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December 2005

FSGW Concert

HOUSE CONCERT

LARGO, MD



CLARKE BUEHLING

Saturday, December 3 • 8 pm

Scholar of the 19th-Century Banjo **See page 3**.

FSGW Dances

FSGW Contra & Square Dances • Sundays at Glen Echo ParkDance to fabulous music and first-rate callers. NO DANCE Christmas Day! *Details on page 2*.

FSGW English Country Dances • Wednesdays Glen Echo Town Hall Lively, elegant dancing accompanied by a delightful range of instruments. *Details page 4*.

Glen Echo International Folkdancers • Thursdays in Glen Echo, MD Page 6.

Family Dance • Sunday, December 11 at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD Page 5.

Singing and Storytelling

Informal events open to all. See page 5 for details.

There's Still Time to Register for

the New Year's Eve Contra Dance and New Year's Eve English Country Dance!

Visit www.fsgw.org to download a registration form.

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve Contra Dance Caller Bob Isaacs with *Notorious*

New Year's Eve English Country Dance
Caller Potpourri with Liz Donaldson, Becky Ross, and
Marty Taylor

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FSGW Sunday Night Dance

Glen Echo, MD



FSGW Sunday Night Dance Contras & Squares Sundays • 7:30 to 10:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. (Directions, page 14). FSGW, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with awesome callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. ***NEW! FREE Welcome/Orientation to Traditional American Dance session at 7:00 pm. Come early to get the inside scoop on all this stuff, personalized to suit your needs! *** Dances become more challenging later in the evening. Admission \$8 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members; \$10 for the general public. Children 17 and under \$4. Bring something to drink (no alcohol is permitted in the Park). If you use scented products, such as perfumes, please be considerate of those with allergies and use a gentle hand. In the event of inclement weather, call the Park at 301-634-2222 after 3 pm for possible cancellation info if the Park closes. Info: David Shewmaker at dance@fsgw.org or www.fsgw.org.

December

- In the Spanish Ballroom. *Evening Star* will be playing with Caller TBA. Some of the region's best! These guys are certainly no strangers to Glen Echo. **Steve Hickman** will delight us on fiddle, harmonica, and maybe a little hambone, **John Devine** on guitar, and singing us one of his sweet waltzes, **David Crandall** will be smokin' on the saxophone and flute, our own **Marc Glickman** on piano, and **Jim Bienemann** rounding it out on bass.
- In the Spanish Ballroom. *Mortal Wombat* with Caller TBA. From Baltimore, *Mortal Wombat* will be bringing us their Northern sound: **Carl Friedman** on fiddle, **Robin Wilson** playing flute and English concertina, **Ralph Barthine** on guitar and the young and ever so talented **Michael Friedman** jammin' on the ivories! These guys will also be playing for the family dance at the Glen Echo Town Hall earlier in the day.
- In the Spanish Ballroom. *Rip-Off Con-Artists* with Caller TBA. Making their first appearance at the Sunday Night Dance, these offspring of the **Martin Family String Band** will bring us their unique sound of Celtic, Old Time and Pop genres. Sisters **Lydia Martin** on piano, banjo, and guitar and **Emily Martin** on mandolin and tenor banjo, with **Patrick Ruffner** on bass and percussion, and **Cleek Schrey** on fiddle.
- **25** NO DANCE!!!!!
- 31 New Year's Eve Dance with Notorious and Bob Isaacs. See special announcement on front page!

The FSGW Mini-Fest Is Coming! Saturday, February 4, 2006 • 12-10:30 pm

Takoma Park Middle School, MD

Mark your calendars for the FSGW's annual **Mini-Fest on February 4**, **2006!** This wonderful family-friendly indoor festival will include dance and music workshops, performances, jams, storytelling, and crafts to benefit FSGW and the community from **noon to 6 pm**. The day will close with an evening dance and an evening concert, both of which run from **7:30 to 10:30**.

As all-volunteer festival, the Mini-Fest depends on the generosity of dozens of volunteers and performers

who donate their time and energy to make the day a success. To volunteer to help, or to inquire about performing or selling crafts, please contact the Mini-Fest Coordinators, April and Jerry Blum, at publicity@fsgw.org

or by calling 703-978-2774. Pre-registered volunteers and all performers are admitted free.

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Updated information on the Mini-Fest will be available soon at www.fsgw.org.

House Concert Largo, MD





Scholar of the 19th-Century Banjo
Saturday, December 3 • 8 pm

Clarke Buehling has been a major force in minstrel, classic-period, and old-time fingerstyle banjo music for over thirty years and known internationally for his ability to play old-time banjo and string band music from jigs to rags.

Much of Buehling's material is based on his collection of 19th century banjo, mandolin and violin sheet music- including some that belonged to Thomas Edison. In addition to performing, Buehling teaches banjo, fiddle, mandolin and guitar in Fayetteville, Arkansas and has taught old-time banjo classes for the Augusta Heritage Workshop in Elkins, West Virginia. He is the founder of the *American Banjo Fraternity Orchestra*, and he has several of his own recordings. Growing up in Illinois, Clarke studied piano, drums, and clarinet until the seventh grade. Later, he developed an interest in folk music, and after seeing **Hobart Smith** perform at his school, picked up the banjo and fiddle. After attending college in Oregon, and then studying at the San Francisco Art Institute, Clarke drifted to Berkeley, traveled and performed in Europe, studied classic banjo in Connecticut, classical mandolin in Boston, and so on until he landed in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The concert will take place at Mount Lubentia, the historic 18th century home of **Andy and Sondra** Wallace, about a mile from the Beltway. Suggested minimum donation \$15

For information about space availability, or driving directions and parking, please contact the **Wallaces** at 301-324-7311 or aandswallace@erols.com.

METRO: Largo on the Blue Line.

Clarke will also be leading 2 banjo workshops on Sunday, December 4 at the House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave in Takoma Park, MD. Cost is \$40. Info and registration: www.hmtrad.com/lessons/workshops.html#clarke or 301-270-9090.

12-2 pm Minstrel Banjo Style for Clawhammer Players3-5 pm Old Time Finger Style Workshop







FSGW English Country Dances Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town

Hall (Directions, page 14). Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, and viola. Enjoy the welcoming crowd and light refreshments. Experienced and new dancers welcome, no partner needed. A techniques class for beginners and beyond will be held the first and third Wednesdays from 7:20 pm until the start of the evening dance.

Admission \$7 for FSGW members, \$9 for Non-members. Info: Norm Bernhardt at 301-320-2469; Stephanie Smith at 301-229-3577, or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org.

December

- 7 Dan Gillespie calls to the playing of Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina), Anna Rain (recorders) and Julie Gorka (piano).
- 14 Diane Schmit calls while Howard Markham (concertina), David Knight (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music.
- Becky Ross (fiddle), Cathy Palmer (fiddle) and Liz Donaldson (piano) play the tunes 21 while Martha Seigel calls the dances.
- Bob Farrall calls to the music of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Julie Gorka (piano) and 28 Karin Loya (cello).



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FSGW Board Meeting Tuesday, December 6 • 8 pm

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 at Glen Echo Park. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate board member or Jim Cole, FSGW President, at 703-356-9678 in advance of the meeting.

FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Montgomery Village, MD Friday, December 2 • 8:30 pm

December's Open Sing will be held at the home of Heather Pierce. We take turns doing music that's connected (however vaguely) to a given topic, and December's theme is "work and labor." Sing, play, request a song, or just listen. People new to the Sing may present a song regardless of topic. Donations of refreshments are welcome, and singing usually lasts until around 11:45 pm. Directions/info: contact Heather at 301-869-7551. If you would like to receive monthly reminders of the Open Sings via e-mail, please send a request to Jim Bunch at jabunch@umich.edu.

FSGW Storyswap • Silver Spring, MD Saturday, December 3 • 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Cricket Parmalee** in Silver Spring for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. **Call Cricket at 301-588-3912 for RSVPs and directions.**

FSGW Gospel Sing • Washington, DC Sunday, December 11 • 4-8 pm

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! The December Gospel Sing will be at the home of Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog in Northwest Washington, DC. Info/directions: 202-797-9259.

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Sunday, January 1, 2006 • 3-8 pm

It's our tradition to hold a 5-hour singing on New Year's Day in place of the 4th-Sunday singing in December, beginning an hour earlier than usual with a potluck supper break at 6 pm. In addition to the 1991 Sacred Harp (loaner tunebooks available), we may also

sing from the *American Christmas Harp*. This event opens the year with a "shout of sacred joy." **At St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, **4250 North Glebe Road**. **Info:** 301-229-8534.

Directions: St. Peter's is one-half mile south of Chain Bridge, on the west side of Glebe Road (crossing from Washington, on your right; from Virginia, on your left). The church is not visible from Glebe Rd. Turn on Tazewell St. to reach the parking lot. Enter the sanctuary area on the far side of the building.

Co-Sponsored Events

Glen Echo International Folkdancers • MD Thursdays • 7:30-10:45 pm

The Glen Echo International Folkdancers meet Thursday nights at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive (next to the shopping center across the street from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dancing from 9-10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Admission \$5. Info: Jamie at 301-320-7099 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD Sunday, December 11 • 3-5 pm

The Family Dance program continues its winter season at the Glen Echo Town Hall. Join Mortal Wombat for a fun and lively afternoon of dancing and music. Carl Friedman on fiddle, Robin Wilson playing flute and English concertina, Ralph Barthine on guitar and the young and ever so talented Michael Friedman jammin' on the ivories! Caller TBA. Admission is still \$5 for the entire afternoon (age 4 and older). The family dance program is a wonderful opportunity to dance with your kids and your community. Bring your entire family, neighbors, church or synagogue group, birthday party, and girl or boy scout troop. Please bring a snack/drink to share. Info: call Jamie at 301-320-7099 or dancingplanet@erols.com, or see details at www.dancingplanetproductions.com. Co-sponsored by World Music and Dance Institute and FSGW.

GETAWAY LEFTOVERS

Despite entreaties to leave less stuff behind at the Getaway, people still left things. Items found but not yet associated with an owner:

- Washcloth, heavy metal shot-glass-sized cup (found in cabin 11-15)
- Rust/russet colored towel, (found in either cabin A-D or E-F)
- Caribou Coffee mug; Washington Nationals sweatshirt (items found in Dining Room/Marketplace/Silent Auction area)
- Hubcap (found just outside the dining hall).

To claim any of this stuff contact Charlie Baum: special@isgw.org or 301-587-2286.

Also, anyone who was at the Getaway and didn't get a copy of the attendees list can contact me for a printout. Sorry, offer limited to Getaway attendees only. — Charlie Baum

Concerts & Concert Series

CONCERTS

MONDAYS

Hesperus • Washington, DC

Monday, December 26 • 6 pm

Hesperus performs baroque music with organ. In the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. **Info: 202-467-4600.**

TUESDAYS

Marcus Johnson • Silver Spring, MD

Tuesday, December 6 • 7 pm

Marcus Johnson performs material from and signs his new CD, Smooth Jazz Christmas. Borders Books and Music, 8518 Fenton Street. Free. Info: 301-585-0550.

WEDNESDAYS

Hesperus • Washington, DC

Wednesday, December 21 • 8 pm

Hesperus performs with **Barbara Hollinshead**. At The Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C. **Info: 202-387-7783**.

THURSDAYS

Alte Kameraden and the Washington Saengerbund • Kensington, MD

Thursday, December 8 • 7 pm

German music for Christmas performed by the *Alte Kameraden* and the *Washington Saengerbund* for the "Festival of Lights" at the Mormon Temple Visitors' Center. Free. Info: www.saengerbund.org, caroltraxler@yahoo.com, or 202-310-4691.

Bonnie Rideout

Thursday, December 8 and 22

Bonnie Rideout performs "A Scottish Christmas" with the *Washington Pipe Band*.

- 8 Performance at 7:30 pm. Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Baltimore, MD. Tickets \$25 to \$75. **Info:** www.baltimoresymphony.org.
- Performance at 8 pm. Strathmore Center for the Arts, Bethesda, MD. Info: www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAYS

Fynesound • Kensington, MD

Friday, December 2 • 7 pm

Fynesound performs material from their new CD, Almost Home. Borders Books and Music,

11301 Rockville Pike (White Flint Mall). Free. **Info: 301-816-1067**.

Vance Gilbert • Harrisburg, PA

Friday, December 2 • 7:30 pm

Singer-songwriter Vance Gilbert with singer/guitarist Brian Joseph opening. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Folk Music Society. At the Underground at Stage Two, Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. Tickets \$16, \$14 Seniors and Kids 12 and under, \$12 Members. Info: 717-214-2787 or www.sfmsfolk.org.

Blaskapelle "Alte Kameraden" and the Washington Saengerbund • Washington, DC Friday, December 2 • 7:30 pm

Performance and reception at the Brewmaster's Castle, the Heurich House Museum, for friends and media to celebrate the release of a new German Christmas CD by the *Blaskapelle "Alte Kameraden"* and the *Washington Saengerbund*. Free, by invitation only. At the Brewmaster's Castle, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. Info and invitations: caroltraxler@yahoo.com, 301-577-3503, or www.saengerbund.org.

Brian Conway and Brendan Dolan

• Wheaton, MD

Friday, December 2 • 8 pm

Brian Conway, All-Ireland Champion Sligo-style fiddler and Brendan Dolan, keyboards and flute will perform in a concert sponsored by the O'Neill-Malcom branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (www.ccepotomac.org). Hughes United Methodist Church, 10700 Georgia Ave. Free parking. Workshops will be held from 4 pm-6 pm on Sligo-style fiddling with Brian and traditional Irish flute styles with Brendan. Concert only tickets \$15, children 11 and under \$10. Workshop fee: CCE Members \$25, others \$30; workshop and concert: CCE Members \$35, others \$40. Info and workshop reservations: 301-613-0753 or jessewinch@hotmail.com.

The Dreamsicles • Frederick, MD

Friday, December 2 • 9 pm

The Dreamsicles, a singer-songwriter duo of Tom Prasada-Rao & Cary Cooper (www.thedreamsicles.com) Tickets \$10. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.

Fánai • Baltimore, MD

Friday, December 2 and 9

Fánai means "travelers" or "wanderers" in Irish, which is a fitting name for this group of three experi-

enced musicians who all belong to other bands. They promise to deliver their own unique mix of music, song, and cultural commentary. At Maggie Moore's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 21 N. Eutaw Street. **Info:** 410-837-2100.

Kate McDonnell • Frederick, MD

Friday, December 9 • 9 pm

Kate McDonnell (www.katemcdonnell.com) plays guitar like Bill Staines (upside down and backwards), sings like Joan Baez, winner of NewSong (WV) Festival songwriting contest. Tickets \$10. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.

Darren Beachley and Maryland Line • Newark, DE

Friday, December 9 • 8 pm

The Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music presents award-winning bluegrass band **Darren Beachley** and **Maryland Line**. Recently performed on A Prairie Home Companion and at the Country Music Hall of Fame. At the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa Road near the University of Delaware campus. Tickets \$12, Members and Seniors \$10; under-18-year-olds FREE! **Info**: 302-475-3454, **bfotm@dca.net**, or www.brandywinefriends.org.

Christmas Revels • Washington, DC Friday/Saturday/Sunday, December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

The Washington Revels presents its 23rd annual Christmas Revels, "Journey to the Northlands," featuring sparkling music, epic folklore and spirited dancing from the Nordic lands of Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and Karelia. This interactive show crosses religious and ethnic boundaries in its celebration of the Winter Solstice. Eight performances. Fridays 7:30 pm; Saturdays 2 and 7:30 pm; Sundays 2 pm. Tickets \$12 to \$40. At the Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University. Order online at www.revelsdc.org or call tix.com at 800-595-4849.

Christmas in Alexandria • Alexandria, VA Friday, December 16 • 10 pm

The Christmas in Alexandria Show features *Jen & Scott Smith*, Jon Carroll, Dede Wyland, Mary Sue Twohy, Mary Ann Redmond & Doug Segree. At the Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King Street. Tickets \$15. Info: 703-683-8888 or http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/.

SATURDAYS

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer • Silver Spring, MD Saturday, December 3 • 11 am and 1:30 pm

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer perform in the 20th Annual Family Holiday Concert with special guests *Tappers with Attitude*. At AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road. Sponsored by Montgomery County. Tickets are free, but advance registration required online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec, then click on "Events." Or call County's Recreation Department at 240-777-6820.

Maggie Sansone • Rockville, MD

Saturday, December 3 • 7 pm

Maggie Sansone performs with Lisa Moscatiello, Rosie Shipley, and Laura Byrne. Saint Mark's Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road. Tickets \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Info: 301-530-1735 or www.maggiesmusic.com.

Brian Joseph and Carla Ulbrich • Columbia, MD Saturday, December 3 • 7 pm

Sponsored by Panzer House Concerts. RSVP required. BYOB. Light refreshments served. Info: 410-531-9233 or spanzers@cs.com.

Orrin Star • Purcellville, VA

Saturday, December 3 • 7:30 pm

A house concert with famous flatpicker/funnyman **Orrin Star.** Guitar workshop at 4 pm.

For location/reservations: douglas_healy@yahoo.com, 703-709-2117 or www.orrinstar.com.

Azalea City Recording Artists Concert • Takoma Park, MD

Saturday, December 3 • 8 pm

Azalea City Recording Artists perform "Azaleas Bloom in Winter." Expect an evening of eclectic music including contemporary acoustic singer/songwriter, country influenced originals and Norwegian fiddle tunes. At Sangha, 7014 Westmoreland Ave. \$10 suggested donation. Info: 301-891-3214 or www.azaleacityrecordings.com.

Fánai • Baltimore, MD

Saturday, December 3 and 10

Fánai means "travelers" or "wanderers" in Irish, which is a fitting name for this group of three experienced musicians who all belong to other bands. They promise to deliver their own unique mix of music, song, and cultural commentary. At Maggie Moore's

Irish Pub and Restaurant, 21 N. Eutaw Street. Info: 410-837-2100.

Pat Wictor and Zoe Mulford • Greenbelt, MD Saturday, December 10 • 8 pm

Pat Wictor (slide guitar) and Zoe Mulford (guitar, banjo) will perform original and traditional songs, drawing on blues, gospel, old-time and Celtic influences. At the New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway (Roosevelt Plaza). Info: www.zoemulford.com or 240-432-9244.

Al Petteway and Amy White • Ashburn, VA Saturday, December 10 • 7:30 pm

AtLantis House Concerts presents **Al Petteway** and **Amy White**. Reservations required. Suggested donation \$14 before Dec. 1, \$17 after.

Info/reservations: 571-333-7222 or e-mail HouseConcerts@Lantis.us.

Helicon • Towson, MD

Saturday, December 17 • 3:30 and 8 pm Helicon's 20th Annual Winter Solstice Reunion Concerts with Ken Kolodner, Chris Norman and Robin Bullock. At Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road. Tickets at \$22 advance; \$25 at the door; group discounts available. Info: 410-243-7254 or www.kenkolodner.com.

Al Petteway and Amy White • Alexandria, VA Saturday, December 31 • 8 and 10 pm

Al Petteway and Amy White perform at First Night Alexandria in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Info: www.firstnightalexandria.org.

Bonnie and Betty Rideout • Alexandria, VA Saturday, December 31 • 7 and 9 pm

Bonnie and **Betty Rideout** perform at First Night Alexandria in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. **Info: www.firstnightalexandria.org**.

SUNDAYS

Robin Bullock • Germantown, MD

Sunday, December 4 • 1 and 4 pm

Robin Bullock performs a Choral Christmas with the *Jezic Ensemble* and **Ken Kolodner**. Black Rock Center for the Arts. Tickets \$22 in advance/\$27 at the door. Info: 301-528-2260 or www.blackrockcenter.org.

¡Feliz Navidad! Carols & Parrandas • Bethesda, MD

Sunday, December 4 • 7 pm

'Tis the season of traditional and popular Latin American Christmas carols and parrandas. A joyful, soul-stirring blend of rich vocal harmonies and acoustic, folkloric instruments such as the cuatro, güiro, guitar, and maracas. A special sing-along performance and merry celebration that is sure to sell out! At the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Boulevard (Rt. 191). Info: 301-424-8296 or www.cantigas.org.

Maggie Sansone

Sunday, December 4, 11 and 18
Maggie Sansone performs with Lisa Moscatiello,
Rosie Shipley, and Laura Byrne.

- 4 Performances at 4 and 7 pm. Christ Episcopal Church, 220 Owensville Rd., Owensville, MD. Info: 410-867-0346 or www.christchurchwestriver.org
- 11 3 pm at Prince Theatre, 210 High Street Chestertown, MD. Tickets \$12 Adults, \$10 seniors & students. Info: 410-810-2060 or www.princetheatre.org.
- 18 At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA. Info: 703-549-7500, www.birchmere.com or Ticketmaster 703-573-SEAT.

Ken Kolodner and Elke Baker • Frederick, MD Sunday December 11 • 3 pm

Celtic Christmas show with **Ken Kolodner** from *Helicon* and Scottish Fiddler **Elke Baker**. Tickets \$15. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. *Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com or www.kenkolodner.com*.

Sometimes Why • Alexandria, VA Sunday, December 11 • 8 pm

Sunspot Concerts presents *Sometimes Why*, a mesmerizing trio of modern-day sirens. Ruth Ungar of the *Mammals*, Kristin Andreassen of *Uncle Earl*, and Aoife O'Donovan of *Crooked Still* are accomplished multi-instrumentalists and singers. In *Sometimes Why*, they unite to focus on their singing, bring us an evening of vocal intensity and passionate lyricism. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., \$16 advance, \$18 door, children under 14 with adult half price. Info: www.sunspotpro.com or 800 404-9049.

Washington Saengerbund • Washington, DC Sunday, December 18 • 3 pm

Traditional Christmas Concert of the Washington Saengerbund with conductor Mariano Vales at the

United Church, 20th and G Streets, NW. Free. An offering is taken to help those in need. **Info:** www.saengerbund.org, caroltraxler@yahoo.com, or 202-310-4691.

Hesperus • Washington, DC

Sunday, December 18 • 4 pm

Hesperus performs with the *Cantate Monteverdi Vespers*. At St. Paul's Church, Washington, D.C. Info: 301-986-1799.

CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS

Focus Concert Series • Alexandria, VA Sunday, December 11 • 7 pm

Kim and Reggie Harris will perform at the Focus Inn Alexandria. At the Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. \$15 general, \$12 members. Info: Herb at 703-380-3151, herbcl@earthlink.net or www.focusmusic.org for more details.

MONDAYS

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD Mondays • 7:30 pm

At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door unless otherwise indicated. **Info:** 301-754-3611 or www.imtfolk.org.

December

- 5 Coyote Run
- 12 Christmas with Al Petteway, Amy White and Robin Bullock

WEDNESDAYS

Focus Concert Series • Rockville, MD Wednesdays • 8 pm

At "Focus Presents Vic's Music Corner" at O'Brien's BBQ, 387 E. Gude Drive. \$15 general, \$12 members. Contact: David at focusrockville@earthlink.net, 301-275-7459, or www.focusmusic.org.

December

14 *Hot Soup!* performs at a CD release concert, with special guest **Joe Crookston**



THURSDAYS

Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD

Thursdays • 8 pm

At Baldwin's Station, 7618 Main St., Sykesville, MD 21784. Info: 410-795-1041 or www.uptownconcerts.com.

December

- 4 (Sun) Cate Curtis (Show at 7:30 pm)
- 8 Christmas CD Release with Mack Bailey
- 22 A Celtic Christmas with *Connemara*

WestSide Café • Frederick, MD

Thursdays • 8 pm

December features songwriters in the round, featuring three acts sharing the stage in a round-robin song swap, Texas campfire-style. Travelling troubadours will mix it up with local songwriters such as **Bob Sima** (of the band *Stereopool*), **Katie Graybeal** (of *We're About 9*), **Karen Collins** (of the *Blue Moon Cowgirls*), **Iain Campbell Smith** (Australian living in DC), **Laura Tsagarris**, and **Timothy Bracken**. Free. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. **Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com**.

FRIDAYS

Cassatt's Cafe • Arlington, VA

Friday, December 16 • 7-9 pm

Kitchen Gorilla performs every third Friday. Fiddler **Lisa Robinson** and guitarist **Joel Edelman** will play folk tunes from Appalachia, Scandinavia, the Celtic lands, Eastern Europe, and Tin Pan Alley. 4536 Lee Hwy. **Info: Lisa at 703-861-9991**.

The Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD

Fridays • 8 pm

In the basement at St. John's United Methodist Church of Hamilton, 5315 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21214. Info and to purchase tickets: 410-521-9099, uptownconcerts@aol.com or www.uptownconcerts.com.

December

- 2 Robin Bullock, Al Petteway and Amy White
- Songs for the Holiday Season w/Maggie Sansone & Company

333 Coffeehouse • Annapolis, MD

Friday, December 16 • 8 pm

Geoff Kaufman, chantey singer and environmental activist, performs in concert. Admission \$10; \$8 stu-

dents and seniors. The 333 Coffeehouse is a nonprofit alcohol-free listening room run by volunteers. It offers a variety of local and regional talent on the third Friday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 DuBois Avenue, off Bestgate Road. For more information go to www.fsgw.org/333/ or call 443-786-0463.

SATURDAYS

Music Matters Showcase • College Park and Columbia, MD

Saturday, December 3 and 17

Music Matters Showcases spotlight several musicians and styles in one night. You'll hear an eclectic mix of styles of music featured. Discover award win-

ning artists and exciting new talent. Showcase is free; donations can be given to support Bread for the City's work with the homeless.

Info: www.josephisaacs.com or 410-964-0671.

December

3 Eileen Bernstein, Ken Baldwin, Dharma Bums At Mad City Cafe, 10801 Hickory Ridge Road,

17 Mile High Jupiter, Dim Lites
At College Perk, 9078 Baltimore Avenue
(Route 1), College Park, MD. 8 to 11 pm.

Columbia MD. 7 to 10 pm.



Dances

CONTRA

SUNDAYS

The FSGW Sunday Night Dances are listed on page 2.

WEDNESDAYS

BFMS Lovely Lane Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD Wednesdays • 7:30–10:30 pm <u>NEW TIME</u>

Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD. Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. All dances are taught and walked through. Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to arrive promptly at 8 pm. Free contra orientation at 7 pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. Admission is \$7 for BFMS/FSGW members, \$10 for non-members. \$2 student discount. Info: www.bfms.org or Dan Katz at 410-987-1351 or 410-353-8361.

December

- 7 TBD calls to the music of *Devil Among the Taylors*
- 14 Dave Colestock feeds the energy of Government Contra Act
- 21 TBD calls with *Mortal Wombat*
- **28 Susan Taylor** whoops it up with the *Baltimore Open Band*

Thursdays

1st Thursday Contra Dance • Columbia, MD Thursday December 8 • 7-9:45 pm

Traditional contra and square dances with live music by the *New Southern Cowtippers* and *Sandy River Belle* with caller **Perry Shafran**. Beginner workshop at 6:30 pm. At the Slayton House in Wilde Lake Village Center. Spacious air-conditioned hall with wood floor. Admission \$8. **Info: Howard or Sandy, 410-730-1036, hzane1@comcast.net or Slayton House at 410-730-3987.**

FRIDAYS

Friday Night Contra Dance • Glen Echo, MD Fridays • 8:30-11:30 pm

The Friday Night Dancers, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County & the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsor contra dances with occasional squares and couple dances to live music in Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom. The new dancer class starts at 7:30 pm. Admission price is \$8. To play for or call a dance, send an email to fndbooking@folkdancer.com. Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.

December

- 2 Steve Gester calls to SKAM, with Steve Hickman (fiddle), Kendall Rogers (piano), and Marty Taylor (recorders, concertina) show just how good the local talent is!
- 9 Greg Frock calls to the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.

- 16 Robbin Schaffer calls to *Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes* with Mike Rovine (fiddle), Jill Smith (piano), Celia Wyckoff (bass), a Pennsylvania favorite, who don't trip over their chords when making their fast and melodious dance music.
- 23 Eva Murray calls to the Avant Gardeners with Laura Light (fiddle), George Paul (piano, accordion), and Scotty Williams (percussion) fun, funky, homegrown, and hot. They have wowed dancers at the Glen Echo Gala and countless dances across the country. www.lauralight.com/bands.html
- 30 Janine Smith calls to AP and the Banty Roosters with Andy Porter (fiddle), Joe Langley (guitar), Mark Lynch (mandolin and tenor banjo), and Artie Abrams (bass). A new band with that old-time sound, they generate a lot of musical excitement.

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA 2nd, 4th & sometimes 5th Fridays • 8-11 pm

All ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments provided, snack donations add to the atmosphere. Free new dancers workshop from 7:30 to 8 pm, dance 8–11 pm. Students \$4, adults \$9.

Dance schedule and directions: http://locust-lanecontra.freeservers.com/ or call 717- 975-2758.

SATURDAYS

Second Saturday Contra • Pikesville, MD Saturday, December 10 • 8-11 pm

Anna Rain calls with *Some Assembly*. Special appearance by caller Contra Claus. Free dance lesson at 7:30. *Note: no 5 pm Family Dance or 6:30 Potluck this month*. Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. \$10/\$8 BFMS members & affiliates; \$2 student discount. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. Info: satdance@bfms.org, www.bfms.org or call Ralph Barthine at 410-561-4573.

Bluemont Dance • Purcellville, VA Saturday, December 17 • 8-11 pm

Join us for music by the Contra Rebels with Bill Wellington calling. At the Purcellville Skating Rink, 250 South Nursery Avenue. Beginners Workshop at 7:30. Admission \$8; \$6 for Bluemont Friends, students, and seniors. Info: www.bluemont.org or 703-777-6306.

Lancaster Contra Dance • PA

Saturday, December 17 • 8-11 pm

Susan Taylor calls to the music of *June Apple*. St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA. Beginners workshop at 7:15 pm. Admission \$7/\$4. Info: call Shane at 717- 431-7417or email Shirley at sam@mcc.org.

ATDS (Annapolis) 3rd Saturday Contra • Severna Park, MD

Saturday, December 17 • 8-11 pm

Janine Smith calls to SKAM. Free dance lesson at 7:30, \$7 members, \$10 non-members. At the Holy Grounds Youth Center at the Community Center, 617 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd. Info: www.contradancers.com/atds, 410-451-1791, or pshaf@yahoo.com.

4th Saturday Contra Dance • Frederick, MD

No Dance in December. See you in January! Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call Boe Walker at 301-694-6794.

ENGLISH COUNTRY

MONDAYS

English Country Dance (BFMS) • Pikesville, MD Mondays • 8-10:30 pm

English Country Dancing is joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. The figures are simple, and each dance is taught and walked through. New dancers are always welcome. Sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. Admission: \$7 for Members, \$10 for Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. Info: Carl Friedman at 410-321-8419 or engdance@bfms.org.

December

- 5 New Dancers Workshop. Caller Carl Friedman with Three Left Feet
- 12 Caller Diane Schmit with Becky Ross (violin), Marty Taylor (recorders, concertina, whistle), and Julie Gorka (piano)
- Caller Susan Taylor with Edie Stern (violin), Robin Wilson (flute), and Jonathan Jensen (piano, etc.)
- 26 Ĉaller Rich Galloway with Jeff Steinberg (violin) and Judy Meyers (piano)

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FSGW ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday, January 1, 2006
New Year's Day
Sacred Harp Singing
3 pm • St. Peter's Episcopal
Church, Arlington, VA

Saturday, January 14, 2006 MICHAEL AND CARRIE KLINE 8 pm • House Concert Wallaces', Largo, MD

Saturday, January 21, 2006
MONTHLY PROGRAM
LISSA SCHNECKENBURGER
8 pm • Knox Presbyterian Chruch,

8 pm • Knox Presbyterian Chruch, Falls Church, VA

Saturday, January 29, 2006
"FATHOM THE BOWL OR
PRIVATEER'S PUNCH WITH
STEVEN LAMPREDI
8 pm • House Concert
Mack, Takoma Park, MD

FSGW MINI-FEST

Saturday, February 4, 2006 12 noon-10:30 pm Takoma Park Middle School, Takoma Park, MD

Saturday, February 18, 2006
MONTHLY PROGRAM
JOE THOMPSON W/ BOB
CARLIN

8 pm • WES Auditorium, DC

24TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND April 7 - 9, 2006

Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

26TH ANNUAL

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

JUNE 3 & 4, 2006

Glen Echo Park, MD

42ND ANNUAL GETAWAYNOVEMBER 3-5,2006
West River Camp, Edgewater, MD

TUESDAYS

English Country Dance • Herndon, VA *Tuesday, December 13 • 7:45-10 pm*

Music by **Carl Minkus**, marimba. At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St. Herndon, VA. Workshop includes figures, phrasing and style. Live music (guest musicians welcome—call in advance). \$3. No partner or experience necessary. **Info/musicians: Barbara Harding at 703-437-3615.**

WEDNESDAYS

FSGW English Country Dance • Glen Echo, MD. See the listing on page 4.

SATURDAYS

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD Saturday, December 10 • 8-10:45 pm

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by *Barbara Harding* and *Bob Farrall*. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. Admission \$5. Info: Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.

English Country Dance • Herndon, VA 3rd Saturdays • 8 pm

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St, Herndon, VA. Caller **Barbara Harding** with recorded music. No experience or partner necessary. Free. **Info: Barbara at 703-437-3615 or bharding@quixnet.net**.

ALPINE/SWISS

SUNDAYS

Alpine Dancers - New Carrollton, MD Sunday, December 11 • 4-6:30 pm

Looking for energetic female (and male) dancers! Alpine Dancers hold free, open practice at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. New dancers welcome. Graceful to lively couples and trio figure dances from Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Recorded music. Confirm dates, as practices may be replaced by performances. Info/directions: Herbert & Carol Traxler, 301-577-3503; Regina Loffredo, 301-464-9193, www.alpinedancers.org or email caroltraxler@yahoo.com.

Driving & Mass transit Directions to Frequent Venues:

Washington Ethical Society (WES)

Auditorium. 7750 16th St., NW, just south of the intersection of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St., about four blocks inside the DC/MD line.

FROM THE BELTWAY:

Take the Georgia Avenue South exit. Stay in either right lane. Go 0.4 miles from the exit ramp, where the right lanes curve and put you on 16th St South. Follow 16th past East-West Hwy (Rte 410); cross the MD/DC line at Portal Dr. Kalmia Road is the first traffic signal south of the line, and WES is the second building on the right after you cross Kalmia. You may park on Kalmia Road by turning right at the light, or on either side of 16th St.

By Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring. Exit and walk southwest on Colesville Road two blocks to the traffic circle; cross 16th Street, then walk south 4 blocks on 16th Street to the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., the second building on the right after Kalmia Road, NW. If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metrobus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St.

Spanish Ballroom/Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo

Park. 7300 MacArthur Blvd. at Goldsboro Rd, in Glen Echo, MD.

The Bumper Car Pavilion is located just past and to the right of the carousel.

FROM THE BELTWAY:

MARYLAND SIDE: at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for Cabin John Parkway. Where



Cabin John merges with Clara Barton Pkwy, move into the left lane, under the overhang

VIRGINIA SIDE: get into the far right hand lane at the top of the bridge. At the first fork, bear right. Stay in the left lane; watch for Cabin John traffic merging from the right at the overhang.

MD/VA: Watch for signs to MacArthur Blvd. Make a very sharp hairpin turn and move immediately into the right lane. At the T intersection/stop sign, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Upper parking lot on the left. For lower parking lot, go around the small traffic circle and make the first left onto Oxford St.

By public transportation: Take the #29 bus from the Friendship Heights Metro Station. Ask the driver to let you know when to get off for Glen Echo Park. The bus stops running before the dance ends. Ask the dance coordinator to announce you need a ride. We've never left anybody at the park. Last bus leaves Friendship Heights Metro at 7:30 pm.

In the event of inclement weather, call the Part at 301-320-2330 after 3 pm for possible cancellation if the Park closes.

Glen Echo Town Hall 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD: FROM THE BELTWAY:

MARYLAND SIDE: at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for Cabin John Parkway. Where Cabin John merges with Clara Barton Pkwy, move into the left lane, under the overhang.

VIRGINIA SIDE: get into the far right hand lane at the top of the bridge. At the first fork, bear right. Stay in the left lane; watch for Cabin John traffic merging from the right at the overhang. MD/VA: Watch for signs to MacArthur Blvd. Make a very sharp hairpin turn and move immediately into the right lane. At the T intersection/stop sign, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Go around the small traffic circle. Third left is Harvard Ave.

PLEASE NOTE: Please park in the lot behind the hall, on University Drive, or on the east side of MacArthur, <u>NOT</u> on Harvard Street.

WEDNESDAYS

Swiss Folklore Group • NW Washington, DC 2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7:30-9 pm

Open dance at the Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Ave, NW. No partner needed, taped music, free. Info: 301-530-5643 or email: franw@olg.com

CEILI/IRISH

Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Gaithersburg, MD Tuesdays • 7-9:30 pm

The Ring of Kerry Dancers conducts Irish ceili and set dance instruction each Tuesday, 7 to 8 pm (Beginners) and 8:15 to 9:30 pm (Advanced). At Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive, Gaithersburg. Beginners, adults and children (8 and up), are welcome. Cost is \$35 per semester (September through early December). Info: Marilyn O'Brien at 301 926-6943.

Irish Set Dancing • Rockville, MD Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm

At the Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Rd, Rockville. Beginners' Orientation: 7:30-8:00, Class: 8-9:30. Cost is in form of a \$30 donation to Frost Center School each semester (10 classes). Sponsored by Greater Washington Ceili Club. Info: Paul O'Donnell at 301-649-6410 or www.gwcc-online.org.

2nd Saturday Ceili • Fairfax, VA Dance 7:30 pm, Workshop 7-7:30 pm

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) sponsors this dance at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA (*New location!*) *The Bog Wanderers Ceili Band* plays. Free tea, coffee, sodabread. Admission: Members \$10, non-members \$12, 6-16 \$6; maximum family charge \$25. Info: Teresa Farewell 703-369-7132.

New Years Ceili • College Park, MD Tuesday, December 31 • 9 pm-1 am

At the Conference Center at Cherry Hill Park, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD, unless otherwise noted. Sponsored by the Greater Washington Ceili Club. Advance tickets required. \$45 GWCC members; \$40 nonmembers. Info: 301-294-3568, 301-649-6410 or info@gwcc-online.org.

International

MONDAYS

Bethesda International Folk Dancers • MD Mondays • 7:30–10 pm

Join a friendly group to learn dances from Bulgaria, Romania, Israel, Armenia, Russia, Hungary, Croatia, and Scandinavian countries. No partner necessary. All ages and levels of expertise welcome. Mostly recorded with occasional live music. Admission \$5. Bring refreshments to share. Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Bethesda. Location on holidays and when the Montgomery Co. schools are closed is the Women's Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Road, at the corner of Old Georgetown Rd. Admission at Women's Club is \$6, class time is 8–10:45 pm. For a recorded message call for Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond. 301-871-8788, e-mail diamonddance-circle@comcast.net, website www.diamonddance-circle.com

Sacred Circle Dance • Bethesda, MD Mondays • 7:30-9 pm

Sacred circle dance integrates body, mind, and spirit in a moving meditation. It will relax and rejuvenate; challenge and charm; lift your heart and feed your soul with new and ancient dances from many cultures, and recorded music from six continents. For beginning and experienced dancers alike; every dance is taught each time. \$10. River Road Unitarian Church on Whittier Blvd near the intersection with River Road. Info: Tuppence Blackwell at 703-379-2992 or eb13@umail.umd.edu.

TUESDAYS

Circle Dance • Arlington, VA Tuesday, December 6, 13, & 20 • 7:45-9:45 pm

Circle dances draw on the traditions of many cultures that honor our connection to the earth and the cycle of the seasons, including Balkan, Rom, and Latin American. Recorded music. No partners necessary. All levels welcome and all dances are taught. Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church at the corner of Route 50 and George Mason Dr. \$10 per session or purchase a block of sessions at reduced cost. Info: Judie David at 703-451-2595 or Vedavid@starpower.net.



Arlington International Folk Dancing • VA Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Kev Elementary School, off Veitch St. between Wilson and Key near the Courthouse Road Metro, Arlington, VA Admission \$3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. Info: 703-527-8998 or sstulberg@earthlink.net

WEDNESDAYS

Columbia International Folk Dancing • MD Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

Kahler Hall, Beaverkill Rd. at Harper's Farm Rd., Columbia, MD. Admission \$3. Recorded music. Beginners welcome. Teaching until 9 pm. We have parties and workshops. Info: 410-997-1613 (night), or 301-495-4642 (day).

THURSDAYS

The FSGW Glen Echo Folkdancers are listed on page 5.

Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC

Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington DC (Connecticut Ave. at McKinley St., 2 blocks south of Chevy Chase Circle). Instruction and walk-throughs until 8:30. All levels welcome. No partner necessary. Recorded music. Leader Roland Forbes. Info: Jackie Davis 301-424-8827 or Naomi Rogers 301-438-0063.

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing Alexandria, VA

Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Beginners, intermediate, advanced all are welcome! Basic teaching 8-8:30 pm, followed by requests, walkthroughs, advanced instruction. Join a friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor. Donation \$2.50. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA. Info: 703-780-2393 or kkrogh@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • MD

Focusing on dances from Eastern and Western Europe, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean. No partner or experience necessary. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15 pm, request dancing 9:15 to 11 pm. Mostly recorded music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (beautiful wooden floor!), 15 Crescent Rd.,

Greenbelt, MD. Admission \$5. Info: Larry Weiner 301-565-0539 or weiner@erols.com; John Robinson 410-715-9210: and John Bartholomew 301-565-

SATURDAYS

Circle Dance • Burke, VA

Saturdays, December 3 and 17 • 8-10:30 pm

See listing for Circle Dance in Arlington, VA under Tuesdays. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, Lake Haven Dr. (off Burke Lake Rd. near the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway).

I S IR A E LI

Israeli Dancing • Silver Spring, MD Tuesdays • 7:30-11 pm

Shaare Tefila Congregation, 11120 Lockwood Drive, Silver Spring (near intersection of Route 29 and New Hampshire Ave.). 7:30-8:30, beginner/intermediate teaching and dancing. 8:30-11, advanced teaching. open dancing and requests. Admission: \$7, students \$5. Info: Moshany, 240-350-3110, maspro@comcast.net, www.ijdj.net.

Israeli Dancing • Potomac, MD

Wednesdays • 8:15-10 pm

Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac (between Democracy Blvd. and Montrose Rd). "Oldies" only (dances before 1990). Instruction 8:15-8:45; Requests 8:45-10. Recorded music. Admission \$5. Info: Ben Hole, 301-441-8213.

Israeli Dancing • Greenbelt, MD Saturday, December 10 • 8:15-11 pm

Israeli "Oldies" party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Admission \$5. Info: Ben Hole, 301-441-8213.

Morris

Bluemont Morris • Reston, VA

Mondays • 7-8:30 pm

A group of men and women who do traditional Morris dances in the spring and fall. The group is fun and the dancing is addictive and great exercise.

Info: Laura 703-845-8536 or http://monticello.avenue.org/amm/

Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD Wednesdays • 7:30 pm

Learn to dance in the ancient English tradition of morris, and you'll get all the aerobics you need. Join a

strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. At Montgomery Knolls Elementary School. Info: 301-927-6373, louiseneu@earthlink net or www.uswet.com/RCMW.html

Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Silver Spring, MD Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Learn and perform traditional dances from English villages, long-sword, and seasonal mumming too. As long as you enjoy dance and movement you can experience the vigorous thrill of the Morris! We welcome new and slightly used dancers at practices and at the Quarry House afterwards. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave. Info: Jud McIntire at 703-528-0588, Bill Brown at 301-270-2014 or www.fbmm-morris.org.

SCANDINAVIAN

Norwegian Dancing House Party • Washington, DC

Date and Time TBA

Special event with dancers visiting from Norway. Norwegian springars are quite different from the familiar Swedish hambo. Mesmerizing music on the unique Hardanger fiddle, w/4 or 5 sympathetic strings located underneath the bowed strings (see www.hfaa.org). Free; contributions welcome. For date and location, contact Jenny, pi@xecu.net or 301-371-4312.

Scandinavian Candlelight Holiday Dance and Luciafest • College Park, MD

Sunday, December 4 • 7:30-10:30 pm

At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road. Music by Peascods Gathering. Basic teaching by Lisa Brooks, 7-7:30. Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples. beginners, experienced, all welcome. \$10. Info: Lorraine Silsbee 301-585-1130, Carl Minkus 301-493-6281.

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD Saturday, December 17 • 7-10 pm

Scandia DC sponsors this third Saturday dance featuring live fiddle music by our special guest fiddler from Sweden, Göran Olsson and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. Reminder talk throughs will be provided before each dance. At the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd. Admission \$7. Info: 202-333-2826, linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.

Scottish

Similar to English Country. No partner needed. Bring soft, flexible shoes. Recorded and live music. For new and experienced dancers.

Scottish Country Dance • Bethesda, MD Mondays • 8-10 pm

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call/email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod, 301-622-5945 or blackolav@cs.com and Betty Lee Barnes, 202-966-3595 or Thistledance@starpower.net.

Scottish Country Dance • Greenbelt, MD

Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Greenbelt Community Center. Info: Jennifer 410-922-6369 Mayrovitz at rjmayro@erols.com

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA Wednesdays • 8-10 pm

The Durant Center, Cameron St., Alexandria, VA. Be sure to confirm class date (school events may preempt). Info: Carol Porter, 703-379-5779.

SQUARE

Taylor Made Squares • Silver Spring, MD Tuesdays • 8-9:30 pm

Betsy Taylor calls squares to recorded music at the Long Branch Community Center, Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Wood floor. No experience or partner necessary. Info: 301-589-4868.

Hot Squares • College Park, MD

Tuesday, December 13 • 8:30-11:00 pm Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith and Susan Taylor call hot squares to the incredible music of Steve Hickman on fiddle and John Devine on guitar. Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park. Admission \$8. Refreshments to share are welcome. Info: 410-268-0231 or 301-762-2231 or squaredancers@comcast.net.

WALTZ/BALLROOM/SOCIAL/SWING

Cajun Dance and Concert Series • Silver Spring Thursday, December 1 • 7:30-10:30 pm

Squeeze Bayou with Brian Simms. At Los Arrieros Restaurant & Night Club, 7926 Georgia Ave. Parking in rear lot off Blair Rd. and on Georgia Ave. The restau-

rant specializes in Dominican, Colombian, and Mexican Cuisines. \$10. No partner or dance experience necessary. **Info:** 301-585-8813.

Washington Swing Dance Committee • Glen Echo, MD

Saturday, December 3 and 17 • 8 pm-12 am

No partner or dance experience is necessary. All ages are welcome. Introductory lesson from 8 to 9 pm. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Admission \$12. Info: 301/340-9732, wsdcswings@yahoo.com or www.wsdc.org.

December

- 3 Music by *Swing Speak* (www.swingspeak.com).
- 17 A Special Holiday Dance with *The Legendary Orioles* and *Smooth N'EZ Hand Dancers!*

Sunday Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD Sunday, December 4 and 18 • 3-6 pm

Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, MD to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The fun begins at 3 pm with a half-hour introductory Waltz lesson followed by 21/2 hours of social dancing. Admission \$8.

Info: www.dancedc.com or call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

December

- 4 Fiddlestvx
- 18 Blue Bamboo

Ballroom Tea Dance • Glen Echo, MD Sunday, December 11 • 2:30-6 pm

Flying Feet Enterprises presents music of the roaring 1920s and 1930s by the *LaSalle Dance Orchestra*.

Whether it's a sophisticated swing, a passionate tango, a romantic waltz, or one of the other exciting rhythms the band plays, you're guaranteed an afternoon of wonderful dancing! Beginning Dance lesson 2:30-3:30 pm (participants choose what dance they want the lesson to be), followed by dancing from 3:30-6 pm; \$8/person. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom.

Information: www.flyingfeet.org or 301-299-8728.

Evening in Vienna Waltz Ball • Washington, DC Sunday, December 11 • 6 pm

An elegant evening, featuring a Viennese-style Opening Cotillion, hosted in the beautiful home of former Ambassador Irwin Laughlin. A delightful way to celebrate the holiday season with colleagues, friends and other couples. Attendance is limited to avoid crowding the dance floor. Checks should be made payable to THIS (The Hospitality and Information Service) and mailed to Mrs. Robert R. Bocek, 3669 Military Road, Arlington, Virginia 22207. Tickets are \$85 (\$75 with the series of lessons). Registration forms and info: www.viennesewaltz.org/meridian.html.

Swing Dance • Glen Echo, MD

Sunday, December 11 • 8-11 pm

Music by *Blue Sky 5*. Beginners swing lesson from 7:30 to 8 pm. Admission \$10, partner not required. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. This dance is a fundraiser in support of the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. Come dance with us & help Glen Echo keep the Ballroom available for social dances!! Info: www.flyingfeet.org or 301-299-8728.

Dance Classes

Beginning Scandinavian Dance Class • Bethesda, MD Tuesdays, December 6 and 20 • 8-9:30 pm

Learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Some Hambo is done every time. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Generally some live Swedish fiddle music by **Göran Ohlsson**. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. **Info: Lisa Brooks at 240-731-1935**, **301-435-5544**,

lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org. Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and South Dr. for vehicle inspection (have ID ready). Go to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to dancing in Building T-39. Or walk 8 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (also need ID). See a map at www.HambDC.org.

Stone Tower Blues • Glen Echo, MD 1st and 3rd Sundays • 7-10:30 pm

Learn to dance to those slow, bluesy tunes and enjoy a Blues Dance each night after the class. Each Sunday night is "drop-in," and we'll work on different concepts each week to refine your technique of leading or following, adding more challenging moves, including dips and footwork, as the level of the class allows. No partner required. Class from 7–8:30 pm, dance to DJ music until 10:30. \$14 lesson and dance; \$6 dance only. Instructors are **Donna Barker** and **Mike Marcotte**. At Glen Echo Park's Stone Tower. **Info:** www.dancedc.com or 703-978-0375.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

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Cajun Jam • Silver Spring, MD Date varies; see websites below for schedule • 7:30 pm

Open to all musicians, singers, dancers, and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners welcome. Free. Half Moon BBQ, 8235 Georgia Ave. Info: 301-585-1290 or (240)687-2914. Check dates at www.halfmoonbbq.com/c/bbq/schedule.html www.wherewegotozydeco.com/.

Hebrew Song Circle - Anyone Interested?

Interested in joining others to sing hebrew songs? This is not about cultural or religious training, but simply the fun of sharing the music: from Aliyah Bet to liturgical tunes to Khassidic niggunim, anything but cantorial soliloquizing. If interested, contact David Shapiro between 9 am and 9 pm at 301-699-8833 or at song@davidelishapiro.com.

SUNDAYS

Scottish Traditional Music Jam • Wheaton, MD 1st Sundays • 3-6 pm

Scottish traditional music jam, first Sundays, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue. Musicians welcome. 301-277-6220 Info: Iohn Ward at fidhle@iamdigex.net.

CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA 2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 pm

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association (CABOMA) holds jams the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Lyon Park Community Center, corner of N. Filmore and Pershing, Arlington, VA. Info: Dave at 301-274-3441.

Dupont Music Circle • Alexandria, VA Sunday, December 18 • 3 pm

Since 1983 the informal Dupont Music Circle has met to sing and play English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Quebecois, American, and other traditional music just for fun. Usually on third Sundays. Info/confirmation: Liz at 703-658-0957.

MONDAYS

Monthly Children's Irish Music Jam Session Accokeek, MD

2nd Mondays • 6:30-8 pm

Come out to National Colonial Farm and join the fun! We will meet at the Farm's Staff Office until the new Education Center is open. Look for signs. National Colonial Farm is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek, MD. Info: 301-283-0167 or p.addamiano-carts@att.net.

TUESDAYS

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD 1st Tuesdays • 8 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey at Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue in Wheaton. No cover/minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Mostly a capella but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com /www.shipscompany.org

Folk Club of Herndon-Reston • Herndon, VA Tuesdays • 7:30-9:45 pm

Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA. Open mic format. Each performer gets 12 minutes (including setup time). \$1 donation. 2nd Tuesday includes a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free environment. Info: 703-435-2402.

Change Ringing with Handbells near Frederick, MD

Tuesday, December 6 • 7 pm

What's change ringing? The English folk tradition of using tower bells to ring beautiful mathematical patterns (not melodies). It's surprisingly pleasing to the ear. Handbells are used for home/pub practice and for the fun additional challenge of keeping track of where two bells go in the pattern. At Jenny Foster's house near Frederick, MD. NS, ND, cats in residence. Info: 301-371-4312 or pi@xecu.net.

WEDNESDAYS

Laurel Jam Session • Laurel, MD 2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7-10 pm

Adults who enjoy acoustic music are invited to come and sing, play, or listen to folk, bluegrass, and other traditional music in an informal setting. Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street. Info: 301-776-6168 during business hours.

Women's A Cappella Chorus

Brooklyn Park, MD

Wednesdays • 7-10 pm

The Harbor City Music Company, a women's a cappella chorus, is seeking motivated singers in all voice parts. Women who love to sing and perform are always welcome. Rehearsals are held at the

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Chesapeake Center, 194 Hammonds Lane in Brooklyn Park, MD. Call 800-856-9868 or visit www.harborcitymusiccompany.org

Arlington Jam • VA

3rd Wednesdays • 7-10:30 pm

Fiddles, guitars, all instruments welcome! Intermediate and advanced players interested in old-time, blues, Scandinavian, swing, and other styles. First Friday and third Wednesday at 1909 N. Ohio Street, Arlington, VA. Info: Lilli Vincenz, 703-532-2731 or FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.

Open Mic Nite • Alexandria, VA

3rd Wednesdays • 7 pm

St. Elmos Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Avenue. 3rd Wednesdays, hosted by Michelle Swan. Two songs each. All are welcome. Signup starts at 7. Info: 703-739-9268 or mswan64@yahoo.com.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Baltimore, MD 2nd Wednesdays • 8 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey at Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street, Baltimore (Fells Point). Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org

THURSDAYS

American Balalaika Symphony, Open Rehearsals • Arlington, VA

Thursdays • 8 pm

Fiddle, mandolin, and guitar experience translates easily to the balalaika and domra. Enthusiastic beginners welcome! Come play Russian and East European folk and classical music. Most Thursdays at The Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Road, Arlington. Info: John at JohnK@balalaika.biz or 703-837-9083.

Irish Traditional Music Session • Frederick, MD Thursdays • 7 pm

At Boe's Strings, 26 S. Market Street. Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at 301-662-0750.

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Annapolis, MD 3rd Thursdays • 8 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey at The Drummer's Lot (Maryland Inn), Main Street, Annapolis. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible.

Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org

FRIDAYS

Open Mic • Olney, MD

1st and 3rd Fridays • 7-10 pm

Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) will be hosting an open mic at Caribou Coffee (Olney Village Mart Center, 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive, 301-570-0909) every first and third Friday of the month. Sign-ups begin at 6:30pm. Info: contact SAW at 301-654-8434, www.saw.org, or Caribou Coffee at 301-570-0909, www.cariboucoffee.com.

Arlington Jam! • VA

1st Fridays • 7-10:30 pm

See Wednesday listing.

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD December 9 • 8:30-11:30 pm

The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. **Info:** www.fridaynightdance.org.

Drumming Circle • Berkeley Springs, WV 2nd & 4th Fridays • 8-10 pm

Community drum circle meets at Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV. Free. All are welcome. Bring drums and other rhythm instruments or use those provided. Experienced drummers are welcome however, no prior experience is necessary to enjoy this open circle. Call ahead to confirm in case of severe weather or if you are traveling from a long distance. Info: Bob at 304-258-4546, RobertMarggraf@aol.com. Coolfont Resort information is available at www.coolfont.com.

Open Mic at Potter's House • Washington, DC 4th Fridays • 8 pm

Both spoken word and music, free for appreciative ears. Homemade dinner & desserts served starting at 7. At The Potter's House 1658 Columbia Road NW, Washington, DC. **Info: www.PottersHouseDC.org.** Metro: Green Line to Columbia Heights. Off street parking available – call 202-232-5483 to reserve a spot.

SATURDAYS

Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Washington, DC Saturdays • 1 pm

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday afternoon, starting about 1 pm. All skill levels wel-

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come. 2007 Bunkerhill Road, NE, Washington, DC. Info/confirmation: 202-526-7539.

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA Saturday, December 17 • 1:30-4:30 pm

Hammer dulcimer players meet monthly at the Dolley Madison Library to swap tunes and play together. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: Heli at 703-689-3477, heliel@earthlink.net, or http://pages.prodigy.net/holsopple.



Storytelling

Washington Storyteller's Theatre • Bethesda, MD Saturday, December 10 • 8 pm

"City of Fools" featuring storytellers Mark Novak and Renee Brachfeld. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street. A joyous romp through the heart of Jewish experience captures the fool and the sage in all of us. Admission \$15. Info: www.washingtonstorytellers.org or 202-545-6840.

Speakeasy-Washington Storyteller's Theatre • Washington, DC

Tuesday, December 13 • 8 pm

December's speakeasy theme is "Pulpits, Pews, and Prayer Rugs," stories about religion and ritual. At HR-57, 1610 14th Street NW. Doors open 7:30. Admission \$5. HR-57 sells beer, wine and some food. Sign up for the open mic when you arrive. Open mic stories are strictly limited to 7 minutes and must incorporate the theme. **Info:** www.washingtonstorytellers.org or 202-545-6840.

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals, & Special Events

Audubon Holiday Fair Benefit Preview Party • Chevy Chase, MD

Friday, December 2 • 7-10 pm

Come browse the fine crafts, nibble on tasty gourmet caterer's samples and enjoy the musical offerings of *Oak*, *Ash & Thorn* (singers George Stephens, Kathy Westra and Mary LaMarca), Frank Cassel (the Banjo Man), dance musicians *Peascod's Gathering* and *Heart's Content* (all-woman barbershop quartet) in a benefit for the environmental education programs of the Audubon Naturalist Society. This is the 36th and final year for the Audubon Holiday Fair don't miss the festivities! Admission: \$35 adv/\$45 door. Location: Woodend Mansion, 8940 Jones Mill Road.

Info and directions: Ellouise Schoettler, 301-652-9188 X32, www.audubonholidayfair.com/page5.html.

How To Get Your Music On the Radio • Washington, DC

Saturday, December 3 • 11 am - 1 pm

Don't you wonder how songs get on the radio? While there is no single solution to all genres or radio stations, there are definitely things you can do to increase your chances of getting on the air. This workshop is your best opportunity to learn about it. Leading our panel discussion will be three local radio DJ's (Jeannie Jones – WKYS 93.9 FM, Donnie McKethan – WPFW 89.3 FM, and Mary Cliff – WETA 90.9 FM), who will cover different genres of music (r&b, jazz, hip hop, folk), and accomplished jazz pianist Markus Johnson from Three Keys Music, who will share his experiences with promotion in the music industry. At the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Two blocks from Foggy Bottom metro stop. Presented by the Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW). Cost is \$30 members of SAW, WAMA, NSAI, and DC Cabaret Network, \$40 non-members, \$20 students. Info/registration: www.saw.org or 301-654-8434.

Orrin Star Bluegrass Rhythm Guitar Workshop • Purcellville, VA

Saturday, December 3 • 4-6 pm

A hands-on look at this exciting style. For a work-shop description see www.orrinstar.com. Followed by a house concert at 7:30 pm. For location/reservations: douglas_healy@yahoo.com or 703-709-2117.

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Phil Wiggins Harmonica Workshop • Washington, DC

Sunday, December 11 • 1-3 pm

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation is proud to present a harmonica workshop with **Phil Wiggins**, one of the greatest harmonica players in the world today. Phil is one half of the award-winning duo Cephas and Wiggins. He's toured all over the world and has taught at several music camps in this country. At Archie Edwards Old Barbershop, 2007 Bunkerhill Rd., NE, DC. Admission \$20.

Info: info@acousticblues,com or call Miles Spicer at 301 -927-6963.

Terpsichore's Holiday • Rocky Gap, MD December 27 - January 1

Dance in the New Year and enjoy the community spirit at this annual folk music and dance camp held at Rocky Gap Resort and Lodge! Dance instruction, activities and live music are available for all ages. All meals and accommodations are at Maryland's only 4-star resort hotel located in a State Park near Cumberland. Activities include contras, squares, English country, waltz, Appalachian clogging, ballroom, rapper, longsword, arts and crafts, nature hikes, woodworking, drama, storytelling, drawing, dance band workshop, swimming, singing, community dance and evening contras. Info: contact Jeff Kenton, camp director, at 301-587-1525 or jkenton@verizon.net. Visit www.dance-camp.net for details.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat

January 14-15, 2006

Intensive weekend featuring short two-hour workshops in traditional fiddle styles including Scottish. Cape Breton, Shetland, Irish, French Canadian, Old Time, Cajun, Scandinavian, New England and Swing, plus Dance Band Workshops in several different styles and a class on Backing up Fiddle Tunes for the Hammered Dulcimer. Teaching staff includes Elke Baker, Steve Hickman, Andrea Hoag, Joe Herrmann, Laura Light, Jim Eagan, Ellen Jacobs and Ken Kolodner. The retreat takes place in a relaxed, retreat setting at the Historic Hilltop House Hotel in Harpers Ferry, WV. Saturday night Contra Dance with Greg Frock calling to the open band with festival staff leading the band as well as jam sessions for all. Classes are limited, advance registration recommended, "Early Bird" discount on registration. Info: www.fiddleretreat.info, email updf@earthlink.net or call Joanie Blanton at 304-253-2531.

The BFMS Mid-Winter Ball – a Pirate Jamboree • Towson, Maryland

February 11, 2006 • 7 pm

The Baltimore Folk Music Society Mid-Winter Ball and Pirate Jamboree will be held in the Chesapeake Room of the Towson University Union. Robert Cromartie will be making a rare Baltimore appearance, calling to the music of the Vermont-based group Atlantic Crossing: Viveka Fox, fiddle, bodhran; Peter Macfarlane, fiddle, vocals; Brian **Perkins**, bouzouki, mandolin, banjo, feet, and vocals: and Rick Klein, guitar, vocals. Tickets are now available. Before January 15, \$16 members and affiliates (BFMS, FSGW, ATDS, CDSS), \$10 Towson University Students, \$20 others; January 16-February 8, \$20 members and affiliates, \$10 Towson University Students, \$25 others. Tickets at the door, if available \$30 members, \$35 other. Info: www.bfms.org, midwinter@bfms.org or 410-433-4419. Cosponsored by the Towson University Dance Department.

Folksong Tour of Scotland

June 10-24, 2006

Ed Miller hosts an annual Folksong Tour of Scotland, featuring 2 weeks of touring the Lowlands and Highlands of Scotland and hearing a variety of singers and musicians. The tour is already half filled; so if you are interested in coming, please send in your deposit ASAP. Itinerary and registration forms are now available at www.songsofscotland.com. Info: edmiller@songsofscotland.com.

Slaveya, Women's Balkan Singing Group Auditions and Weekly Workshops

Slaveya invites female singers for auditions. Slaveya is a local women's Balkan singing group under the artistic direction of internationally-acclaimed vocalist **Tatiana Sarbinska**. Attend ongoing group lessons in Bulgarian and Eastern European vocal technique and traditional repertoire every Sunday afternoon from 4-6 pm. Private lessons available with Tatiana Sarbinska on Balkan and Eastern European vocal technique. Info: www.slaveya.org. For auditions or private lessons, call 202-707-4834.



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This book, geared towards clogging and percussive dance, is intended to keep you dancing longer, giving close attention to your body before dancing by warming up, stretching after you dance and not overusing your muscles. To order, contact **Dianne at 301-529-4315 or Dianne@longandfoster.com**. \$10 plus \$2 S/H.

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