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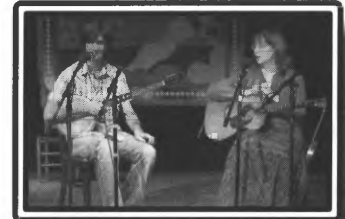
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FSGW Sunday Night Dances at Glen Echo Park, MD

Contras & Squares • 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. **FREE Welcome/Orientation session on Traditional American Dance at 7 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.**

January – All dances are in the Spanish Ballroom

- 7 The Ever-so-Energetic **Laura Brown** will be calling to the legendary old time fiddler **Alan Jabour**. Alan is a national treasure, preserving the distinctive style of Henry Reed of West Virginia. Allan is both a folklorist (retired director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress) and accomplished musician, and has been working within the genre since the 60's. Check out his playing and talk on **Henry Reed** at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/hrhtml/hrjabbour.html>
- 14 **Ann Fallon**, who has worked so hard in making dance happen in our region, returns to call to the dynamic playing of the **Contra Rebels**. Perennial favorite of the dances here in DC features **Todd Clewell** on fiddle, **Henry Koretzky** on guitar, and **Bruce Campbell** on bass. They play in mix of classic New England style for contra, and accomplished Old Time, which lends itself so well to squares and such. Don't forget, both the band and the caller will be playing the **FSGW Family Dance** at the Glen Echo Town Hall from 3-5!
- 21 Benefit dance for the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. **Admission \$10 members/\$12 non-members**. Please come out and dance! **Anna Rain** will be calling contras to the music of **Waverley Station**, featuring **David Knight** on fiddle, **Liz Donaldson** on piano, and **Ralph Gordon** on bass.
- 28 **David Giusti**, who considers Glen Echo his home dance, will be touring with a crew of schoolmates from Oberlin College. Oberlin has become a hot bed of Anglo-American traditional music and dance, with several young graduates of the institution regularly dancing at the Sunday Night Dance. It shall be exciting to see what else the school has produced. Playing to David's calling and foot percussion will be the band **Black River Ironworks**, with **Corey Walters** on flute, whistle, and mandolin, **Jonah Sidman** on fiddle, and **Michael Berkowitz** on guitar.



Chesapeake Dance Weekend 25th Anniversary

April 13-15, 2007

Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Join us for the celebration of 25 years of dance and music by the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. **Kathy Anderson** with **Tractor Family**, **Cis Hinkle** with **The Great Bear Trio**, and Cajun music by **The Pine Leaf Boys** with dance instruction by **Michael Hart** and **Sharon Schilliro**. Visit www.fsgw.org for **ALL** the details and to download a registration form.

Adam Hurt
and Beth
Hartness
Traditional Fiddle
and Banjo Music from
Appalachia and Beyond



Friday, January 26 • 8 pm

Adam Hurt and **Beth Hartness** perform traditional fiddle- and banjo-anchored music from the Appalachian south and beyond. Adam's elegantly innovative clawhammer banjo playing has been nationally recognized through his many competition victories, including first place at Clifftop in 2003; he is a former state banjo champion of Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and Alabama, and he has also won state fiddle contests in Virginia, Alabama, and Maryland. His debut CD, *Intrigue*, was released by Copper Creek Records in 2002, and has received praise from reviewers for *Dirty Linen*, the *Old-Time Herald*, *Banjo Newsletter*, and other publications. **Beth Hartness's** singular fingerstyle guitar has been a critical component of many prizewinning old-time bands, and her playing is featured on multiple recordings, including North Carolina Folk Heritage Award winner Marvin Gaster's seminal banjo CD on Rounder Records. Adam and Beth can be heard together on Adam's second CD, *Insight*, released in 2006 and produced by Grammy award winners **Cathy Fink** and **Marcy Marxer**.

"When I think of Adam's playing, I hear something new and old – that perfect link between tradition and the future." -- **Cathy Fink**, not a bad banjo player herself

This quote is the key to how important and exciting it will be to hear one of the young lions of the next Great Banjo Uprising. Old time music is a community music experience and these young-uns have got it right. This music does not exist in a vacuum: it needs to be nurtured and grown to a present day maturity and first passed down to the next generation which then in turn passes it forward, and so on. First captured on 78's, then LP's, then cassettes, then compact discs, then to iTunes. But the soul of the mountains resonates, no matter what the format. Come and be warmed by the very torch that passes from hand to clawhammerin' hand!

At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, MD

FREE for FSGW Members; Non-members \$15

Information and directions: visit www.fsgw.org.





FSGW English Country Dances at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD 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. **Admission \$7 for FSGW members, \$9 for non-members.** Info: **Stephanie Smith at 301-229-3577 or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org.**

January

- 3 Tom Spilsbury** calls to the playing of **Robin Wilson** (flute and concertina), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) and **Karin Loya** (cello)
- 10 Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Dan Gillespie** (recorders) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) provide the music while **Rich Galloway** leads the dancing.
- 17 Martha Seigel** calls to the music of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute) and **Keith Gillis** (guitar)
- 24 Dan Gillespie** calls while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (concertina and bassoon) and **Julie Gorka** (piano) play the tunes.
- 31 Anna Rain** (recorders), **Julia Borland** (fiddle) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the music for the calling of **Bob Farrall**

Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD • Sunday, January 14 • 3-5 pm

Come to the fabulous Family Dance with **Ann Fallon** calling to the music of the **Contra Rebels**. It's a great way for families to spend time together and for parents and grandparents to introduce their kids to the joys of music and dance. FSGW is now the sole sponsor of this event, and we want to see you there! Admission is still \$5 for the entire afternoon (age 4 and older). Bring your entire family, neighbors, church or synagogue group, birthday party, and girl or boy scout troop. Please bring a snack/drink to share. At the Glen Echo Town Hall on Harvard Avenue. Info: www.fsgw.org.

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FSGW Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 2 • 8 pm

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 at Glen Echo Park, MD. 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.

Washington Folk Festival Coordinating Committee

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Jeff Warner

*American Traditional Music from
a Second-Generation Collector*

*Thursday, January 11 • 8
pm*



Dennis and Judy Cook invite society members and friends to their home to experience **Jeff Warner's** take on the musical traditions of America. Please call ahead to make sure you will have a seat (seats held until 7:50).

With warmth, humor and understated scholarship, **Jeff Warner** connects 21st century audiences with the music and everyday lives of 19th century people. He presents musical traditions from the Outer Banks fishing villages of North Carolina to the lumber camps of the Adirondack Mountains and the whaling ports of New England. His songs have "the stamp of authority and real experience" (Tykes News, Yorkshire, UK).

He has honed his craft in front of audiences across the country at festivals, museums, clubs and schools. His songs, rich in local history and a sense of place, bring us the latest news from the distant past. Warner accompanies his songs on concertina, banjo, guitar and several "pocket instruments," such as bones and Jew's harp.

Warner is a Folklorist and Community Scholar for the New Hampshire Council on the Arts and has been named a 2007 State Arts Council Fellow. He has toured nationally for the Smithsonian Institution and has recorded for Flying Fish/Rounder and other labels. His 1995 recording, *Two Little Boys*, received a Parents' Choice Award.

Suggested minimum contribution: \$15. Info/reservations/directions: contact Judy or Dennis Cook at 301-776-4314 or cooks@ceimd.com.

Metro: Sorry, way out beyond the reach, though the Cooks might be able to help you find a ride-share.

The Cooks' house is now ramped from the top of a steep driveway; call ahead to make sure furniture configurations don't block access. Restroom does not have handicapped adaptations.

For further information about the performers, contact Charlie Baum at cbaum@fsgw.org or 202-334-1701 (work) or 301-587-2286 (home).

John Lilly



*Traditional Stuff and New Stuff that Sounds Old
Singer, songwriter and guitarist from West Virginia*

Saturday, January 13 • 8 pm

John Lilly is a multi-talented acoustic music performer from Charleston, West Virginia, specializing in Americana, roots country, and traditional folk music. His creative original songs recall the sounds of earlier generations, while his innovative treatment of early country and traditional music is timeless. According to one reviewer, "if Hank Williams had a sunny disposition, he'd be John Lilly." John is recognized nationally as a powerful performing songwriter.

John has released three self-produced CDs. *Broken Moon*, released in 2000, earned enthusiastic reviews and widespread radio airplay. *Bluegrass Unlimited* magazine called it one of the "most unusual and interesting acoustic disks of the year." John's second CD, *Last Chance to Dance*, released in 2003, debuted at the

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#1 position on the international Freeform American Roots radio chart and rose to the #4 position in Europe on the Euro-Americana radio chart. His third CD, *Blue Highway*, released in 2005, is a collaboration with legendary Tennessee fiddler **Ralph Blizard**.

John was born in Illinois in 1954 and has traveled and performed widely. A former member of the Green Grass Cloggers dance team, John spent years playing traditional string band music with groups including **Ralph Blizard and the New Southern Ramblers**. He is a former tour guide at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, and is currently editor of West Virginia's *Goldenseal* magazine.

Info/reservations/directions: contact Lars or Becky Hanslin at 301-654-4317 or larshanslin@mindspring.com. As a courtesy, please contact the hosts in advance to let them know you'll be coming so they can gauge how many seats to set up.

House concert at the home of Lars and Becky Hanslin. (NB to drivers and parkers: Their street is very narrow.)

Suggested minimum contribution: \$15

Metro: The Routes L7 or L8 Metrobus or the Ride-On Route 1 on Connecticut Avenue from Friendship Heights on the Red Line will get you to within a block of the concert venue.

FSGW House Concert, Brookmont, Bethesda, MD



ALLEN HOLMES AND ALISON CHASE RADCLIFFE



TRADITIONAL GOSPEL, BLUES, AND JAZZ

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 • 8 PM

Allen Holmes has played music most of his life. He began playing piano as a young child and as a teen played an electric rhodes piano and trombone in a jazz big band. He began playing harmonica at age 17. After a few years of playing, he studied harmonica with **Phil Wiggins** and **Charlie Sayles** at the Augusta Heritage Center in West Virginia. Recently, Allen has studied traditional blues harmonica styles. He has begun recording original music in this vein and draws upon chords and doublestops.

Allen released a recording of jazz standards called *Doris in Mind* in 1999 which features the vocals of **Alison Radcliffe**. Allen now plays the stand-up bass, harmonica, and sings simultaneously as a one man band playing blues, jazz, and gospel. He continues to play with **Alison Radcliffe** and can be heard at various venues locally in the Washington DC area as well as across the country.

Alison Chase Radcliffe has been playing music since the age of 4. She has played fiddle and voice in various string bands with her mother throughout childhood. In 1998, she formed a duo with singer/guitarist/bassist **David Jackson**. They performed at numerous churches, coffee houses, and festivals including the 21st and 22nd annual Washington Folk Festivals, the DC Blues Society Festival, and the 1999 Columbia Pike Blues Festival. For the past 5 years, she has been performing with **Allen Holmes** at various venues including music festivals across the country. Alison and Allen are featured on a recent compilation entitled *Peace and Forgiveness*, a benefit for the Archie Edwards Heritage Foundation.

At the home of **Jeff Glassie and Julie Littell**

Suggested minimum donation: \$15

Info/reservations/directions: Contact Jeff Glassie or Julie Littell at 301-320-7865 or jeffglassie@comcast.net. As a courtesy, please contact the hosts in advance to let them know you'll be coming so they can gauge how many seats to set up.

Metro: Take Ride On Route 23 at 7 or 7:30 pm from Friendship Heights Metro.

For further information about the performer, contact Charlie Baum at cbaum@fsgw.org or 202-334-1701 (work) or 301-587-2286 (home).

FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW Open Sing • Kensington, MD Friday, January 5 • 8:30 pm

The January Open Sing will be held at the home of **Nancy King**. The leader this month will be Nancy's son **Ken Schatz**, whose chosen topic is "Body Parts." So don't wring your hands, but search your heart, get your head on straight, count your fingers and toes, and point your feet toward Kensington! **For more information or directions, call Nancy at 301-933-3073.**

FSGW Storyswap • NW Washington, DC Saturday, January 6 • 7:30 pm

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Bob Rovinsky** for an evening of shared stories and potluck (kosher) snacks. **Call 202-237-1036 for RSVPs and directions, preferably before sundown Friday.**

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD Sunday, January 14 • 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 January Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Sandy Littlejohn**. **Info/directions: 301-495-2726.**

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Monday, January 1 • 7 - 8 pm

It's our tradition to hold a 5-hour singing on New Year's Day, 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 5-hour event draws singers from a wide region to welcome the year with a "shout of sacred joy." Everyone is welcome to sing or listen. At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. **Info: 301-229-8534.**

FSGW Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA Sunday, January 28 • 4 - 8 pm

FSGW sponsors free group singings of early American hymns, anthems, and fugues in unaccompanied four-part harmony, monthly on the fourth Sunday. We'll sing from the 1991 *Sacred Harp* (loaner books available) from 4 to 6, share a potluck supper, then sing some more. All are welcome. **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.

Co-Sponsored Event

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 301-466-3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com.**

January 4 -- Annual Folkdancers Chocolate Party. Bring any dessert, as long as it is chocolate (or bring a beverage).



SEEKING PERFORMERS FOR 2007 WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Planning has begun for the 27th Washington Folk Festival that will be held on June 2-3, 2007 at Glen Echo Park. The Program Committee is looking for Washington-area musicians, dancers, storytellers, and other performers representing traditions in America and from around the world. If you would like to be considered for a spot on this two-day program, or would like to suggest a performer, please contact Program Co-Chairs **Carol and Chuck Moran** at madmoran@verizon.net.

The Washington Folk Festival Program Committee

Carol and Chuck Moran, Carol Lite, Mia Gardiner, Alan Tanenbaum, Bill Baker, Jane Dorfman, Donna Fletcher, Dean Clamons, Dan Kahn, Charlie Baum, Tali Stopak

Concerts & Concert Series

Concerts

Saturdays

John Cephas & Phil Wiggins • Westminster, MD
Saturday, January 6 • 8 pm

Cephas and Wiggins are leading exponents of the Piedmont Blues – specifically the Piedmont-style guitar, featuring alternating thumb and finger, with the thumb creating a steady, loping bass as the melody is simultaneously picked out on the treble strings. They have performed for audiences worldwide, including at the Clinton White House and the Russian National Folk Festival. At Carroll Arts Center Theater, 91 W. Main St. Tickets: Adults \$17, Seniors 65+, Children 12, Student w/ID \$15. **Info/tickets: 410-857-2771, cground@qis.net or www.commongroundonthehill.org.**

Karen Collins & The Backroads Band • Falls Church, VA
Saturday January 6 • 9:30 pm

Karen Collins & The Backroads Band will be playing retro country music at JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd. **Info: 703-241-9504.**

Dawson Concerts • Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, January 20 • 8 pm

Co-bill: **Laura Baron** with **Pat Quinn** and **Carol Gaylor** with **Bruce Katsu**. **Info: www.dawsonconcerts.com**

Lissa Schneckenburger • Harrisburg, PA
Saturday, January 27 • 7:30 pm

Conservatory trained **Lissa Schneckenburger** is a New England fiddler and folk singer who will perform in concert with her trio. While embracing a diverse pallet of musical influences, she still stays true to her New England roots. At Stage Two Underground, Whitaker Center, 222 Market Street, Harrisburg. Tickets \$16, \$14 Seniors (65 and over) and Kids (12 and under), \$12 Susquehanna Folk Music Society Members. **Tickets at the Box (717-214-2787) or www.sfmsfolk.org.**

Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, DC • Washington, DC
Saturday, January 27 • 8 pm
Sunday, January 28 • 4 pm

The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington, D.C. will be joined by pop and jazz song stylist **Suede**, the "Diva la Difference," for its winter 2007 concert "Peace by Piece," a diverse program of choral works dedicated to the theme of "waging peace" in the world. At the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th St and Independence Ave, SE. Tickets \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door). **Info/tickets: 202-546-1549, www.lgcw.org or TICKETplace.**

Tuesdays

Garnet Rogers • Herndon, VA
Tuesday, January 23 • 7 pm

With his incredible range and thoughtful dramatic phrasing, Garnet is widely considered to be one of the finest singers anywhere. His music is literate, passionate, highly sensitive, and deeply purposeful. His songs give expression to the unspoken vocabulary of the heart --- extraordinary songs about people, heroes and the small victories of the everyday. The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon concert series, Tortilla Factory Restaurant, 648 Elden Street. Doors open 6pm; \$15(\$14 Folk Club members). **Info: 703-435-2402, clubacoustic@cox.net, www.restonherndonfolkclub.com.**

Fridays

Jon Carroll • Vienna, VA
Friday, January 12 • 8 pm

Veteran Grammy and Wammie Award winning musician, singer, songwriter and sideman to the stars **Jon Carroll** will be performing a full-band concert commemorating the release of his new solo CD, *Love Returns*. At The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road. Tickets \$20. **Info: 703-255-1851 or www.wolftrap.org.**

Karen Collins & The Backroads Band • Silver Spring, MD
Friday, January 19 • 9 pm

At Rodeo Restaurant, 8229 Georgia Ave. **Info: 301-585-2955.**

Hot Soup • Annapolis, MD
Friday, January 19 • 8 pm

The vocal trio **Hot Soup** blends sweet, inventive harmonies on original and collected songs in a wide variety of styles and rhythms. From ballads to blues and nostalgia to novelty tunes, **Hot Soup** serves up a charming, high energy, and totally engaging performance. The 333 Coffeehouse is a nonprofit alcohol-free listening room run by volunteers. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 DuBois Avenue, off Bestgate Road. Admission \$10, students/seniors \$8. **Info: www.fsgw.org/333/ or 443-786-0463.**

Concert Series

Music Matters Showcase • Columbia, College Park and Silver Spring, MD

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

Concerts & Concert Series continued

January

- 6 **Brown-Smith Vibration, John Cook, Karen Scuderi.** At Mayorga Coffee, 8040 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring. 6:30-9:30 pm
- 14 **LaRocca, Matt Rodela, Hillary Morgan** At Premiere English Coffee, 8827 Centre Park Drive, Columbia. 11:30 am-2:30 pm
- 20 **Karen Scuderi, Tom Goss, Eileen Bernstein** At Mad City Cafe, 10801 Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia. 7-10 pm
- 27 **Mile High Jupiter, Matt Rodela, Karen Scuderi** At College Perk, 9078 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1), College Park. 8-11 pm

Saturdays

WestSide Café • Frederick, MD

Saturdays • 8 pm

Acoustic music is presented in a non-smoking listening room, open to all ages. WestSide Cafe, 1A W. 2nd St. **Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.**

Sundays

WestSide Café • Frederick, MD

Sundays • 8 pm

Acoustic music is presented in a non-smoking listening room, open to all ages. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. **Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.**

Focus Concert Series • Alexandria, VA

Sunday, January 14 • 7 pm

Modern Man, featuring singer-songwriters **David Buskin, Rob Carlson** and **George Wurzbach**, have been described as “bridging the gap between the Three Tenors and the Three Stooges.” At the Focus Inn Alexandria at 2280 N. Beaugard St. (Church of the Resurrection). \$15 general, \$12 members. **Info: Herb at 703-380-3151, herbcl@earthlink.net or www.focusmusic.org.**

Mondays

Institute of Musical Traditions • Rockville, MD

Mondays • 7:30 pm

At Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road. **Info: 301-754-3611 or www.imtfolk.org.**

January

- 8 Azalea City Records Sampler Concert
- 15 Reverb
- 29 Lily Neill with Zan McLeod

WestSide Café • Frederick, MD

Mondays • 8 pm

Ron Goad hosts a showcase of up to seven acts playing 3-song sets, and a featured act playing a 45-minute set at 9. At WestSide Café, 1A W. 2nd St. **Info: 301-418-6886 or www.westside-cafe.com.**

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.**

January

- 10 Peter Mayer
- 24 Jonathan Byrd and Karen Mal

Thursdays

Baldwin’s Station • Sykesville, MD

Thursdays, January 4 and 18 • 8 pm

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

January

- 4 Seamus Kennedy
- 18 Mike Cross

Fridays

WestSide Café • Frederick, MD

Fridays • 8 pm

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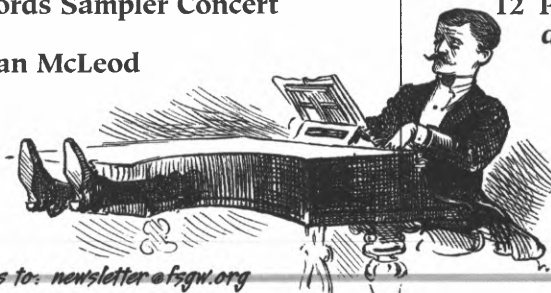
The Cellar Stage • Baltimore, MD

Friday, January 12 • 8 pm

In the basement at Faith Community United Methodist Church of Hamilton, 5315 Harford Road, Baltimore 21214. Tickets \$16. **Info/tickets: 410-521-9099, uptownconcerts@aol.com or www.uptownconcerts.com.**

January

- 12 Paul Iwancio and *The Art of Meaning-Birthday Bash*



Dances

Contras

Sundays

The FSGW Sunday Night Dances

See the listing on page 2.

Wednesdays

BFMS Lovely Lane Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

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. Free contra orientation at 7:30 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.**

January

- 3 A favorite B'more combination, **Andy Kane** calls for the fun music of **Looney Tunes**
- 10 **Adina Gordon** brings her energetic calling to the Baltimore debut of **Rumblestrip**
- 17 **Tori Barone** comes to town to call the figures for the lovely music of **Terpsichore**
- 24 **Susan Taylor** calls magnificently for the powerful wall of sound that is the **Baltimore Open Band**
- 31 **Perry Shafran** calls fine figures for the delicious music of **Gypsy Meltdown**

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. Admission \$8. To play for or call a dance, send an email to fndgigs@petml.com. **Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.**

January

- 5 **Ann Fallon** leads a multiple caller night to **New Hip Trio** - **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Joe DeZarn** (fiddle & mandolin), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass).
- 12 Dance the night away to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**.

19 **DeLaura Padovan** calls to **Live Culture** - **Steve Hickman** (fiddle & harmonica), **Dave Crandall** (sax & flute), **John Devine** (guitar), **Marc Glickman** (piano & bodhran), and **Jim Bienemann** (bass). Toe tapping rhythms and songs that will get you on your feet.

26 **Janine Smith** calls to **Run of the Mill String Band** - **Palmer Loux** (fiddle), **Greg Loux** (guitar), **Paul Sidlick** (banjo), and **Tom Schaffer** (upright bass). Dance to the sound of an old-time southern Appalachian string band preserving and performing some of the best traditional American music you can find.

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA 2nd and 4th 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. Students \$4, adults \$9. **Dance schedule and directions: <http://locustlanecontra.freesevers.com/>**

Saturdays

Family Dance • Pikesville, MD Saturday, January 13 • 5-6:30 pm

Robbin Schaffer calls to music by **Devine Comedy** with **Alexander Mitchell**. Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. At St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. Admission \$4 BFMS members, \$5 non-members. Family maximum is \$16/member families, \$20/non-member families. Group discounts available for Scout troops and youth groups. A pot luck dinner follows the dance at 6:30. **Info: Diane at 410-321-8419, matchmaker2@comcast.net or www.bfms.org.**

Baltimore Contra • Pikesville, MD Saturday, January 13 • 8-11 pm

Robbin Schaffer calls to music by **Devine Comedy** with **Alexander Mitchell**. Join us for a special salute to Robbin, who is moving to Atlanta after many years in Baltimore. Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. \$10/\$7 BFMS members & affiliates; \$2 student discount. Beginners workshop at 7:30. At St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. **Info: Diane Friedman at matchmaker2@comcast.net, 410-321-8419 or www.bfms.org.**

Reston Contra Dance • Reston, VA Saturday, January 13 • 8-10:45 pm

Join us for the beginning of our 2007 winter series as **Ann Fallon** calls to the lively music of **June Apple**. Dance \$7, workshop free. Snacks for the break are welcome (juice is provided). **Info: Alice Markham 703-709-9121.**

Dances continued

At the **Reston Community Center**, 2310 Colts Neck Rd. From 495, take 267 West to Exit 12. Left onto Reston Pkwy, then left at first light onto Sunrise Valley Dr. Go one block, turn right onto Colts Neck Rd. Go 1/2 mile, turn left into Hunters Woods Center. The Community Center is on plaza behind Ledo Pizza.

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA
Saturday, January 20 • 8–11 pm

Janine Smith calls to music by the **Contra Rebels**. At St John's Episcopal, 321 W. Chestnut St. Potluck dinner at 5:30, Beginners workshop at 7. Admission \$7/\$4. **Info: call 717-431-7417, 717-394-2047 or www.lancastercontra.org**

Bluemont Dance • Purcellville, VA
Saturday, January 20 • 8-11 pm

Brad Saylor calls to music by **New Hip Trio**. Beginners' workshop at 7:30. Admission: \$8, \$6 for Bluemont friends and students. At the Purcellville Skating Rink, 250 South Nursery Avenue. **Info: www.bluemont.org or 703-777-6306.**

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

No dance this month – join us at the Baltimore Mid Winter Ball! **Info: www.contradancers.com/atds, 410-451-1791, or pshaf@yahoo.com.**

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
Saturday, January 27 • 8-11 pm

David Giusti will call to tunes provided by a hot new band from Oberlin College, **Black River Ironworks**. Dance is held at the Trinity School near Harry Grove Stadium. Admission \$7; under 16 \$3. Free beginners' workshop at 7 pm. **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. 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.**

January

- 1 Caller **Mike Franch** with music by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Marty Taylor**, and **Judy Meyers**
- 8 Caller **Carl Friedman** with music by the **Geud Band of Baltimore**

- 15 Caller **Rich Galloway** with music by **Edie Stern**, **Robin Wilson**, and **Julie Gorka**
- 22 Caller **Sharon McKinley** with music by **Becky Ross**, **Karin Loya**, and **Liz Donaldson**
- 29 Caller **Diane Schmit** with music by **Paul Oorts**, **Jonathan Jensen**, and **Carl Friedman**

Tuesdays

English Country Dance • Herndon, VA
2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 7:45–10 pm

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St. Herndon, VA. Workshop includes figures, phrasing and style. Live music (guest musicians welcome--call in advance). \$5. 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, January 13 • 8-10:45 pm

Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by **Barbara Harding** and **Bob Farrall**. Beginners and singles welcome. At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. \$5. **Info: Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.**

Alpine/Swiss

Saturdays/Sundays

Alpine Dancers - New Carrollton, MD
Sundays, January 14 and 28 • 4–6:30 pm


Looking for energetic dancers! Alpine Dancers hold free, open practices at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. New dancers welcome. The Alpine Dancers are a performing and teaching folk dance group specializing in couples and trio 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, www.alpinedancers.org or caroltraxler@yahoo.com.**

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.**

January 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>3 FSGW SACRED HARP SINGING</p> <p>8 Baltimore English Country</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7:30 Folk Club of Reston/Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p> <p>8 Sea Chantey Pub Sing/Wheaton</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 Women's A Capella Chorus</p> <p>7 Glen Echo Irish Dance</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</p> <p>7:30 Kensington Row Story Salon</p> <p>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY</p> <p>8 Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln)</p> <p>8 Alexandria Scottish Country</p> <p>8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7 Speakeasy DC</p> <p>7:30 Folk Club of Reston/Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>7:45 Herndon English Country</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p> <p>8:30 College Park Hot Squares</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9 Annapolis Acoustic Jam</p> <p>12 Norwegian Dance House Party</p> <p>3 Glen Echo Waltz</p> <p>3 Scottish Jam/Royal Mile Pub</p> <p>7 Black Book Singers of DC</p> <p>7:30 FSGW SUNDAY CONTRA</p> <p>Laura Brown with Alan Jabour</p> <p>8 Westside Café Concert</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 Bethesda International Dance</p> <p>7:30 Azalea City Sampler Concert</p> <p>7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance</p> <p>8 Baltimore English Country</p> <p>8 Bethesda Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Westside Café Concert</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7 Speakeasy DC</p> <p>7:30 Folk Club of Reston/Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>7:45 Herndon English Country</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p> <p>8:30 College Park Hot Squares</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10</p> <p>7 Women's A Capella Chorus</p> <p>7 Glen Echo Irish Dance</p> <p>7 Laurel Jam Session</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</p> <p>7:30 Swiss Folklore Group</p> <p>8 FSGW English Country</p> <p>8 Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln)</p> <p>8 Alexandria Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Peter Mayer Concert</p> <p>8 Sea Chantey Open Sing/Balt</p> <p>8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 Annapolis Acoustic Jam</p> <p>2 CABOMA Jam</p> <p>3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE, GLEN ECHO</p> <p>3 Ballroom Tea Dance</p> <p>4 FSGW GOSPEL SING</p> <p>4 Alpine Dancers</p> <p>7 Modern Man Concert</p> <p>7:30 FSGW SUNDAY CONTRA</p> <p>Ann Fallon with The Contra Rebels</p> <p>Glen Echo Swing Dance</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9 Annapolis Acoustic Jam</p> <p>2 CABOMA Jam</p> <p>3 FSGW FAMILY DANCE, GLEN ECHO</p> <p>3 Ballroom Tea Dance</p> <p>4 FSGW GOSPEL SING</p> <p>4 Alpine Dancers</p> <p>7 Modern Man Concert</p> <p>7:30 FSGW SUNDAY CONTRA</p> <p>Ann Fallon with The Contra Rebels</p> <p>Glen Echo Swing Dance</p>	<p>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday 15</p> <p>6:30 Children's Irish Music Jam/ Accokeek</p> <p>7:30 Reverb Concert</p> <p>7:30 Bethesda International Dance</p> <p>7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance</p> <p>8 Baltimore English Country</p> <p>8 Bethesda Scottish Country</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7:30 Folk Club of Reston/Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 Women's A Capella Chorus</p> <p>7 Glen Echo Irish Dance</p> <p>7 Arlington Jam</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</p> <p>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY</p> <p>8 Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln)</p> <p>8 Alexandria Scottish Country</p> <p>8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7 Garnet Rogers Concert</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>7:45 Herndon English Country</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9 Annapolis Acoustic Jam</p> <p>3 Glen Echo Waltz</p> <p>3 Dupont Music Circle</p> <p>7:30 FSGW SUNDAY CONTRA</p> <p>Anna Rain with Waverley Station</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 Bethesda International Dance</p> <p>7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance</p> <p>8 Baltimore English Country</p> <p>8 Bethesda Scottish Country</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7 Garnet Rogers Concert</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>7:45 Herndon English Country</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 Women's A Cappella Chorus</p> <p>7 Glen Echo Irish Dance</p> <p>7 Laurel Jam Session</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</p> <p>7:30 Swiss Folklore Group</p> <p>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY</p> <p>8 Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln)</p> <p>8 Alexandria Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Jonathan Byrd/Karen Mal Concert</p> <p>8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7 Folk Club of Reston-Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9 Annapolis Acoustic Jam</p> <p>2 CABOMA Jam</p> <p>4 FSGW SACRED HARP SINGING</p> <p>4 Lesbian & Gay Chorus Concert</p> <p>4 Alpine Dancers</p> <p>4 Baltimore Storyfolk</p> <p>7:30 FSGW SUNDAY CONTRA</p> <p>David Giusti with Black River Ironworks</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30 Bethesda International Dance</p> <p>7:30 Kensington Israeli Dance</p> <p>7:30 Lily Neill/Zan McLeod Concert</p> <p>8 Baltimore English Country</p> <p>8 Bethesda Scottish Country</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7:30 Folk Club of Reston-Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7 Women's A Capella Chorus</p> <p>7 Glen Echo Irish Dance</p> <p>7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women</p> <p>8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY</p> <p>8 Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln)</p> <p>8 Alexandria Scottish Country</p> <p>8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>32</p> <p>7 Gaithersburg Irish Ceili Dance</p> <p>7 Folk Club of Reston-Herndon Open Mic</p> <p>7:45 Arlington Circle Dance</p> <p>8 Greenbelt Scottish Country</p> <p>8 Arlington Int'l Folk Dance</p>

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THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
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Frederick Irish Session GLEN ECHO INTL FOLKDANCE Rockville Irish Set Dancing Levy Chase Intl Folk Dance Silver Spring Cajun Dance Vernon Intl Folk Dance Rocky Bottom Morris Men American Balalaika Symphony Thomas Kennedy Concert	7 Arlington Jam 7:30 Olney Songwriters Open Mic 7:30 Fairfax Story Time 8 Westside Café Concert 8:15 Greenbelt Intl Folk Dance 8:30 FSGW OPEN SING 8:30 Friday Night Contra 8:30 Gospel with Grit Concert	2 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP 8 Washington Swing Dance 8 Westside Café Concert 8 Cephas & Wiggins Concert 9:30 Karen Collins & Backroads Band
11	12	13
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18	19	20
Frederick Irish Session GLEN ECHO INTL FOLKDANCE Rockville Irish Set Dancing Levy Chase Intl Folk Dance Vernon Intl Folk Dance Rocky Bottom Morris Men American Balalaika Symphony Celtic Cross Concert Chantey Pub Sing/Annapolis	7:30 Olney Songwriters Open Mic 8 Glen Echo Swing Dance 8 Hot Soup Concert 8:15 Greenbelt Intl Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra 9 Karen Collins & Backroads Band	2 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 6:45 BFMS Mid-Winter Ball 7 Greenbelt Scandinavian Dance 8 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT ALLEN HOLMES AND ALISON RADCLIFFE 8 Lancaster, PA Contra 8 Bluemont Dance 8 Dawson Concert
25	26	27
Frederick Irish Session Greenbelt Songwriters Open Mic GLEN ECHO INTL FOLKDANCE Rockville Irish Set Dancing Levy Chase Intl Folk Dance Vernon Intl Folk Dance Rocky Bottom Morris Men American Balalaika Symphony	8 FSGW PROGRAM ADAM HURT / BETH HARKNESS TRAD. BANJO & FIDDLE MUSIC 8 Harrisburg, PA Contra 8 Open Mic at Potter's House 8:15 Greenbelt Intl Folk Dance 8:30 Friday Night Contra	10 Vienna Songwriter Exchange 1:30 McLean Hammer Dulcimer Jam 2 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 7:30 Lissa Schneckenburger Concert 8 Lesbian & Gay Chorus Concert 8 Frederick Contra 8:15 Greenbelt Israeli Dance

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has
 genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now.

-- Johann von Goethe

FSGW Advance Notice

Saturday, February 3

Noon-10:30 pm

ANNUAL MINI-FESTIVAL
 Takoma Park Middle School
 Takoma Park, MD

Friday, March 2 • 8 pm

WATERSON: CARTHY

Keeping it in the family, British style
 FSGW Special Event
 Location TBA

Saturday, March 10 • 8 pm

GEOFF KAUFMANN

Sea Songs from Connecticut
 FSGW House Concert
 Wallace's (Upper Marlboro, MD)

Tuesday, March 20 • 8 pm

BRYAN BOWERS

Autoharp virtuoso and More!
 FSGW Special Event
 Glen Echo Town Hall MD

Saturday, March 24 • 8 pm

SYNCOPATHS

FRESH TAKE ON CELTIC MUSIC
 FSGW House Concert
 Helbrecht's (Alexandria, VA)

March 31-April 1, 2007

**POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP
 SINGING CONVENTION**

April 13-15, 2007

**25TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE
 DANCE WEEKEND**
 Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

June 2 & 3, 2007

**27TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON
 FOLK FESTIVAL**
 Glen Echo Park, MD

Wednesday, June 20 • 8 pm

**SARA GREY AND KIERON
 MEANS**

American & British Traditional
 FSGW House Concert
 Cooks' (Laurel, MD)

November 2-5,

43RD ANNUAL GETAWAY
 West River Retreat Center,
 Edgewater, MD

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Driving & Mass Transit Directions to Frequent Venues:

Glen Echo Park, MD
Spanish Ballroom/Bumper Car Pavilion
7300 MacArthur Blvd. At Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD

The Bumper Car Pavilion is located just past and to the right of the Carousel. The Spanish Ballroom is to the right of the Bumper Car Pavilion.

FROM THE BELTWAY:

Maryland Side: at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for the Cabin John Parkway. Where Cabin John merges with the Clara Barton Parkway, 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. The Upper parking lot is on the left. For the 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 last dance ends. Ask the dance coordinator to announce that 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 Park at 301-320-2330 after 3 pm for possible cancellation if the Park closes.*

Glen Echo Town Hall
6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD:

Same as for Glen Echo Park, save that Harvard Street is the THIRD left off of MacArthur Blvd. After the traffic circle.

PLEASE NOTE: Park in the lot behind the hall, on University Drive, or on the east side of MacArthur Blvd, **NOT** on Harvard St.

Washington Ethical Society (WES) Auditorium,
7750 16th St. NW, DC 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 Ave. South exit (29 south). Stay in either right line. Go .4 miles from the exit ramp, going south on 16th St. South. Follow 16th Street past the light at East-West Highway (Rt. 410); go straight at the circle at the DC/MD line. Kalmia Rd. is the second light after the DC/MD line. WES is the second building on the right after Kalmia Rd. Parking is on Kalmia or 16th St.

BY METRO: Red Line to Silver Spring Stop. Walk south on Rt. 29 Colesville Rd. to the traffic circle at 16th – go left down 16th four blocks to Kalmia Rd. and WES. If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metro Bus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd. and 16th.

*Dances continued**Celtic/Irish***Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Gaithersburg, MD**
Tuesdays • 7-9:30 pm

The **Ring of Kerry Dancers** (a non-profit club) conducts Irish ceili and set dance instruction. 7 to 8 (Beginners) and 8:15 to 9:30 (Advanced), starting September 5. At Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive. Adults and children (8 and up), are welcome. \$35 per semester. **Info: Marilyn O'Brien at 301-926-6943.**

Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Glen Echo, MD
Wednesdays • 7-9:30 pm

In the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Beginners 7-8:15, Intermediate 8:15-9:30. Instructors: **Ann Marie Breheny, Jim Keenan, Dick de Freyre.** \$45 + \$10 registration fee for each session. Winter Session: Jan. 3 thru Mar 21. **Info: 301-977-7951.**

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

At the Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Rd. Beginners' Orientation 7:30-8:00, Class 8-9:30. Cost is in form of a \$30 donation to Frost Center School each semester (12 classes). Sponsored by **Greater Washington Ceili Club** (non-profit). **Info: Paul O'Donnell 301-649-6410.**

2nd Saturday Ceili • Fairfax, VA
Saturday, January 13 • 7:30-11 pm

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) sponsors this dance at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. **The Bog Wanderers Ceili Band** plays. Beginner class at 7. Free tea, coffee, sodabread. Members \$12, non-members \$15, 18 or younger ½ price. **Info: www.ccepotomac.org or Kendra Swann 703-490-5207.**

Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Fairfax, VA
Saturdays • 10:30 am-12 pm

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) sponsors set and ceili dance classes held at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. September 9 through May 2007. **Info: Larry Frank at 703-281-0910 or lfrank2@earthlink.net.**

*International**Mondays***Bethesda International Folk Dancers • Bethesda, 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 \$6. Bring refreshments to share. Leland Community

Center, 4301 Willow Lane. When Montgomery County schools are closed, classes meet at the Women's Club of Bethesda. **Recorded info message: 301-871-8788, diamonddancecircle@comcast.net, www.diamonddancecircle.com.**

*Tuesdays***Circle Dance • Arlington, VA**
Tuesdays • 7:45-9:45 pm

Circle dances draw on the traditions of many cultures, including Balkan, Greek, and Rom. 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 • Arlington, VA
Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Folk Dance for fun! Key Elementary School, off Veitch St., between Wilson and Key near Courthouse Road Metro. Admission \$5. Recorded music, instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Singles welcome, all ages or levels of expertise. Holiday Party Dec. 12, 7-10 pm. **Info: Sam or Sarah 703-527-8998 or sstulberg@earthlink.net.**

*Thursdays***The FSGW Glen Echo Folkdancers**
See listing on page 4.**Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers • Washington, DC**
Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, (at McKinley St.). 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, followed by requests, walk-throughs, advanced instruction. Join a friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor. Donation \$2.50. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. **Info: 703-780-2393 or kkgogh@aol.com.**

*Fridays***Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • Greenbelt, MD**
Fridays • 8:15-10:45 pm

Focusing on dances from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Teaching from 8:15 to 9, request dancing 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music, 1st Fridays frequently feature

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live music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (beautiful wooden floor!), 15 Crescent Rd. Admission \$7, \$10 on 1st Fridays with live music. **Info: Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com or John Robinson 410-715-9210.**

Saturday**Circle Dance • Burke, VA****Saturday, January 13 • 8-10:30 pm**

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

*Israeli***Israeli Dancing • Kensington, MD****Mondays • 7:30–11 pm**

At Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Avenue. Circle dances 7:30–9:30, couple dances 9:30–11. Admission \$7, students \$5; free for high school students through Dec. 2006. **Info: Moshany, 240-350-3110, maspro@verizon.net, www.ijdj.net.**

Israeli Dancing • Potomac, MD**Wednesdays • 8:15–10 pm**

Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd. (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, January 27 • 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**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 • Takoma Park, MD****Sunday, January 7 • 12 pm**

Special class on dances from Telemark by **Arna Desser**, visiting from her new home in Oslo. Norwegian springars are quite different from the familiar Swedish hambo. Mesmerizing live music by hostess **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle, w/4 or 5 sympathetic strings located underneath the bowed strings (see www.hfaa.org). Please bring clean shoes for dancing, food to share, and a little money to chip in. Potluck brunch at noon, class/dance at 1 pm. No need to bring a partner. Beginners welcome. Host: **Loretta Kelley**, 6807 Westmoreland Ave, 301-270-4925. **Info/directions: Jenny, pi@xecu.net or 301-371-4312.**

Scandinavian Dance Party • Greenbelt, MD**Saturday, January 20 • 7-10 pm**

Scandia DC sponsors this third Saturday dance featuring live fiddle music by **Göran Olsson** and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag with some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8 pm: Gammalvånster från Oviken - a beautiful Swedish dance with both forward and backward turns from the Jämtland region where our featured fiddler is from. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) 15 Crescent Rd. \$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**

Dances all year round at the Greenbelt Community Center. **Info: www.rscds-greaterdc.org or Bob Cameron at rbcthescot@yahoo.com or 202-321-7718.**

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA**Wednesdays • 8-9:45 pm**

The Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. **Info: Carol Porter, 703-379-5779 or nova-secretary@rscds-greaterdc.org.**

*Dances continued**Square***Hot Squares • College Park, MD****Tuesday, January 9 • 8:30–11 pm**

Hot squares called by **Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith** and **Susan Taylor** with music by **A.P. and the Banty Roosters**. **Cherry Hill RV Park** Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd. Admission \$8. Refreshments to share are welcome. **Info: 410-268-0231 or 301-762-2231 or www.hot Squares.info.**

*Waltz/Ballroom/Swing/Cajun***Cajun Dance and Concert Series • Silver Spring****Thursday, January 4 • 7:30-10:30 pm**

Squeeze Bayou with **Brian Simms** will perform at **Los Arrieros Restaurant & Night Club**, 7926 Georgia Ave. Parking in rear lot off Blair Rd. and on Georgia Ave. The restaurant specializes in Dominican, Colombian, and Mexican Cuisines. \$10. Dance lesson during the break/ no partner or dance experience necessary. Come to eat and drink, dance, or just listen. **Info: 301-585-8813.**

Washington Swing Dance Committee • Glen Echo, MD**Saturday, January 6 • 8 pm–12 am**

Music by **Big Joe and the Dynafloes**. No partner or dance experience necessary. All ages welcome. Introductory lesson from 8 to 9. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Admission \$12. **Info: 301-340-9732, wsdcswnings@yahoo.com or www.wsdc.org.**

Sunday Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD**Sundays, January 7 and 21 • 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 with a half-hour introductory Waltz lesson followed by 2½ hours of social dancing. Admission \$8. **Info: www.WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222.**

January**7 Avant Gardeners****21 TBA – please check website****Swing Dance with Blue Sky 5 + 2 • Glen Echo, MD****Saturday, January 13 • 8 pm–12 am**

This local jazz combo plays the music that made Swing popular: Basie, Ellington, Goodman, etc., plus original works that evoke the heyday of Swing! **Marc Shepanek** and **Ellen Engle** (a.k.a. **Flying Feet Enterprises**) teach a dance lesson from 8–9 pm, followed by dancing to the fabulous **Blue Sky 5** (plus 2 special guests) from 9 to Midnight. Fight those post-holiday blahs with the best music and dancing this side of the Mississippi! \$13. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. **Info: www.flyingfeet.org or 301-299-8728.**

1920s and '30s Tea Dance • Glen Echo, MD**Sunday, January 14 • 3-6 pm**

Marc Shepanek and **Ellen Engle**, AKA Flying Feet Enterprises, present the music of the roaring 1920s and sophisticated 1930s by the **LaSalle Dance Orchestra**. You'll surprise yourself with how much fun you'll have being Fred and Ginger for a day! 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 is 3-3:30 (participants choose what dance they want the lesson to be), followed by dancing from 3:30-6. Admission \$8. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. **Info: www.flyingfeet.org or 301-299-8728.**

*Dance Classes***Tuesdays****Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD**

Frequently some live Swedish fiddle music and teaching by **Göran Ohlsson**. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Air-conditioned. **Info: Lisa Brooks at 240-731-1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.**

Beginning Class • Tuesdays, January 9 & 23 • 7:30-9:30 pm

Learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zweifacher and other couple turning dances. Some Hambo is done every time. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome.

**Advanced Class • Tuesdays, January 16 & 30 • 7:30-9:30 pm**

Learn dances from Boda, Orsa, Rättvick, Follinge, Viksta, Varnas, Telemark, and Valdres, as well as others, including your requests. Singles, couples, and intermediate and advanced dancers welcome.

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 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop (also need ID). See a map at www.HamboDC.org.

SEAN-NÓS ("Old Style") Irish Dance • Washington, DC**Tuesdays • 7:30- 8:30 pm**

Sean-nós Irish Dance is a battering style dance, done close to the floor, and characterized by a playful performance quality and loose upper body. Dancers are encouraged to develop a keen musicality and their own individual style. Any shoe that makes noise

Dance Classes continued

appropriate, no taps please. All levels welcome. Live musicians will be provided. 9 week session, \$100 beginning on October 17. St. James Church, 222 8th Street NE. **Info: Shannon Dunne, sbdunne@gmail.com, or 202-338-1949.**

Wednesdays**Lindy Hop Routine • Beltsville, MD****Wednesdays, January 3 – 31 • 8–9 pm**

For Intermediate level Lindy dancers, learn how a routine strengthens your understanding of the dance and adds footwork, styling and ideas to improve your social dance improvisations. This routine includes variations to the Lindy swingout, jazz steps and Charleston. \$12/class or \$55 for all 5 classes. Tuition includes social dancing until midnight to DJ Mike Marcotte. At K2 Dance Studio, Sunrise Plaza, 10800 E. Rhode Island Avenue. **Info: www.dancedc.com.**

*Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation***Listed by day of the week****Saturdays****Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Washington, DC****Saturdays • 2 pm**

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday afternoon. All skill levels welcome. 2007 Bunkerhill Road, NE. **Info/confirmation: 202-526-7539 or www.acousticblues.com.**

Songwriters Open Mic • Springfield, VA**2nd Saturdays • 7:30-10:45 pm**

At Kings Park Community Room (next to Cricket Box gift shop), Kings Park Shopping Center at the intersection of Braddock, Rolling and Burke Lake Rds. Originals encouraged. Signups at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. **Info: Jim Johnson at 703-913-7408, jimjohnson@verizon.net or www.saw.org.**

Hammer Dulcimer Jam • McLean, VA**Saturday, January 27 • 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.**

Songwriter Exchange • Vienna, VA**4th Saturdays • 10 am-12:30 pm**

Bring your original song or portion of a song to share for friendly peer feedback. A song is not required to participate. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East (www.jamminjava.com). **Info/directions: Paige Powell 703-671-4131, www.saw.org.**

Sundays**Slow Blues Dancing • Glen Echo, MD****Sundays, January 14 and 28 • 7-11 pm**

Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte offer ideas for you to dance to those slow, bluesy tunes and enjoy a Blues practice dance each night after the class. Each Sunday night is "drop-in," with different concepts each night to refine your technique of leading or following. No partner required. Class from 7–8:30 pm, dance to DJ music until 11 pm. \$14 lesson and dance; \$6 dance only; pay at the door. At the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue. **Info: www.dancedc.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. **Info: http://dcscottishsession.blogspot.com/ or contact Peter Walker at boghadubh@gmail.com.**

Black Book Singers of DC • Washington, DC**1st Sundays • 7 pm**

Black Book Singers of DC invite all voices to sing sacred and secular music of the Renaissance. Some slight reading skills needed. Recreational sing monthly on the first Sunday eve near Van Ness Metro. **Info: jgildemeister@cs.com.**

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.**

Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD**Sundays • 9 am-Noon**

Indoors at The Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. **Info: phyllis@saroffillustration.com.**

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club**Sunday, January 21**

Meeting at the Fiddle Retreat in Harpers Ferry, WV (see Workshops section). Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club is for anyone interested in Scottish music! Monthly meetings (Oct.-May), usually 2nd Sunday, start with workshop at 2:30 led by **Elke Baker**, potluck

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation continued

supper and evening jam session. All instruments and levels welcome. D.C. area, location varies monthly; call/e-mail for location (Elke: 301-854-9161, Becky: BeckyRoss@PeatAndBarley.com). Info: www.PeatAndBarley.com/pvsfc.html.

Dupont Music Circle • Alexandria, VA
Sunday, January 21 • 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 Education Center. 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.

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD
2 Mondays/Month

Informal singing group meets twice monthly in Takoma Park to sing village songs of the Balkan region. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya@partan.com or Joan at 202-363-6197.

Tuesdays

Monthly Children's Irish Music Session • Silver Spring, MD
1st Tuesdays • 6:30-7:75 pm

No meeting this month. Info/music booklet: <http://karenashbrook.com>.

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 Reston/Herndon • Herndon, VA
Tuesdays • 7:30 pm

At the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street. Open mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free environment. Info: www.restonherndonfolkclub.com, 703-689-0444.



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 Chesapeake Center, 194 Hammonds Lane in Brooklyn Park, MD. Call 800-856-9868, hcmcsueg@comcast.net or 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@zapp.org.

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 • Alexandria, 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 Hermitage in Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Avenue. Info: www.balalaika.biz or 703-248-8199.

Irish Traditional/Bluegrass Music Sessions • Frederick, MD
Thursdays • 7 and 8:30 pm

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

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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**

Songwriters Open Mic • Greenbelt, MD
4th Thursdays • 7-9 pm

At the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway/Roosevelt Center. Originals encouraged. Signups at 6:30 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. **Info: 301-474-5642 or www.saw.org.**

Fridays

Songwriters Open Mic • Olney, MD
1st & 3rd Fridays • 7:30-10 pm

At Caribou Coffee in Olney Village Mart Center, 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive. Originals only. Signups at 7 pm. Hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. **Info: contact SAW at 301-654-8434, www.saw.org, or Caribou Coffee at 301-570-0909.**

Arlington Jam! • VA
1st Fridays • 7-10:30 pm

See Wednesday listing.

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD
Friday, January 12 • 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. Find recordings, tunebook names and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at www.openbandonline.com. The site works best using iTunes on a PC or a Mac. **Info: www.fridaynightdance.org.**

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

Both spoken word and music. Homemade dinner & desserts served starting at 7. At The Potter's House 1658 Columbia Road NW. \$10 suggested donation. **Info: www.PottersHouseDC.org.** Metro: Green Line to Columbia Heights.

Storytelling

Kensington Row Story Salon • Kensington, MD
Wednesday, January 3 • 7:30 pm

Kensington Row Story Salon presents **Margaret and Ralph Chatham**, showing storytelling is not just for kids. Free, limited seating, open mic follows. Kensington Row Book Shop, 3786 Howard Ave. **Reservations: 301-951-1213. Info: http://argyleroad.blogspot.com. Directions: www.kensingtonrowbookshop.com.**

Stories to Chill Your Bones/Warm Your Heart • Fairfax, VA
Friday, January 5 • 7:30 pm

First Fridays at Old Town Hall (3999 University Drive) presents Stories to Chill Your Bones/Stories to Warm Your Heart, told by **Margaret Chatham, Penelope Fleming, Bob Rovinsky, and Ellouise Schoettler.** Free. **Info: www.fairfaxva.gov.**

Speakeasy DC • Washington, DC
Tuesday, January 9 • 7 pm

January's speakeasy theme is "Forbidden Fruit: Stories About Things We Shouldn't Have Done, Said,

Thought, Touched or Tasted." Admission \$5. HR-57 sells beer, wine and some food. Sign up for the open mic on their website. Open mic stories are strictly limited to 7 minutes and must incorporate the theme. At HR-57, 1610 14th St, NW. **Info: www.speakeasydc.org.**

Baltimore Folk Music Society: 4th at 4 Storyfolk • Towson, MD

Sunday, January 28 • 4-6 pm

Join the BFMS monthly story swap group on the fourth Sunday of every month from January to October. All ages and abilities are welcome! You will find a warm and supportive audience for your stories. Performance and workshops are also planned. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. We encourage you to RSVP so that we don't inadvertently lock you out. At Towson Unitarian Church, 1710 Dulaney Valley Rd, 1 mi N of Baltimore Beltway Exit 27. Wheel chair accessible. **Info: Diane 410-321-8419, Barbara 410-252-1438 or www.bfms.org.**



Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

Introduction to Playing Appalachian Fiddle • Baltimore, MD January 4, 8, 11 and 22 • 5:30–6:30 pm

An Introduction to playing Appalachian fiddle with **Ken Kolodner**. Johns Hopkins Intersession, Sherwood Room, Levering Union, Johns Hopkins University Campus. \$50 if have an instrument; \$65 if no instrument. **Info: Ken Kolodner at 410-243-7254 kenkolodner@aol.com or call JHU at 410-516-7428 or 410-516-4842 or <http://www.jhu.edu/intersession/enrich/>.**

Introduction to Playing the Hammered Dulcimer • Baltimore, MD

Jan 4, 8, 11 and 22 • 7–8 pm

An Introduction to playing the hammered dulcimer with **Ken Kolodner**. Johns Hopkins Intersession, Sherwood Room, Levering Union, Johns Hopkins University Campus. \$50 if you have an instrument; \$65 if no instrument. **Info: Ken Kolodner at 410-243-7254 kenkolodner@aol.com or call JHU at 410-516-7428 or 410-516-4842 or <http://www.jhu.edu/intersession/enrich/>.**

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend • Harpers Ferry, WV January 5-7, 2007

Weekend workshop for players of bellows blown bagpipes, fiddle, flute and other instruments in a rustic, retreat setting at the Historic Hilltop House Hotel. Instructors include **Jerry O'Sullivan** (uilleann pipes), **Bob Mitchell** (Scottish Smallpipes), **Ian Lawther** (Northumbrian and Border pipes), **Chris Norman** (flute) and **John Knowles** (fiddle). **Info: Joanie Blanton 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net or www.squeezethebag.info.**

Mandolin Workshop with Orrin Star • Cheverly, MD Saturday, January 6 • 12-2 pm

"Deciphering the Fretboard." In order to play songs in various keys and positions you need to create your own mental map of the mandolin's fretboard. Using mini-chords (double-stops) and the tune Silent Night, this workshop will jump-start your understanding of the neck and introduce you to the essential technique of tremolo. For novice through intermediate players. Includes written hand-outs and costs \$40. **Info: www.orrinstar.com/Pages/MandoShops.html, orhay@aol.com or 301-773-6149.**

Iliana Bozhanova Bulgarian Dance Workshop • Greenbelt, MD Friday, January 19 • 8–11 pm

Iliana Bozhanova, from Bulgaria, is a highly respected and talented Bulgarian dance researcher, folklorist and thoroughly entertaining dance teacher. Couple that with her beautiful dancing and singing and you have a person, and event, that you'll not want to miss. Whether you are new to Bulgarian traditional folk dance or have been dancing for years, the richness of her knowledge has something for everyone. Immediately

after the workshop session, **Lyuti Chushki**, a traditional Bulgarian folk band, will play for dancing and listening pleasure. No partner needed. Cost \$15. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (great wooden floor!), 15 Crescent Rd. **Info: Larry Weiner 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com or <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/weiner.larry/FridayDance.htm>.**

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat • Harpers Ferry, WV January 20-21, 2007

Workshops, classes, jam sessions and a contra dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of fiddle styles are presented by some of the region's finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles. Instructors include **Elke Baker** (Scottish), **Amy Cann** (New England, French), **Tina Chancey** (medieval, renaissance), **Joe DeZarn** (Irish), **Joe Herrman** (old time), **Andrea Hoag** (Scandinavian), **Ellen Jacobs** (Folk Fiddle Basics), and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixed instrument classes). **Info: Joanie Blanton 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net or www.fiddleretreat.info.**

26th Annual BFMS Mid-Winter Ball • Towson, MD Saturday, January 20 • 6:45 pm

The 2007 BFMS Mid-Winter Ball, Une Soirée au Moulin Rouge, is coming soon! The ball will feature the incredible calling talents of **Susan Kevra**, teamed with the energetic music of **The Moving Violations**. The Chesapeake Room at Towson University will be transformed into the elegant but wild Moulin Rouge, a dance club for the ages. Reception 6:45 pm, Grande Marche at 7:15. Tickets (\$18 Members/affiliates; \$22/others before Jan. 1, \$22 Members/affiliates; \$28/others after Jan. 1) available at most BFMS events, by mail, or online at www.bfms.org. **Info: midwinter@bfms.org or 410-433-4419.**

New England Fiddle Workshop • Harrisburg, PA Saturday, January 27 • 3–5 pm

Lissa Schneckenburger will lead a workshop covering the basics of New England-style fiddling for intermediate violinists. Participants should bring their violins and a tape recorder. At Stage Two Underground, Whitaker Center, 222 Market Street, Harrisburg. Admission \$16, \$14 Seniors (65 and over) and Kids (12 and under), \$12 Susquehanna Folk Music Society Members. **Tickets at the Box (717-214-2787) or via www.sfmsfolk.org.**

Mandolin Workshop with Orrin Star • Cheverly, MD Saturday, February 3 • 12-2 pm

"Ashokan Farewell" is a sublime waltz whose haunting melody is a perfect tremolo vehicle and whose exotic yet accessible chord structure is very gratifying to play. You'll learn both the lead and rhythm in this workshop. For novice through intermediate players. Includes written hand-outs and costs \$40. **Info: www.orrinstar.com**

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Balkan Brothers Music Workshops/Concert • Silver Spring, MD

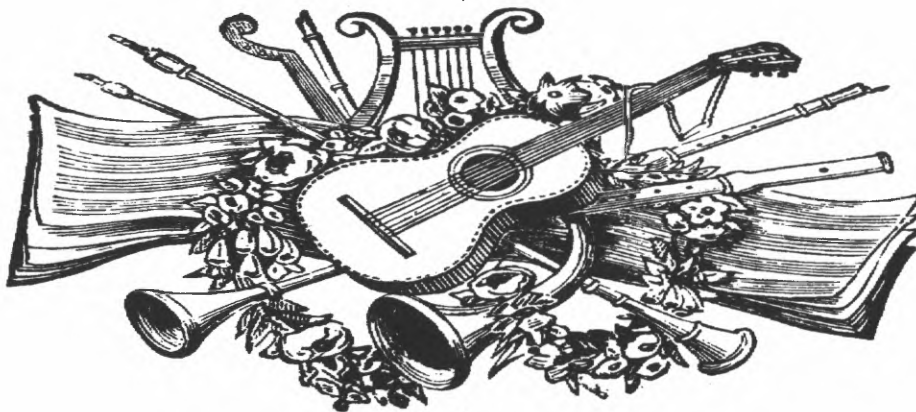
Saturday, February 10

Classes offered include Beginning Darabuka technique, Balkan/Romani style - 11 am-12 pm (\$15/advance, \$20/door); Intermediate/Advanced Balkan/Romani Darabuka technique - 12-2 pm (\$30/advance, \$40/door); Intermediate/Advanced Accordion class - 2-4 pm (\$30/advance, \$40/door). At Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, 10309 New Hampshire Ave. Evening concert, "Improvisations," at 7:30 pm. The Daring Dynamic Duo returns to perform Balkanized Music from everywhere and beyond, with an emphasis on the Oriental art of Taxim. Bring your dancing shoes as this event is part concert, part open dance! Tickets: \$20/Adult, \$10/Children 6-12, Children under 6 are free. Tickets available in advance or at the door. **Info: 571-332-4865, www.raks-n-rhythms.com, or kostanadancer@yahoo.com.**

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FSGW Annual Mini Festival Saturday, February 5, 2007

Planning has started for the Saturday, February 5, FSGW Annual Mini-Fest at Takoma Park Middle School. If you are interested in helping in any way, or would like to perform during the afternoon, please let us know by email: minifest@fsgw.org.

From 12 noon to 6 pm will be multiple rooms of Workshops, Sing-a-Longs, Mini Concerts, Storytelling and TWO rooms of Dance!
In the evening there will be a concert and a dance running at the same time!

Look for more information on the Mini in the February Newsletters.



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