

BIOGRAPHY

Jerry King is a professional accordionist who is considered a virtuoso in his field by many. With his accordion music, he sets many different scenes and moods. For instance, the music of the French Café and Bistros, the music of Italy, Mexico, Spain, Germany, and Russia just to mention a few countries as well as songs from movie themes, Broadway musicals and of course the many love songs from around the world. His repertoire seems to be endless, knowing thousands of songs from memory and playing your favorite upon request and at times, may add a hint of jazz should the song warrant it. His past credentials are as impressive as his present engagements, which include, being the house musician at Carlos', a four-star restaurant in Highland Park, Illinois since 1989. He enjoys solo work however, hires other musicians for special occasions to be part of his ensemble known as the Jerry King Orchestra. He features strolling and/or stationary musicians, specializing in cocktail and dinner music for special theme parties and other occasions. Jerry beams when he recalls some of the comments he's received from clients throughout his career. His two favorites are: "I've never realized the accordion could sound so beautiful", and also, "It wouldn't have been Italian without your accordion music."

He started working professionally on weekends at the age of 13 with his father, (professional rhythm guitarist, Norm King.) They acquired renown as *The Norm & Jerry King Duo*, and worked together for the next 28 years. Jerry King studied at the Chicago School of Music with Walter Corvine and also at the Moschino School of Music with master accordion teacher Mario Moschino. He has taught music in the past however, his passion is playing the accordion, capturing the hearts of others with his beautiful music. Jerry King is also an accordion specialist that enjoys repairing and tuning them professionally.

When planning your special event or theme party, let Jerry King and his tailored music add the finishing touch to your very special occasion. He will create the atmosphere that memories are made from.

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