



Accordion Teachers Association of Massachusetts, Inc.
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60th Annual New England Music Festival

April 8-10, 2022 – Boston Marriott Newton, Newton, MA

Adult Solo Categories

Anyone who is at least 19 years old can participate in the adult categories. Those who are 19-22 years old may participate in either adult or N.E. Cup categories, but not both. Adult participants do not have to take lessons from an ATAM member. The solo categories are listed by instrument below:

<u>Accordion</u>	<u>Piano</u>	<u>Guitar</u>	<u>Voice</u>	<u>Drum</u>
Classical	Classical	Classical	Classical	Full Set
Non-Classical	Non-Classical	Non-Classical	Non-Classical	Snare
Digital Non-Classical				
N. E. Championship				

ATAM also will offer the opportunity to participate in a **VIRTUAL non-classical accordion solo category** for anyone age 19 and older. The virtual solo category are open to anyone, anywhere!

Memorization is optional, but time limits must be observed. A clean copy of music must be submitted for N. E. Championship, classical, snare, and full set solos. Clean copies are not required for any non-classical solo. Contestants must use ATAM-provided equipment—a PA system, microphones, digital piano, and drum set (if necessary) will be provided. See additional category specific information below:

- Two classical pieces (one an original composition for accordion) required for the N.E. Championship.
- Digital sounds and accompaniments may be used for the Digital Non-Classical Accordion solo.
- Recorded accompaniment allowed for Non-Classical Guitar and Voice, and Full Set Drum solos.

Duets and Groups

There will be categories for adult duets and groups (three-member minimum). Any instrument or combination of instruments may be used. Sheet music is required for duets, and groups need to submit a score.

Fees

There is a \$20.00 fee for each solo (\$40.00 for N.E. Championship), and a \$10.00 for each member of a duet or group. In addition, there is a \$15.00 registration fee for each contestant or family.

Awards

Medals and trophies will be awarded at the awards ceremony for all adult participants in the same room where they performed (N.E. Championship awarded at banquet). Participants will be judged on interpretation, tempo, dynamics, phrasing, technique, and musicianship, and medals will be based on score: Gold Medal--Excellent (95-100); Silver Medal--Very Good (90-94); and Bronze Medal--Good (85-89).

Please email atamvirtual@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.