

Accordionist in concert at TSU

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Highly acclaimed accordionist Lidia Kaminska will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. July 8 at the Adams Theater on the campus of Troy State University.

The concert is being sponsored by the Troy Arts Council and the Alabama Accordionist' Association.

Jim Wadowick, a member of the Alabama Accordionist Association, has heard Kaminska in concert and has had occasion to be in conversation with her.

"Lidia's concert is going to be the 'one and only' chance Troy may have to hear an artists of her caliber," he said. "All of my life I have wished that the public's image of the accordion was on the same level as that of the violin, piano and other serious concert instruments. Unfortunately, when the average person 'thinks accordion,' what pops into his or her mind is Lawrence Welk.

"That's fine. Dance music is one thing an accordion can do beautifully. However, what most people, including accordionist, don't realize is the tremendous musical potential that lies in this instrument."

Wadowick said he has heard world-famous accordion and



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bayan performers who can play equally as well as Rubenstein or Perlman in the realm of classical music.

"Although I am a retired music educator, I still have the strong desire to educate the pub-

lic in musical matters. The opportunity to hear Lidia in concert is a rare one and one that I would like to encourage all of those who have a great appreciation for music to attend."

Wadowick said Kaminska will

be competing in the Accordion Teacher's Guild national competition in Florida July 27. Later in the year, she will compete in the 'World Cup' of accordion, the Coupe Mondiale, in Denmark.

"The good citizens of Troy will have the golden opportunity to hear a young woman who is at the beginning of an illustrious career in the field of music," Wadowick said. "At the same time, they will get a real music lesson. The accordion is a classical instrument. Classical accordion is not an oxymoron."

Kaminska was born in Przasnysz, Poland into a peasant family. She is a graduate of the Fr. Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw and completed her master of arts diploma at the age of 21.

She is now working on the doctor of musical arts degree in accordion performance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservator of Music.

She has performed many solo concerts and has appeared as soloist with well-know Polish symphony orchestras. She has also performed concerts in Germany, Bulgaria, Italy, Austria and Holland.

In the United States, she has performed in Milwaukee, Kansas City, Columbia, Chicago and Dallas. **A T**