a talented and great player with a beautiful soul! We're looking forward to this uplifting treat of listening to Murl's gorgeous music this season. *Zoom log-on information will be sent closer to the meeting date.*

On behalf of the SVAS Board and myself, it is our sincerest hope that each and everyone of you has a very wonderful holiday season with good health. I wish you all Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you for a fresh start, in the new year!

—Colette

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