

Mady Soave

Mady Soave was born in Grenoble, a city nestled at the foot of the Alps in the southeastern part of France. As an 8 year old young girl, **Mady** first learned the traditional French musette accordion repertoire but by age 15, she craved something more challenging. So she began studying classical accordion with the renowned French teacher, André Thépez and went on to study music theory, composition, and harmony for seven years at the National Conservatory of Chambéry, near Grenoble.

In 1988, **Mady Soave** formed the **Astria** accordion trio with which she toured Europe for several years. During this time, Mady and **Astria** won several awards, including the prestigious **Astor Piazzolla Prize** in Castelfidardo, Italy in 1994 and 1995, organized by Piazzolla's longtime producer /manager **Aldo Pagani**. Since 1995 Mady works closely with **Aldo Pagani** in the presentation of Piazzolla's music.

Mady Soave was guest artist with several prestigious symphony orchestras such as Bay City Orchestra, Saginaw Orchestra, Bijou Orchestra, Minneapolis Chamber Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, Pine Mountain Orchestra. She was the soloist for the World Premiere of the Contemporary Opera *Children of the Keeweenaw*, music by Paul Seitz. Most recently, she performed *The Lord of the Rings Symphony* with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She also appears every year at the Las Vegas Accordion Convention along with **Art Van Damme** et **Dick Contino**.

Mady Soave was director of several music schools in France and in the United States where she was teaching piano, theory, accordion.

While he was touring France, **Mady Soave** met American bandonéon and accordion virtuoso, **Peter Soave**. Peter was so impressed with Mady's bayan technique, that he invited her to study with him in the U.S. The pair fell in love and married in 2001. They live together between Detroit, USA and Lyon, France and share their passion of music during masterclass and concerts.

Mady is a founding faculty member of **IMAC International Music Accordion Camp** (www.accordioncamp.com) with Jean-louis Noton and Peter Soave. Throughout the year, they propose intense week-ends and summer seminars in the Italian Alps.