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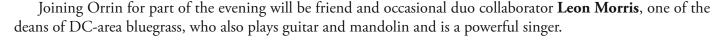
Orrin Star An Evening of Folk, Bluegrass & Humor

With Special Guest Leon Morris Saturday, May 18, 8 pm

Orrin Star is an award-winning guitarist and mandolin player who combines hot picking, cool singing and good humor. Now in his 36th year as a full-time performer, Orrin has been a National Flatpicking Champion, has appeared on A Prairie Home Companion, and boasts a repertoire ranging from bluegrass standards to little-known folk gems, Celtic fiddle tunes to fingerstyle blues. He has been described as "Arlo Guthrie-meets-Doc Watson" (and once got a fortune cookie saying "You will be successful in any gathering.")

A Maryland resident since 2004, Orrin has been active in the area's contradance scene (as a dancer, a performer,

and sound man) and has appeared a number of times at the Washington Folk Festival. This FSGW show will be his first DC-area performance of 2013.



At the Washington Revels Space, 531 Dale Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Free to FSGW members/\$15 nonmembers. Info and reservations, Betsy at glen.echo@erols.com. 301.717.4641.



Inside: 33rd Annual Washington Folk Festival Frank London's Klezmer Brass All-Stars' Klezmer-Bhangra Extravaganza **Annual Washington Spring Ball**

Roxanne Watts, editor

Frank London's Klezmer Brass All-Stars' Klezmer-Bhangra Extravaganza Featuring Deep Singh Tuesday, May 7 • 7:30 pm



Indian and Jewish music collide! Trumpeter **Frank London** of the *Klezmatics* joins master percussionist **Deep Singh** to present a new look at old traditions. The connection between Jewish and Indian culture is a long one, with roots stretching back to biblical times. The concert will explore both the ecstatic and the meditative aspects of Jewish and Indian music, and will feature songs by Malkit Singh and Moyshe Oysher. Songs will be sung in Yiddish, Punjabi, Hebrew, Hindi, and English.

The All-Stars:

Master Indian percussionist **Deep Singh** has played with everyone from the legendary Punjab singer **Malkit Singh** to British superstar **Sting**. **Manu Narayan** sang the part of the Badkhn in Frank London's Jewish rock opera, *A Night in the Old Marketplace*, was the lead in *Bombay Dreams* on Broadway and co-starred in Mike Myers' *Love Guru*. **Jeremiah Lockwood**, leader and singer of the *Sway Machinery*, is a guitarist with *Balkan Beat Box* and So*ngs of Zebulon*. **Sarah Gordon** is the lead singer of the prog-ethnic band, *Yiddish Princess*.

This event is an offering of the 14th annual Jewish Music Festival, co-sponsored with the DC Jewish Community Center, The Embassy of India and Institute of Musical Traditions; Washington DCJCC, at 1529 16th Street NW, Washington, DC. Admission to the general public is \$25 / \$20 for FSGW and JCC members. Reservations are recommended; tickets may be purchased directly from the DCJCC at http://washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/music/wjmf/2013-wjmf/buy-tickets-1.html, 202-518-9400.

Adult auditions for the Christmas Revels Friday and Saturday, May 17-18 Be part a spectacular holiday tradition!

Seen by over 10,000 people each December, Washington Revels' flagship production, *The Christmas Revels*, is a colorful pageant that celebrates the Winter Solstice and the return of sun and light after the "shortest day." It draws on traditions and rituals from many lands and peoples—medieval, Renaissance and Victorian English, French, Russian, Roma (Gypsy), African-American, Scandinavian, American Appalachian, Native American, Renaissance Italian, Québécois, medieval Andalusian (Sephardic and Arabic as well as Spanish) and more—and from different eras.

While Revels uses a number of professional performers in its productions, its volunteer choruses - adults, teens and children - are at its core. We value the presence of new faces in our choruses every year. We also look for a variety of ages, ancestries, sizes and personalities to create a realistic "village" on stage. People of diverse cultural backgrounds are encouraged to audition. The ability to read music is helpful but not required. www.revelsdc.org

33rd Annual Washington Folk Festival Safurday and Sunday, June 1 and 2 Noon to 7 pm, Glen Echo Park, Rain or Shine

The Washington Folk Festival is the Folklore Society's most ambitious annual event and features over 450 of the best traditional musicians, storytellers, dancers and craftspeople from the Greater Washington Area. The festival has as its mission to showcase the rich diversity of traditional culture that is found in our Greater Washington Area. The festival includes five stages simultaneously presenting music and dance for a total of nearly 70 hours of live performance. It also provides a lively storytelling stage, dance workshops in the Spanish Ballroom, a craft marketplace in the old Bumper Car Pavilion,

periodic street performances, a pipe band parade and many spontaneous picking sessions in

Glen Echo's pick nick grove.

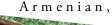
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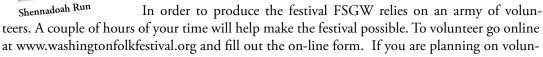
On the bill for this year's festival is a great of mix of long time favorites and new additions. Returning festival mainstays include: OCEAN, Speedy Tolliver, Little Bit a Blues, Flory Jagoda, Sunshine Skiffle Band, Lilt, Furia Flamenca, Blue Panamuse, KanKouran, and Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance. Among the new



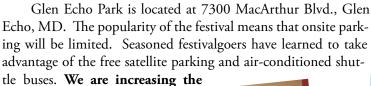
performers are the Akoma Drummers, Billy Thompson Band, Son Cosita Seria, Shenandoah Run, Ein Lanu Z'man, School Street Ramblers, Vladmir Fridkin, Niavi, and Mark Rooney Taiko School. 2013 Storytellers include Bill Mayhew, Ariana Ross, Charles Bearfighter Reddoor, and Janice Curtis Greene.

The Spanish Ballroom will feature workshops in Klezmer, English Ceilidh, Hawaiian, and Irish dancing. Showcases centered around instruments or themes are among the most popular elements of the festival. In 2013, showcases feature Hank Williams songs, concertinas, a tribute to storyteller Diane Wolkstein, and unusual ways the mouth is used to make music.





teering do the volunteer coordinator a big favor and get your form in during the first week in May.





The New Sunshine Skiffle Band

number of buses in response to the increased

ridership. Satellite parking is available at the GEICO Parking Lot at 5260 Western Avenue Ave Chevy Chase, MD, just two blocks from Friendship Heights Metro. Visit the festival website for details. The full 2013 program schedule will be posted online in early May.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents the 27th Annual



Washington Spring Ball

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD



Music by: Trio Con Brio: Paul Oorts, Elke Baker, Jonathan Jensen



Practice Session, 2:30-4:30 p. m. at the Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Music by Colleen Reed (flute) and Becky Ross (fiddle)

Followed by: Potluck Dinner

Reception 7:00 p.m.



Dance 7:30-11:00 p.m.

The Program

After Dinner Maggot Impertinence The Pursuit Turning by Threes Apley House The Introduction The Queen's Jig Wakefield Hunt Cockle Shells Well Done Jack Jacob Hall's Jig **Rufty Tufty** Dunsmuir Waltz Noisette To Dance Divine Zephyrs and Flora Emperor of the Moon The Potter's Wheel A Trip to San Jose

Dances will be prompted for a few rounds, with no walk-throughs. Work scholarships are available. For more information, E-mail Roger at Registrar@bronord.com or Laura Schultz at laschultz@comcast.net

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<u> </u>	eck, payable to FSGW. Dance notations and directions to the conference center are available the main <u>Ball page</u> at http://www.bronord.com/ball2013/
Send registration to:	Roger Broseus, 10411 Farnham Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814-2219

KARPOUZITRIO



TRADITIONAL MUSIC FROM GREECE SUNDAY, MAY 19 3:30 PM

Karpouzi plays music on traditional instruments from the Greek mainland and islands. The band loves to play for dance parties and community celebrations, and always, even in concerts, invites the audience out of their seats and onto the dance floor! *Karpouzi* members are **Spyros Koliavasilis** (*vocals*, *oud*, *laouto*, *kemane*), **Margaret Loomis** (*santouri*) and **Len Newman** (*laouto*).

Spyros Koliavasilis is a passionate musician and *oud, bouzouki, saz, kemane, laouto* and *canto* teacher in the Washington D.C. area. Born in Greece, he

studied with the great masters of Eastern music. His studio is a place of local interest, not only because of his many workshops but also because he restores and exhibits old instruments of great beauty, value and variety.

Margaret Loomis first heard the magical sound of Greek *santouri* in 1983 at a Balkan music and dance camp in upstate New York. She began teaching herself to play from Greek recordings, with annual lessons from master player John Roussos. Margaret also enjoys occasional forays into Romanian music, inspired by the wonderful late Romanian fiddler, George Caba, and plays bunkula with the Resia Valley Girls.

Len Newman has loved Balkan traditional music and dance since his student days. He also performs with other ensembles, most notably Lyuti Chushki, playing the Bulgarian stringed instrument, tambura.

The Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington. D.C., 20003, which is one block from the Eastern Market Metro station.

Admission to the general public is \$15 / \$13 for FSGW members. Tickets may be purchased on the Hill Center website at **http://hillcenterdc.org/home/programs/995.** For the FSGW discount, enter the code "FSGWM". Tickets can also be obtained by calling the Hill Center at 202-549-4172, or may be purchased at the door, on a space-available basis.

For more information: Parker Jayne, 202-549-0744; Theadocia Austen 202-344-7044; or Hill Center, 202-549-4172



FSGW Sings/Swaps & Co-sponsored Events

FSGW OPEN SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD FRIDAY, MAY 3 • 8:30 PM

Doors open at 8 pm for socializing, networking and general kibitzing. **Grace Goodman** graciously hosts and has chosen "May" as the theme....as in Mayflower, May flowers, May the Force be with you, or wherever the May breezes take you. Contact **Grace** to RSVP at **301.279.7517**, or e-mail **grace.goodman@ferc.gov.** One block from the Takoma Park Middle School.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD Sunday, May 12 • 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. This month's Sing will be at the home of **Kathie Mack**. Info/directions: call **Kathie** at **301.270.5367**.

FSGW STORYSWAP • ALEXANDRIA, VA SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Debbie Griffin** for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. Call **703.379.2251**or email **griffintales@aol.com** for RSVPs and directions.

SACRED HARP SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, MAY 26 • 4–8 PM

Monthly on the fourth Sunday, singers enjoy the unaccompanied harmonies of the old-time shape-note hymns and fugues in the 1991 edition of the original and 1958 (loaner books available), with a potluck supper break from 6-7 pm. All are welcome. First Christian Church, 2723 King St. one mile west of the King St. Metro Station. Turn into the



the King St. Metro Station. Turn into the parking lot on the east (Old Town) side of the church and enter through the rear.

DOO WOP SING • HELD QUARTERLY

The next sing is probably in July. Do you like those classic harmonies from the 1950s and 1960s from groups such as the Platters, Lovin Spoonful, and Everly Brothers? Join us for our quarterly Doo Wop Sing! We will sing great songs such as Blue Moon, Sh-Boom, My Boyfriend's Back, and Monday, Monday. We'll start with a potluck dinner at 5:30 followed by a fun evening of singing at 6:30. Info: denelson22@gmail.com or 240.506.6569.

CO-SPONSORED

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS • MD THURSDAYS • 7:30–10:45 PM

Every Thursday at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr. (just west of the shopping center across from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dances from 9 to 10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner/experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Adm. \$5. Info: Jamie at 301.466.3018 or dancing planet@erols.com

DISCOVER YOUR TRUE VOICE! STUDY WITH CHARLES WILLIAMS.

"A true patron saint of the voice." - Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder of *Sweet Honey in the Rock*. All styles. Specialist in vocal technique and care of the mature voice. Convenient Alexandria, VA location. Info: www.charlesvoice.com or e-mail Charles. voice@verizon.net.

Share Your Home, Change the World

FSGW member seeks exceptional hosts for international exchange scholars on a highly selective U.S. State Department scholarship program! Look to internationalize your family and community by hosting a scholar who was chosen based on English language proficiency, leadership qualities, maturity and ability to adapt to a new cultural environment. Students are provided with health insurance and a stipend to cover school fees, books and personal expenses.

All family types (retirees, single adults, and families) in all types of communities (city, suburban, or rural) across the U.S., are encouraged to apply. The commitment is for a few months to a full academic year (approximately nine months).

The program's goal is to increase mutual understanding between the US and other countries through citizen diplomacy. The rewards are priceless and lifelong. Interested in contributing to this effort? There are many ways to do so! Perhaps you know someone who is interested? Contact Betsy at **achostfamilies@gmail.com** or **301.717.4641** to learn more about this volunteer opportunity.

FSGW Sunday Night Dances at Glen Echo Park, MD

Contras & Squares • 7:30-10:30 pm

Introductory lesson every Sunday, 7-7:30 pm

Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7. Come early for an introduction to the basic moves. Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. During the spring and summer, most Sunday dances are in the Bumper Car Pavilion, then move into the 1920s restored Spanish Ballroom in the fall and winter. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. Info: Penelope Weinberger, dance@fsgw.org

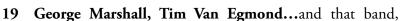
> ADMISSION: \$10 FOR FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, AND ATDS MEMBERS, \$5 AGES 7-22 (WITH STUDENT ID IF OVER 17) \$13 FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

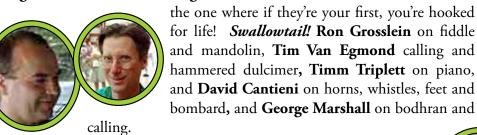
May

Will Mentor calling with Squirrel Hunters with Julie Metcalf on fiddle, Eric McDonald, guitar, and Stuart Kenney on bass and banjo. After this afternoon's Challenging Squares and Contras (see page 9 for details), have a bite to eat and stay for an evening of Squirrel **Hunters!** This great new ensemble of seasoned musicians will

have you dancing on the branches!

12 Warren Blier calls with AP and the Banty Roosters. Andy Porter on fiddle, Mark Lynch on mandolin, Joe Langley on guitar, Artie Abrams on bass. Warren Blier comes from the west coast to call.





April Blum calls with Ricochet. Rya Martin and Walter Hojka are back with their bubbly, infectious rhythms! This piano and fiddle duo will have you bouncing off the walls!



Need a ride from Glen Echo to the Metro Station or to points beyond? Hoping to hitch a ride to the next Sunday Night Dance? The FSGW ride-sharing program, pairing needy dancers with benevolent drivers, is up and running. For help, see the Dance Chair or the ticket salespeople before the dance or at the break.

FSGW English Country Dances at Glen Echo Town Hall, MD · Wednesdays · 8-10 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD 20812. Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians—every Wednesday a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, cello, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required. Info: Stephanie Smith at 301.229.3577 or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org

Admission: \$8 for FSGW members, \$10 for non-members.

May

- Tom Spilsbury calls to the 1 playing of Barbara Heitz Bruce (flute), **Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and Liz Donaldson (piano).

Joseph Pimentel leads the dances to the playing of Jeff Steinberg (fiddle), Karin Loya (cello), and Liz Donaldson (piano). 15 Melissa Running calls the dances to the music of David Knight (fiddle), Paul Oorts (mandolin), and Ralph Gordon (cello).



- 22 Martha Seigel calls while Anna Rain (recorders), Emily Aubrey (fiddle), and Melissa Running (piano) play the tunes.
 - Anna Rain leads the dancing while Becky Ross (fiddle), Susan Brandt (flute), and Ben Hobbs (piano) make the music



The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws:

"The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."

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Something Special Contra Sonic
Thursday, May 2nd • 8 PM
Alright, we made you wait long enough, all the details aren't finalized, but FSGW is planning a

Alright, we made you wait long enough, all the details aren't finalized, but FSGW is planning a BIG Contra Sonic dance in May (that's a Contra with club music, but this time...) we have **Will** "GROOVENTOR" Mentor calling a progressively challenging program, and **dJ improper** (Jeremiah Seligman) is cooking up a collaboration with some live brass (and woodwinds made of brass) including **Dave Casserly** on Saxophone. Michael Ferguson on trombone... a trumpet...Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom, 7900 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD

The Great American Square Dance Revival—Part XIX Saturday, May 4 • 8:30-11:30 pm

FSGW's DC Square Dance Collective presents another amazing traditional Appalachian Square Dance. **Tom Hinds** calls the figures to music by *The Squirrel Hunters* (Julie Metcalf - fiddle, Eric MacDonald - guitar, and Stuart Kenny - bass & banjo) from MA. Come see what it's all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin' Saturday night. All are welcome—young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. Location: Saint Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington DC, near the Columbia Heights Metro. \$5 at the door. More info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com

Challenging Contras and Squares Sunday, May 5 • 3 –6 pm Will Mentor and the Squirrel Hunters provide an afternoon of interesting and fun figures. Go on out to eat after,

Will Mentor and the *Squirrel Hunters* provide an afternoon of interesting and fun figures. Go on out to eat after, or bring a picnic to the park, then come to the Sunday Night Dance. To be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Cost is \$13/10 FSGW members/\$5 students.

Silver Spring Community Dance
Thursday May 9, 7-10 pm
The second in a new series of dances to be held on second Thursdays at the Silver Spring Civic Center One Veter-

The second in a new series of dances to be held on second Thursdays at the Silver Spring Civic Center One Veteran's Plaza, at Fenton and Elsworth Sts, in downtown Silver Spring. Music this month by **Andrea Hoag, Charlie Pilzer** and special guest; Caller is **Laura Brown**. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW. Made possible in part by the Community Access Pilot Program. \$10, \$8 FSGW members, \$5 students and those without income. Info: **busygraham@gmail.com**, **301.466.0183.** www.CarpeDiemArts.org

Mother's Day Family Dance Sunday, May 12 · 3-5 pm

What does mom really want? She wants to go dancing! The annual Mother's Day Family Dance is always an excellent event. An accomplished caller will lead you and your wee ones through circles, line dances, contras and other fun social dances appropriate for all ages. The music is live and high energy! Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom Annex. \$5.

FSGW BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • APRIL 2, 2013

Present: President Mary Cliff, Vice President Sue McIver, Treasurer Richard Aigen, Publicity Chair Liz Milner, Publications Chair Roxanne Watts, Membership Chair RosieLee Salinas, Concerts Chair Betsy Platt, At-Large-Members Janie Meneely and Peter Maier. Guests: Dan Kahn Absent: Past Treasurer Jerry Stein, Dance Chair Penelope Weinberger and At-Large-Member Leslie Root

- Old Business: Audio Equipment—The board voted to approve a \$4000 contribution towards the purchase of audio equipment. The total cost will be \$9500, as researched by Al Taylor, Orrin Star, Jamie Platt and Stuart Barkley. Friday Night Dance will also contribute \$4000 and GEPPAC the remainder.
- **Treasurer:** Tax forms have been filed. The Glen Echo "Glimmer of Glass Gala" is May 18 and, as always, the Board will sponsor a table at the cost of \$2000.
- **Programs:** *Northern Harmony* free-to-members program plus workshop brought in \$800. Discussion ensued about new venues; their costs, location and accessibility. Washington Ethical Society is agreeable to booking an entire year of dates in advance.
- Publications/Website: We discussed how to best support the shape note singing communities in the area. Shape note singers were very active in founding FSGW in 1964, DC being one of the leaders in the Sacred Harp revival. Roxanne says the e-mail blast she composes and distributes won a Constant Contact award based on open rates, click-throughs, list growth, design and content.

- **Dance:** Penelope is out of town. Busy Graham of Carpe Diem Arts has requested FSGW co-sponsor her new 2nd Thursday Silver Spring Dance. Penelope agreed.
- **Membership:** RoseLee suggested making a greater effort to recruit new members at the Washington Folk Festival and Minifest, perhaps with contests, giveaways and drawing, and more announcements from the stage.
- **Publicity:** Liz reported on Razoo and other crowdfunding/social media sites. They recommend identifying a special need and developing a time-limited campaign around it. Do we have the resources to manage such a campaign? How will our members respond?
- **Capital Maritime Music Fest:** Janie presented a potential schedule and budget for the October 12, 2013 event. The Board voted to support the event.

The next meeting is May 7.



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FSGW BOARD MEETINGS TUESDAY, MAY 7 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW board meetings will be held in Classroom 201 Arcade Bldg 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 Mary Cliff by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings 703.534.7581

in advance of the meeting.

Concerts

ROD AND ANNIE CAPPS, WITH GUESTS: AARON NATHANS, MICHAEL RONSTADT ROCKVILLE, MD SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 8 PM

This is a house concert, please contact Cheryl at reserve@folkngreatmusic.org for info and directions. \$20/25

THE NIGHTHAWKS - LEESBURG, VA SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 8 PM

Legendary blues band. Tally Ho, 19 W Market St., Leesburg VA 20176. \$15/20 **Tallyholeesburg.com**

The Nighthawks will also be performing at several other venues in the DC/VA area during the moth of May. Check their website for full details: www.thenighthawks.com

DC LABOR CHORUS SPRING CONCERT NE WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 8 PM

"Each One, Teach One", Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 5301 N. Capitol St., \$20; can be purchased online at **www.LaborHeritage.org** or by calling **202-639-6204**. Proceeds from the concert will be shared with Mentors of Minorities in Education's Total Learning Cis-Tem.

OCEAN QUARTET MAY DAY FAIRY FESTIVAL IN GLEN ROCK, PA SUNDAY, MAY 5 • 12:30 AND 3:30 PM

OCEAN Quartet (Jennifer Cutting, Lisa Moscatiello, Steve Winick, Andrew Dodds) take their Celtic fusion cocktail to the U.S.'s oldest and largest Fairy Festival! Just over the Maryland border; lots to do for kids/adults alike. Gossamer Stage, Spoutwood Farm Center, 4255 Pierceville Rd. 17327. \$15–over 12; \$5–12 and under; \$2 if under two. Parking \$5 per car. http://www.spoutwood.org/fairie-festival

Karen Ashbrook/Paul Oorts Washington, DC Monday, May 6 • 6 pm

KAPO performs at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, NH Ave. and F St., NW, Free. **Kennedy-center.org**

RENO AND HARRELL • HERNDON, VA FRIDAY, MAY 10 • 8 PM - 10:30 PM

The sons of the late great Don Reno and Bill Harrell have joined forces to create a band playing the same phenomenal blugrass music that their fathers did in their time. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, \$12 for adults, children 12 and younger admitted free. Info: **Bob Thompson**, 703.435.8377 kd4fue2@verizon.net.

LONESOME HIGHWAY • HERNDON, VA SATURDAY, MAY 18 • 7:30-10 PM

Great traditional bluegrass music played by a magnificent bunch of musicians who know how to bring out all the emotion and drive inherent in each and every song. Some of the finest bluegrass music you'll ever hear. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, \$12 for adults, children 12 and younger admitted free. Info: Bob Thompson, 703.435.8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net.

OCEAN QUARTET • ELLICOTT CITY, MD FRIDAY, MAY 24 • 7 PM

New concert series! "Music at the Museum," featuring Celtic fusion group *OCEAN Quartet* (Jennifer Cutting, Lisa Moscatiello, Steve Winick, Andrew Dodds) with a special "Lusty Month of May" spring-themed concert. Howard County Historical Society Museum, 8328 Court Avenue. \$15 in advance, \$20/door (a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Historical Society). Info: 410-480-3250 or http://hchsmd.org/

JIMMY GAUDREAU AND MOONDI KLEIN HERNDON, VA SATURDAY, JUNE 1 • 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Two bluegrass masters together as a duo. Superb mandolinist and singer Jimmy Gaudreau and equally talented guitarist and singer Moondi Klein bring you a mixture of exquisite acoustic music from bluegrass to jazz. They have both had long outstanding careers in bluegrass music playing with many of the top bands of the genre. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, \$15 for adults, children 12 and younger admitted free. Info: Bob Thompson, 703.435.8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net.



OCEAN QUARTET • RACHEL CARSON MEADOW FESTIVAL IN SILVER SPRING, MD SUNDAY, JUNE 2 • 3:30–5 PM

Community environmental festival from 1 to 5 pm ends with OCEAN performance. Blessing Ceremony by the Green Man and Green Lady, and mass singing of Jennifer Cutting's original anthem, "Green Man." Music, food vendors, fun activities for all ages. 211 Southwood Ave., Info: http://www.nfcca.org

THE BARNS AT WOLF TRAP

1635 Trap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182, www.wolftrap.org

May

2 Patty Larkin, contemporary singer/songwriter/guitarist; \$22, 8 pm

WOLF TRAP FILENE CENTER

1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

May

- **24** *A Prairie Home Companion*: Garrison Keillor and guests; \$25-55, 8 pm
- **25** *A Prairie Home Companion:* Garrison Keillor and guests (live to radio); \$25-60; 5:45 pm

THE HAMILTON - NW WASHINGTON, DC

600 14th St. (14th & F) 20005; show times vary. Gospel Brunch Sunday at 10 am and 12:30 pm, \$30, www. thehamiltondc.com/live

May

- 4 *The SteelDrivers*, bluegrass, \$27.50/29.50, 8:30 pm
- **22** *Toots & the Maytals*, reggae legends + **Anders Osborne**, blues rock; \$51.50/59, 7:30 pm
- 23 Seryn, Texas folk-rock; \$17/19; 7:30 pm
- **29** *Joe Krown Trio*, New Orleans + *Royal Southern Brotherhood*; southern blues rock; \$25.50/27.50; 7:30 pm

Sundays

FOCUS ALEXANDRIA • ALEXANDRIA, VA

May 19—Don White. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria VA 22311; \$15/18 703.501.6061, kay@focusmusic.org, www.focusmusic.org

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! enul@starpower.net or 301.587.2286

Mondays

Institute of Musical Traditions ROCKVILLE, MD MONDAYS • 7:30 PM

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, 20852, **www.imtfolk.org**, or call 301.960.3655 for info.

May

- 13 RUNA—CD release of Somewhere Along the Road: Contemporary Celtic fusion of music from Ireland, Scotland, Canada, and the US. Tickets: \$18 advance, \$22 door, Students: \$14/\$18 door
- **20** *Vishtèn*—CD release of "Mozaïk": Acadian and Francophone Music from Prince Edward Island, Canada, featuring fiddle, guitar, accordion, harmonium, whistles, piano, bodhrán, jew's harp, moog, electric guitar and percussive dance. Tickets: \$20 advance, \$24 door; Students: \$16/\$20

Tuesdays

FOCUS ROCKVILLE • ROCKVILLE, MD TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Our home is at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. Concerts are usually the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. 100 Welsh Park Dr., 20850.

Admission \$18/15, **www.focus-music.org**, **301.275.7459**



May

14 Claudia Nygaard—affable storyteller, honey-voiced singer/songwriter

FOLK CLUB OF RESTON • HERNDON, VA TUESDAY, MAY 14 • 7:15 PM

Danny Schmidt & Carrie Elkin—Acclaimed Texasbased singer songwriters. Check the website for details at **www.restonherndonfolkclub.com** Tickets: DAHurdSr@ cs.com; \$11 members, \$12 non-members; Amphora Diner Deluxe, Doors open at 6. 1151 Elden St, Herndon, 20170

Thursdays

BALDWIN'S STATION • SYKESVILLE, MD THURSDAYS • 8 PM

7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. Accessible to people with disabilities. Info: **410.795.1041**, **www.uptownconcerts.com**, **or uptownconcerts@gmail.com**

May

- **2 Tom Prasada-Rao**—A virtual world music ensemble rolled into one guy, \$18
- 16 Garnet Rogers—"The greatest interpreter and vocalist performing in the contemporary folk scene." Sing Out. \$20

LIVE BLUES SERIES • SILVER SPRING, MD EVERY FIRST THURSDAY • 7–9 PM

Live Acoustic Blues at El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave., 20901. Cover \$5 includes a free drink. Please check the website or e-mail for into. **Takomadave@gmail.com**, www.elgolforestaurant.com

Fridays

CARROLL CAFÉ • WASHINGTON, DC FRIDAY MAY 10 • 7:30 PM

At Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St., NW near the Takoma Metro. Jennifer Cutting and the OCEAN Quartet—ancient ballads meet cutting-edge electronics. Bagpipes meet the Beatles. Grounded in Celtic musical tradition; powered by composer/arranger Jennifer Cutting, vocalist Lisa Moscatiello, assisted by Steve Winick and Andrew Dodds. Opening: Calico Jac —Janie Meneely and Paul DiBlasi \$15 suggested donation. Info: Jesse Palidofsky 301.562.4147 or 202.829.9882 night of show only. www.carrollcafe.org.

333 COFFEEHOUSE • ANNAPOLIS, MD FRIDAY, MAY 17 • 7:30 PM

Jody Kruskal & Paul Friedman—old-time fiddler and concertina player put a new spin on the old tunes. Note: This Coffeehouse has become a function of the Annapolis Traditional Dance Society, contradancers.com/atds. The Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Rd, off Bestgate Ave. Acoustic music. Dessert and coffee available in this smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Doors open at 7:30. \$10, \$8 for seniors/students. Info: 443.333.9613 or www.fsgw.org/333

GRACE GRIFFITH & LYNN HOLLYFIELD ANNAPOLIS, MD FRIDAY, MAY 24 • 7 & 9 PM (TWO SHOWS)

Folkie Friday, hosted by **Janie Meneely**, presents a variety of folk musicians on the fourth Friday of every month. **Grace Griffith** makes a rare public appearance, joined by DC-based singer/songwriter **Lynn Hollyfield**. Expect an evening of sonorous ballads threaded with a mix of bluesy-jazzy originals sung by two of DC's most acclaimed

female vocalists. The backroom at 49 West provides an intimate setting with limited seating (plus a full menu); reservations strongly suggested. 49 West Street \$15 cover; **410-626-9796.**

CELLAR STAGE • BALTIMORE, MD FRIDAYS • 8 PM

The Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Road, 21214 Info: **410.521.9099** or **www.uptownconcerts@gmail.com**

May

10 Lucy Kaplansky— alternative country, roots rock, and folk music. \$21

IMT TAKOMA PARK, MD FRIDAY, MAY 24 • 7:30 PM

David Potts-Dupre, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., \$15/18 - stdts\$12/15 Info: **301.960.3655**, and visit **www.imtfolk.org**

POTTER'S HOUSE BENEFIT CONCERTS WASHINGTON, DC

Potter's House, 1658 Columbia Rd NW, easy Metro access and off-street parking available. Good music, good food, for a good cause. 7 pm. Benefit concerts, \$15 suggested donation; open-mic night free. Info: 202.232.5483 or www.PottersHouseDC.org

Saturdays

FOCUS MOUNT VERNON • ALEXANDRIA, VA SATURDAY EVENINGS • 7 PM

4—Tom May Prasada-Rao. Singer/song-Roger Hart writer. opens. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., 22308. Venue host: Herb Cooper-Levy, 703.380.3151, herb@focusmusic.org, \$15 advance, \$18 door. www.focusmusic.org

Sugarloaf Coffeehouse • Germantown, MD Saturdays • 8 pm

May 18—**ellen cherry**, one of Baltimore's most talented and innovative singer/songwriters. Sponsored by the Sugarloaf Congregation of Unitarian Universalists at 16913 Germantown Road. Doors open at 7 PM, open mic at 7:15, concert starts at 8. Suggested donation: \$12 in advance / \$15 at the door. Refreshments included! Info: **301.977.8952**, **coffeehouse@scuu.org**, **or www.scuu.org/coffeehouse**

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10 am Annapolis Jam 1 pm Stories From the Heart, DC 2:30 pm Wheaton Scottish Jam 3 FSGW CHALLENGING CONTRAS & SQUARES 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE WILL MENTOR CALLS TO SQUIRREL HUNTERS	6 pm KAPO at Kennedy Center DC Bluegrass Jam Sign Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance Saltimore English Country Dance Bethesda Scottish Country Dance Balkan Singing	10 am Mom=Marvoluse, Merriefield, VA 7 pm Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 7:30 Herndon Irish Session 7:30 FSGW CO-SPONSOR: FRANK LONDON'S KLEZMER BRASS ALL-STARS' KLEZMER-BHANGRA EXTRAVAGANZA 8 FSGW BOARD MEETING 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance 8 Sea Chanteys—Wheaton	7:45 pm Rock Creek Morris Women 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE 8 Baltimore Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Columbia Int'l Folk Dance 8 Sea Chanteys—Baltimore	7 PM FSG7 7 Folk 7 Frede 7 Silver 7 Baltin 7:30 GLew 7:30 Chev 7:45 Arlin 8 Mt. V 8 Fogg 9 Glen
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FSGW Advance Notice

Saturday, June 1-2, 2013 33rd Annual Washington Folk **FESTIVAL**

GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

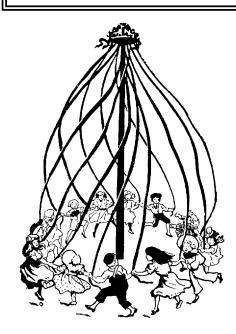
Sunday, September 22 • 1-11 pm Contrastock 3, Tidal Wave, Mean Lids, Giant Robot Dance with Callers Beth Molaro, Janine Smith and Sarah VanNorstrand GLEN ECHO PARK BALLROOM

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FSGW 50TH ANNIVERSARY **ALL of 2014!**





Classes

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD

Tuesdays, May 14, 21, 28 • 7:30–9:30 pm

Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn Boda, Orsa, Föllinge, Finnskogspols, Viksta, Gammalvänster, Telespringar, Valdresspringar, and requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5, first time free. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, lisa@ HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the new Gateway Drive Visitor Entrance (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north on Wisconsin Av.). Park there, or drive to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop. See map at www.HamboDC.org.

Music, Dance & the Arts at Glen Echo Park GLEN ECHO, MD

Choose from a wide variety of dance classes for all levels-includes Irish, waltz, and ballroom dancing. As well, take your

musical skills to the next level—guitar, flute, bouzuki, voice, and so much more,. Crafts, photography, children's classes also offered. Many classes are taught by FSGW members. See www. glenechopark.org for a complete schedule.



FIDDLE CLASS POTOMAC VALLEY SCOTTISH FIDDLE CLUB PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES.

Scottish tunes learned by ear, then some learned with music, followed by a potluck and iam session. Occurs monthly; for the location and teacher, check www.potomacvalleyscottishfiddle.org For additional info, contact Rhonda@ RhondaHotop.com or 703.992.0752.

Dances

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE No dance this month.

> **FSGW Family Dance** See details on page 9.

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Sundays

The FSGW Sunday Night Dances are listed on page 7.



BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY • MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

Beginners are always welcome. New-dancer workshops to be held at 7:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally-known musicians and callers appear regularly. Members \$9; non-members \$13; member/nonmember students with ID \$4/\$6. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., 21218. www.brms.org

May

- April Blum calls to Paul Oorts and friends
- 8 Warren Blier calls to Rambling House—Joe DeZarn (fiddle), Tina Eck (flute), Patrick Cavanagh (banjo), and Marc Glickman (piano, bodhran).
- 15 Eva Murray calls to Brad Kolodner (banjo), Ken Kolodner (fiddle, hammered dulcimer), Alex Lacquement (bass), and Alexander Mitchell (fiddle and guitar).
- 22 Michael Barraclough calls to The Baltimore Open Band
- 29 Shane Kundsen calls to Run of the Mill String **Band—Palmer Loux** (fiddle), **Greg Loux** (guitar), Paul Sidlick (banjo), and Tom Schaffer (bass).

Fridays

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM

The Friday Night Dancers (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) sponsor weekly contra



dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. New-dancer classes at 7:30, dances at 8:30. \$10 for the lesson and dance. Ages 21 and under \$5. 17 and younger admitted free on the second Friday of the month. Info: www.fridaynight-dance.org. or call 301.634.2222. On Facebook at Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park.

May

- 3 Will Mentor calls to Squirrel Hunters with Julie Metcalf on fiddle, Eric McDonald on guitar and feet, and Stuart Kenney on bass and banjo.
- **10 Warren Blier** with the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band* (Bumper Car Pavillion)
- 17 George Marshall and Tim van Egmond call to Swallowtail with David Cantieni on winds, Ross Grosslein on fiddle, Timm Triplett on piano, George Marshall on concertina, and Tim van Egmond on hammered dulcimer. (Bumper Car Pavillion)
- 24 Susan Taylor with Sugar Beat; Elke Baker on fiddle, Susan Brandt on flute, and Marc Glickman on piano.
- 31 Anna Rain calls to *Floorplay* with Rya Martin on piano; Paul Rosen on mandolin, fiddle, and accordion; and Aaron Lamb on percussion.

Saturdays

SHEPHERDSTOWN DANCE • WV 1ST SATURDAYS • 8–11 PM

May 4 —Kim Forry calls to *Ricochet* at the last dance until September At the War Memorial Building. Beginners' workshop, 7:30; dance at 8. All levels welcome, no partner needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. \$10 adults, \$7 SMD members, \$4 dancers under 12. Potluck snacks at the break. Info: www.smad. us or call Becky at 304.876.2169

BALTIMORE DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD SECOND SATURDAYS • 8–11 PM

May 11—Becca Denison calls to Whirlitzer. The Baltimore Folk Music Society presents American Square and Contra Dancing monthly. Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No Experience necessary. Admission is: \$9 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$13 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$4 members, \$6 non-members..St Mark's on the Hill Episcopal Church, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville MD 21209

Annapolis Contra and Square Dance • MD 3rd Saturdays • 7–10 pm

May 18—Jody Kruskal and Paul Friedman of Squeezology joined by pianist Marc Glickma; called by Dick Bearman. Introductory class at 6:30; all dances taught and walked through; all ages welcome. \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Friends Meeting Hall, 351 DuBois Rd., 21401. Info: Ann Fallon at 410.268.0231, aefallon@verizon.net; www.contradancers.com/atds

BLUEMONT DANCE • HILLSBORO, VA 3RD SATURDAYS THROUGH MAY • 8 PM

May 18—Check the website for details. Lesson at 7:30. \$10, \$7 for Bluemont Friends, students and seniors. At The Old Stone School; 37089 Charles Town Pike. www.bluemont.org. Info: 540.955.8186, or info@bluemont.org

Lancaster Contra Dance • PA 3rd Saturdays • 7-10 pm

May 18—Donna Hunt calls to *Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes.* Pavilion #11 in Lancaster County Central Park. \$8/\$5. Age 15 and under free. Beginners workshop 6:15. Info: Karen at 717.951.4317 or www.lancastercontra.org

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD 4TH SATURDAYS • 8–11 PM

May 25—No dance in May. Be sure to join us in June when Susan Taylor calls to *Rambling House*. At the Trinity School, near Harry Grove Stadium. Free beginners' workshop at 7. Adults, \$10, students \$5. Info/directions: www.contradancers.com or call Boe Walker at 301.694.6794

ENGLISH COUNTRY

Mondays

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD MONDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New-dancer orientation first Wednesday at 7:45. Admission \$8 Members, \$11 Nonmembers, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill

DANCES continued

Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. Info: **Emily Aubrey** at **410.433.4419** or **engdance@bfms.org**

May

- 6 Laura Schultz calling to Carl Friedman (violin), Steven Epstein (clarinet), and Judy Meyers (piano)
- 13 Tom Spilsbury calling to Emily Aubrey (violin), Robin Wilson (flute), and Ben Hobbs (piano)
- **20 Sharon McKinley** calling to **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (recorders and concertina), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 27 Ann Fallon calling to the Geud Band of Baltimore

Saturdays

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 8–10:45 PM

At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave. (parking and entrance in rear). Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by **Bob Farrall**. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. Info: **Carl Minkus** at **301.493.6281** (cminkus@verizon.net), or **Bob Farrall** at **301.577.5018**

THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY DANCE GREAT FALLS, VA SATURDAY, MAY 25 • 7:30–10:30 PM

Dance has moved to the fourth Saturday this month so that everyone can enjoy the FSGW Spring Ball on May 18. **Bob Farrall** will call to **Rhonda Hotop**, (fiddle) and **Judy Meyers** (piano). Refreshments. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 4 miles from the beltway, 22066. Info: **David Pacelli** at **703.757.8648**, www. theleesburgassembly.org

Sundays

ECD4Fun • GLEN ECHO, 3RD SUNDAYS • 2:30–5:30 PM

May 19—English Country Dances For Fun is a monthly series concentrating on simpler, fun dances suitable for new dancers and dancers of other dance forms. Experienced dancers are welcome as good role models. All dances taught, walked through and called. In cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. In the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park. \$10. Info: www.michaelbarraclough.com/ECD4FUN or 703.992.0752.

The FSGW English Country Dances are listed on Page 8.

INTERNATIONAL

Sundays

Alpine Dancers • New Carrollton, MD Sunday, May 19 • 4–6:30

Alpine Dancers are a performing and teaching folk dance group specializing in graceful and lively couples and trio dances from Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. Looking for energetic beginners. Free, open practice at New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. For info: www.alpinedancers.org, caroltraxler@yahoo.com or 301.577.3503.

Mondays

Bethesda International Folk Dancers • MD Mondays • 7:30–10:00 pm

Come join a very friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30–8, intermediate/advanced 8–10. Mostly request dancing 9:15–10. No partner necessary, all ages and levels of expertise welcome. Wood floor; mostly recorded music. Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Ln. 20815. Classes here require registration with Montgomery County. Forms available at the class. \$7 per class. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond at 301.871.8788, www.diamonddancecircle.com, or diamonddancecircle@comcast.net

Wednesdays

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • MD WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

Dancing is from 8:30 to 10:30 at Kahler Hall with a class at 8. Cost: \$5, Senior, \$3. Info: Ethel at 410.997.1613, or Ed at 410.740.2309. www.columbiafolkdancers.org

Thursdays

CHEVY CHASE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Washington, DC Thursdays • 7:30–9:30 pm

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW (at McKinley). Instruction and walk-through

until 8:30. All levels welcome, no partner necessary. Recorded music. Leader: **Roland Forbes**. For info: **Naomi Rogers** at **301.438.0063**

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA THURSDAYS • 7:45–9:45 PM

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of meditation and joy. All dances are taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Rte 50 at George Mason Dr. Donation requested. Info: Judie David at 703.451.2595 or Vedavid@starpower.net

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing • Alexandria, VA Thursdays • 8–10 pm

Beginners to advanced—all are welcome! Easy dances 8 to 8:30, followed by requests and advanced instruction. Join our friendly, diverse group on a beautiful dance floor. No partner necessary. Donation \$4. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Info: Patricia at 703.535.3333 or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com

Fridays

GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • MD FRIDAYS • 8:30–10:45 PM

The focus is dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching 8:30 to 9:15, requests 9:15 to10:45. \$7; \$12 on 1st Fridays (live music). Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd. 20770. Info: Larry Weiner at 301.565.0539, larry@larryweiner.com or www.larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm

Saturdays

CCE Ceili • Herndon, VA

May 11—Music by the *Bog Wanderers*. Check the website for updates. Lesson at 7. CCE members \$12, non-members \$15; family max. 2739 West Ox Rd., 20171.

Info: ccepotomac.org. or Paul Kourz, 703.631.9179, or kourpsc@cox.net



ISRAELI

ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD TUESDAYS • 7–10:15 PM

Instruction from 7 to 7:45. The group focuses on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, 20815. \$8/adults, \$6/students. Info: Mike Fox at 240.424.0805, www.markidmike.com or markidmike@gmail.com

ISRAELI DANCING • GREENBELT, MD SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 8:15–11 PM

Israeli Classic Dance party (dances before 1990). Recorded music, light refreshments. Cost \$8. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., 20770. Info: **Ben Hole**, **301.441.8213**.

MORRIS

ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS • VA MONDAYS • 7:30–9 PM

Learn and perform the traditional morris dances of Northwest England, which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees) at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Arlington Blvd & George Mason Dr. Info: suzelise@comcast.net or nwdancers@comcast.net

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN SILVER SPRING, MD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

Learn to dance in the ancient English morris tradition, and you'll get all the aerobics you need. Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, 807 Daleview Dr., 20901. Info: 301.927.6373, louiseneu@earthlink.net or www.uswet.com/RCMW.html

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN NW WASHINGTON, DC THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM

Experience the vigorous thrill of the morris and the camaraderie of a morris team! Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, mummers' plays and occasional long-sword dances. We welcome new and slightly

DANCES continued

used dancers to our practices at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St., NW D.C. and/or at the pub afterwards. squire@fbmm.org, Alan Peel at 301.920.1912, www.fbmm.org

SCANDINAVIAN

NORWEGIAN DANCE & POTLUCK TAKOMA PARK, MD SUNDAY, MAY 26 • POTLUCK 5:30 PM, CONCERT 7 PM, DANCING 8 PM

Norwegian-style house party, plus concert! Special guest Hardanger fiddler from Norway, two-time best solo album winner of Norwegian Folk Music Award, will perform original tunes from her next CD and play for dancing. Mesmerizing live music on the unique Hardanger fiddle (see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare (sugg don \$15-20). 6807 Westmoreland Ave., 20912. Hosts Loretta & Tony's phone just in case: 301.270.4925. Info/dirs: http://MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE • GREENBELT, MD SATURDAY, MAY 18 • 7–10 PM

Live fiddle music by **Göran Olsson**, a talented fiddler from Jämtland, Sweden currently living in the DC area, and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Gammalpolska från Föllinge, a fun dance from Northern

Sweden done to lively music. Open Dancing, 8–10. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. \$7 Info: 202.333.2826, linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.

— Scottish—

"Sic as ye gie, sic wull ye gie" – (Scottish for: You'll get out of life as much as you put in!)

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

NIH Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). \$5. Call/e-mail in advance for directions. Info: **John MacLeod, 301.622.5945** or **blackolav@cs.com**

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • GREENBELT, MD TUESDAYS • 8–10 PM

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center. \$8. Info: www.rscds-greaterdc.org or Jay Andrews at andrewj@erols.com or 703.719.0596

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA WEDNESDAYS • 8–9:45 PM

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St. 22314. \$5. Info: lara.bainbridge@gmail.com or elanyi@cox.net

SWING/BLUES

SLOW BLUES AND SWING • GLEN ECHO, MD THURSDAYS • 8:15–11:30 PM

Popular weekly Blues Dance in the "back room." Come early as it is selling out. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9. DJ **Mike Marcotte** and guests play incredible blues from 9 to 11:30. \$8 for lesson and dance. Sprung sold wood floor. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812. Info: **Donna Barker** at **301.634.2231** or **www.CapitalBlues.org**

- WALTZ/TEA DANCE

Annual Strauss Waltz Ball • Glen Echo, MD Saturday, May 4 • 8 pm

An evening of Viennese Waltz; a benefit for Glen Echo Park. Less from 8 to 9 pm followed by classical waltzing until midnight in the style of "Olde Vienna." Refreshments, dance cards, and a Grand March are part of the evening. Formal attire encouraged, no partner required. \$20.

WALTZING • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD May 19 • 2:45–6 pm

Dance to the music of *Swallowtail*. They'll play a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Our beginner waltz lesson begins at 2:45 with the last 15 minutes dedicated to a more advanced move. Admission is \$10. No partner required. For info: go to **www.WaltzTimeDances.org**, e-mail **info@WaltzTimeDances.org**, or call Glen Echo Park at **301.634.2222**. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., 20812.



HOT SOCIETY DANCES • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD SUNDAY, MAY 26 • 3–6 PM

Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, featuring music and dances from the '20s, '30s and '40s. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha-cha, rhumba, swing and more in the Spanish Ballroom. No partner or experience necessary. Basic lesson at 3:00. \$14. Children under 12, \$5. Family-friendly. Info: Dave Tucker, 703.861.8218, www.glenechopark. org or www.hotsociety.net.

CAJUN/ZYDEC

Cajun Dance • Glen Echo Park, MD Sunday, May 12 • 3:30-6 pm

Preston Frank and Big Daddy Zydeco. 30-minute dance lesson at 3, In the Spanish Ballroom, MacArthur Blvd. \$15, dancingbythebayou.com, **240.506.2263**.

Cajun Dance • Jessup, MD Thursday, May 30 • 8 pm

Kevin Naquin and the Ossun Playboys. Blobs Park. 8024 Max Blobs Park Rd., 20794. For further details check **www.dancingbythe bayou.com**.

Cajun Dance • Glen Echo, MD Friday, May 31 • 9 pm

Jesse Lege & Bayou Brew — Lesson at 8:30 and dancing from 9 pm to midnight. \$15. For details check **www.dancingbythebayou.com.** To be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. 7900 MacArthur Blvd.



Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

Annapolis Acoustic Jam • Annapolis, MD EVERY SUNDAY • 10 AM-12:30 PM

Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park. Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com

SCOTTISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC JAM WHEATON, MD 1ST SUNDAYS • 2–4 PM

The Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Ave., 20902. Musicians welcome. Info: **dcscottishsession.blogspot.com** or contact Peter Walker at **boghadubh@gmail.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. Fillmore and Pershing, 22201. Info: Dave at **301.274.3441**.

SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD 3RD SUNDAYS • 4–6 PM

Singing is followed by a potluck supper. Contact **Dave Green** at **301.570.3283**, **dgreene@all-systems.com** to confirm. Location: Small schoolhouse behind Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860, about 10 miles west of Laurel, MD.

Mondays

BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD EVERY MONDAY • 8 PM

Informal singing group, *Sedenka*, meets in Northwest DC/Takoma Park to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: **Katya**, **301.270.4175** or **Katya@partan.com**, or **Joan** at **202.363.6197**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION VFW BLUEGRASS JAM TAKOMA PARK, MD 1st & 3rd Mondays • 7–10 pm

Free. Non-smoking. At Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave. (corner of 4th Ave.), 20912, near New Hampshire and Eastern Aves. Info: VFW Post 350 at 301.270.8008 or Barb Diederich barb@barbdiederich.com

Tuesdays

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SING • SILVER SPRING, MD TUESDAY, MAY 21 • 6:30–9M

"Song for Reveling and Traveling," —6:30-7 pm, children's songs; 7–8 pm, guest artists; 8–8:30 open mic 8:30-9, social time and *refreshmens*. Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza. \$5–10 suggested donation. Info: busygraham@gmail.com, 301.466.0183. www.carpediemarts.org

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

New Irish Session • Herndon, VA Tuesdays, 7:30–9:30 pm

Geared towards traditional playing sessions (playing by ear); open to musicians who play on the currently accepted traditional Irish instruments. Also, open to singers of Irish songs, though it basically is not a singing session. Info: **Alan Carrick** at **202.294.8956**. At Finnigan's Pub, 2310 Woodland Crossing Dr., Unit E/F, 20170, www. finnegansirishbar.com



FOLK CLUB OF RESTON/ HERNDON HERNDON, VA

TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM

At the Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., 20170. Open-mic format. 2nd Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase; monthly concerts usually 3rd Tuesday, price varies. Smoke-free environment. Info: www. reston-herndonfolkclub.com, 703.435.2402.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD 1ST TUESDAY • 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open-mike seachantey sings. No cover/minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Mostly a cappella but instruments are welcome. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org

1st Tuesdays – American Legion Post 268, 11225 Fern St., Wheaton, MD. 20902

SACRED HARP SINGING • SE WASHINGTON, DC 3RD TUESDAYS • 7–9 PM

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE, 20003. Some street parking is possible—less than a ten-minute walk from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metro stations. To find the singing space, go around the left/south side of the church and enter by a side door at street level. Info: **760.856.0961**

Wednesdays

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SINGS • BALTIMORE & ANNAPOLIS, MD, & WASHINGTON, DC 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH WEDNESDAYS • 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open-mike seachantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson at ructic@yahoo.com or www.shipscompany.org

- **2nd Wednesdays Wharf Rat**, 801 S. Anne Street (Fell's Point), Baltimore 21231
- **3rd Wednesdays Galway Bay**, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis 21401
- 4th Wednesdays Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St. NW, DC 20005

ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, 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 St., 22205. Info: Lilli Vincenz, 703.532.2731 or FiddlerLilli@verizon.net

Cajun Jam • Greenbelt, MD 4TH Wednesdays • 7–9 PM

Monthly open Cajun jam and dance. New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, 20770. More info: **301.474.5642** or **www.newdealcafe.com**. Check website to confirm.

Thursdays

IRISH TRADITIONAL/BLUEGRASS MUSIC SESSIONS FREDERICK, MD EVERY THURSDAY • 7 AND 8:30 PM

At Boe's Strings, 26 S. Market St., 21701. Info and tune list at **www.BoesStrings.com** or Boe at **301.662.0750**

FOLK HOOT! • MT. RAINIER, MD 2ND THURSDAYS • 7–9 PM

Bruce Hutton is hosting a traditional folk music open mic at the Urban Eats Art and Music Café at 3311 Rhode Island Ave., Mt. Rainier, MD, 20712.

More info, call Bruce at **301.802.7669**, or **www.facebook.com/urbaneatsmd**.

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING • MD 2^{ND} AND 4^{TH} Thursdays • 7–9:30 pm

Light potluck supper at 8:15. All are welcome. Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Pkwy. Info: kmoreno@gmail.com, or see bmoreshapenote.com for an attractive and informative website.

FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD 3RD THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM

Join local musician **Brad Howard** every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellowship. The Limerick Pub is at the corner of Elkin and Price, a few doors down from the Royal Mile Pub, 11301 Elkin St., 20902 **www.thelimerickpub.net**

Fridays

ARLINGTON JAM! • ARLINGTON, VA 1st Fridays • 7–10:30 pm

See Wednesday listing.

KINGSTOWNE BLUEGRASS JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA 1ST AND 3RD FRIDAYS • 6–9 PM

Kingstowne Acoustic Music hosts an open bluegrass jam twice monthly. 5830 Kingstowne Center, #110. Info: 703.822.9090, www.kingstowneacousticmusic.com

GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD 2ND FRIDAYS • 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**

Saturdays



ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES JAM RIVERDALE, MD SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM

Acoustic instruments, all skill levels and listeners welcome. 4701 Queens-

bury Rd, 20737, across from the Riverdale MARC train station. Ample parking. Free, but donations welcome. Info/confirmation: **301-396-3054** or **www.acousticblues.com**

HAMMERED DULCIMER JAM • MCLEAN, VA SATURDAY, MAY 25 • 1:30–4:30 PM

Hammered dulcimer players meet monthly to swap tunes and play together; all levels welcome. The March jam is at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., 703.356.0770. Other acoustic instruments welcome. Info: Ellie at http://sites.google.com/site/nvhdplayers

SHAPE-NOTE SINGING • BERRYVILLE, VA MOST 1ST SATURDAYS • 4–8 PM

The singing in the Northern Shenandoah Valley takes place at various locations. For info contact **John del Re** at **jdelre@visuallink.com** or see **www.shenandoahharmony.com**

Storytelling

For details on the May FSGW Storyswap, see page 6.

MARYLAND SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL HOWARD COUNTY (MD) FAIRGROUNDS SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 9-6 SUNDAY, MAY 5 • 9-5

Storytelling to be led by **Bill Mayhew. T**ellers to include **Jake Simpson, Zoe Sagalow** and members of the **Twinbrook Tellers.** Free. See more about the Festival on page 24. **www.sheepandwool.org**

Stories from the Heart: Intro to Jewish Storytelling SE Washington, DC Sunday May 5 • 1–5 pm

Bob Rovinsky will be presenting for adults and families at the Jewish Study Center on the Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (two blocs from Eastern Market Metro). **www.jewishstudycenter.org.**

MOM=MARVELOUS! • MERRIFIELD, VA TUESDAY, MAY 7 • 10 AM

Barbara Effron tells stories and songs for all ages. Mosaic Center, Lee Highway and Gallows Rd.,www.mosaicdistrict.com, storytimeexpress@hotmail.com

Workshops, Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

MAY REVELS AT THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, DC SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 10 AM TO 5 PM

Bring in the May with the Washington Revels at the 2013 Flower Mart, sponsored by the National Cathedral All Hallows Guild! Plant sale, food, puppet shows, carousel rides, boutiques and entertaiment for the whole family. The Revels will present a one-hour show; there will be a May Pole dance and Johnny Appleseed! Free. Wisconsin and Massachusetts Aves., NW www.revels.dc.org

40[™] ANNUAL MD SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 4–5

Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairground Rd., West Friendship, MD 21794; animals, crafts and supplies, weaving and fiber arts food vendors; music includes Martin Family, Rob Caruthers & Friends, Walt Michael and Co., Port Righ, Slim Harrison, Maggie Sansone, Family hoedown with Slim Harrison and Sunnyland Band; www.sheepandwool.org

BLUEGRASS RHYTHM GUITAR WORKSHOP WITH ORRIN STAR SATURDAY, MAY 11 • NOON-2:15 PM

"Some of the coolest rhythm moves of any guitar style have come from bluegrass players. This workshop takes a hands-on, detailed and entertaining look at them. Topics covered include G and other bass runs, rest strokes, playing in 3/4 time and backing up simple country songs. If you like to strum bluegrass, folk or old-time music on an acoustic guitar this workshop is for you."

House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park, MD **301-270-9090** ~ **lessons@hmtrad.com** \$50. Includes tab/summary hand-out. Open to all level players (save complete beginners). Limited to 10 participants.

LOUDOUN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL • VA SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 10 AM TO 9 PM

Featuring Audie Blaylock & Redline, Quebe Sisters, The Hot Seats, barn dance w/Janine Smith calling; BanjoMan Frank Cassel; band contests; bluegrass, old time, Irish jams; food, drink; Loudoun Co. 4H Fairgrounds; \$15adv; bluegrassloudoun.com

GETTYSBURG BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL THURSDAY TO SUNDAY, MAY 16–19

Situated at the Granite Hill Campground, Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA **www.gettysburgbluegrass.com**

CELEBRATE TAKOMA SUNDAY MAY 19 • 1–5 PM

A family-friendly afternoon with roving entertainers and a main stage. Free. Takoma Park, MD Info and entertainment schedue at **www.Takomaparkmd.gov**

Western Maryland Blues Festival Thursday to Sunday, May 30 to June 2

Blues and more blues! 12 bands. Located in Hagerstown, MD. For the schedule and admission prices see **www.blues-fest.org**

THE DANCE TRAIL

The Dance Trail is a series of 15 square dances occurring in different locations in West Virginia. It's a first-of-a-kind project designed to promote traditional square dancing by connecting old-time venues through West Virginia. For a listing of all the dances, see www.mountaindancetrail.org

CONSIDER CAMP!

Dance and music sessions are held from June through Labor Day at Pinewoods, a traditional dance and music camp located on twenty-five acres in a beautiful pine forest in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Pinewoods has four custom-built dance pavilions, rustic cabins, swimming in two clear water lakes, an open-air dining hall that looks out over the pond, and a cozy camphouse for gatherings.

The sessions include both weekend and week-long sessions, and are for dancers and/or musicians with any level of experience. Most sessions are for adults, and some include families as well.

For the schedule see www.pinewoods.org













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The 24th Annual Potomac River Convention was held April 6 & 7, 2013. It was attended by a crowd of well over 150 people singing enthusiastically this early American music. A session from the newly published Shenandoah Harmony was held both days with strong leading and singing. Singing from the 1991 Sacred Harp continued through both afternoons with energy and spirit.



Twelve music students from Shenandoah University attended at the invitation of their instructor. The world-renowned Shenandoah Conservatory, part of the University, was founded as part of the shape note music movement in the late 1800's.





Letter of Invitation to FSGW Members:

As members of The Folklore Society of Greater Washington, each of you are celebrating and furthering the understanding, investigation, appreciation and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people - one of our greatest national treasures, and among our richest blessings of inheritance.

Traditional music and folklore are hereditary - but sometimes you inherit them from your kids.

In 2005, five of my fifth-grade violin students at Washington Waldorf School in Bethesda approached me about leading them in a fiddle club they were forming. Having very little experience in any kind of fiddling, I did know enough to ask them if they had a specific style in mind— and I knew I'd be woefully unprepared whatever the answer.

"Traditional Irish" was their immediate response and I promised them I'd do my best to lead. In a panic, I began to research and discover local resources such as FSGW and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE), and began attending trad Irish sessions, listening to CDs and taking lessons from Brendan Mulvihill and others.

I managed to stay a few steps ahead of the kids in the fiddle club, which evolved into a band which we called "Pete Moss & The Bog Boys" (if you're going to have a band called the Bog Boys, someone has to be Pete Moss). Soon others would join and we had to change the name to Bog Band because more than a few of them were girls.

The Bogs were working so hard and doing so well, I thought they deserved to study with teachers more steeped in the tradition than the few days advantage that I could offer them. In the summer of 2006, with the help of Mike McKenna (a parent of one of the Bogs), we had seventeen registrants for the first ever Fiddle Week. We had a great time with the Kane Sisters, a dynamic fiddle duo from Galway/Connemara area of Ireland. Liz & Yvonne enriched our knowledge and understanding immeasurably.

In subsequent years, we would expand our repertoire and further develop our understanding and fiddle technique from many other trad Irish fiddle giants, including Brendan Mulvihill, Brian Conway, Kevin Burke, Martin Hayes, Tony DeMarco, Patrick Ourceau, Jesse Smith, Cleek Schrey, Rose Flanagan, and many other of our local trad Irish fiddle heroes including Jim Eagan, Danny Novack, Bob Spates, Vince Burns, Joe & Graham DeZarn and others.

At this point, The Bog Band has three CDs to their credit (a fourth is in production) and has performed at venues of stature throughout the area and beyond, including FSGW, White House, the Kennedy Center, the French Embassy, the Irish Embassy, New York University's Glucksman Ireland House, the Washington Ireland Program, the Smithsonian Institution Discovery Center, National Theatre, ShamrockFest, and the

Potomac Celtic Festival. Last month, members of the Bog performed for the Vice President and the Taoiseach of Ireland. The band has also raised thousands of dollars for Father McKenna Center and Justice for Children, and have performed at assorted festivals and private parties throughout the Washington metro area.

Fiddle Week continues as CCE Musical Arts & Dance (MAD Week) Week and has expanded to include instruction in trad Irish instruments, (fiddle, flute, bodhran) dance and singing and songwriting. This year it will take place on July 8-12, 2013 at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda and will offer classes and workshops for all levels, by age, conducted by the area's finest performers and instructors. Donna Long, Cleek Schrey, Jesse Winch, Karen Ashbrook, Shannon Dunne, Joe DeZarn, Tina Eck and Keith Carr are just SOME of the artists willing to share their talents!

For more information, including daily schedule, faculty bios, and online registration, see http://www.ccepotomac.org/www/MADWeek.html

Then come explore your Irish with us this summer. It's great fun - "craic" (Gaelic for fun) for the whole family!

Mitch Fanning, Director The Bog Band & CCE MAD Week 2013

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Audition Dates: May 17-18, 2013

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Washington Revels seeks strong singers, ages 18+, for a large, diverse cast for this year's *Christmas Revels*, which will feature the cultures that were part of ancient Thrace, Orpheus' original home. Join us as we travel through history and experience the exciting dances of the Balkan mountains, the dulcet notes of the Grecian shores, thrilling melodies of Bulgaria and western Turkey, and the distant echoes of Thrace that have reached into neighboring regions.

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