

# Tacheng City promotes accordion culture and tourism in NW China's Xinjiang

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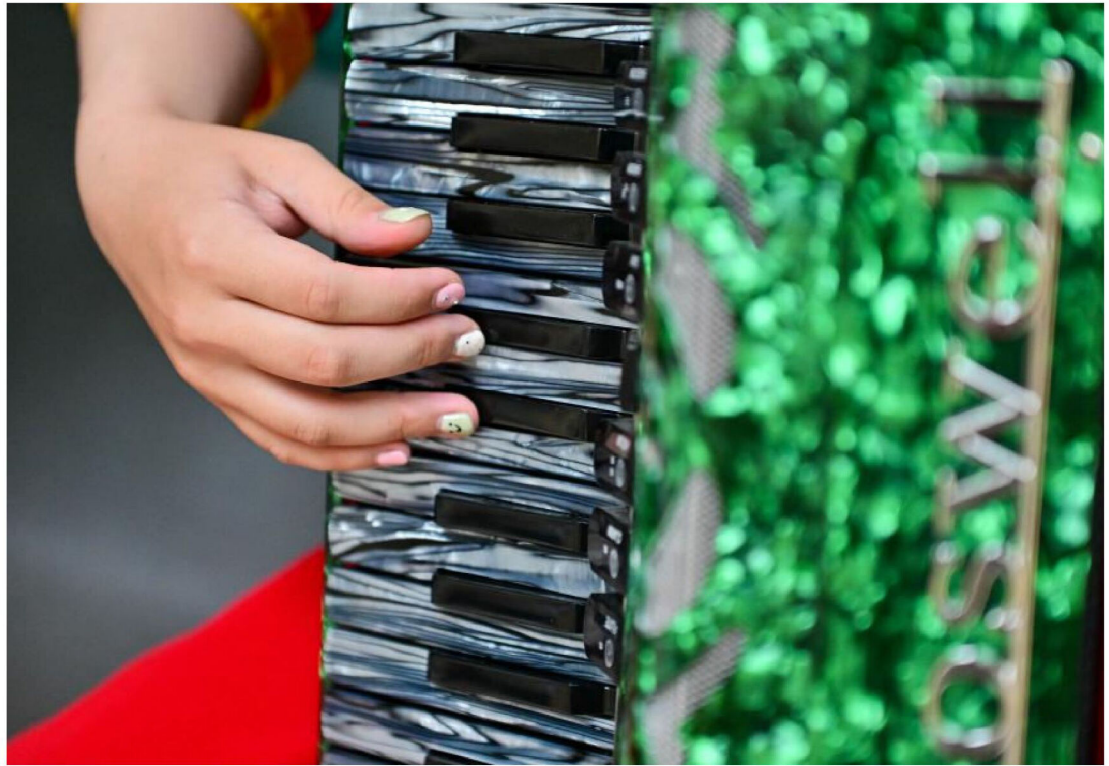
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