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Lidia Kaminska gives a free performance at 2:30 p.m. today at UMKC's White Recital Hall, 4949 Cherry.

Of one accordion

Former UMKC student's recital marks CD release

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One of the more unusual delights of Kansas City music life has been the talent of accordionist Lidia Kaminska.

I've never heard such fleet fingers on this instrument. If all you know of accordions is polkas and Tejano music, a whole spectrum of simply amazing virtuosity awaits you.

Kaminska, a native of Poland, was the first UMKC Conservatory student to earn a doctorate in accordion performance. She has performed around the United States and in Italy, Germany, Bulgaria, Holland and Austria.

She now lives mostly in Philadelphia with her husband, former Kansas City Ballet dancer Jorge Laico. But she still performs locally with NewEar, Tango Lorca and the Brad Cox Ensemble.

Kaminska recently released her first CD, "Breaking Boundaries," which she will introduce this week with a local recital showcasing her gifts.

The program is at 2:30 p.m. today at UMKC's White Recital Hall, 4949 Cherry, and it's free. Kaminska will be joined by Tango Lorca, guitarist Beau Bledsoe, Jennifer Bryan, Scotty McBee, P. Alonzo Conway, Fernando Achucarro and Aleksandra Kemble.

For more information go to www.lidiakaminska.com.