

Workshop on Accordion Maintenance and Repair
Presented at the American Accordionists' Association Festival
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Accordion Maintenance and Repair

- Best practices for storing and transporting your instrument
- How to keep the surface clean and shiny
- The mechanics (and art) of sound creation - main accordion components (reed blocks, reeds, switch slides, valves, bass mechanics...)
- Addressing simple issues like stuck bass buttons, keys, and clogged reeds
- Field repairs that can save the gig (prevent an air leak or bad sounds from broken reeds or faulty key valves)
- Troubleshooting for air leaks
- Various types of tuning
- How to select the best accordion for your repertoire and budget
- Answering any accordion-related questions
- If there is time: What are the main components that affect the tonal character of the instrument (brightness of warmth, response time, ergonomic, efficiency etc.)