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FSGW Monthly Program

Silver Spring, MD



Winter Solstice Concert:
Meridian
Saturday, December 3
4:30-7 pm



There's been something missing from the sound of the winter holidays since the retirement of *Nowell Sing We Clear*, and we've invited **Meridian** to carry on the tradition of a Folklore Society concert bridging the ancient themes of the Winter Solstice with the sounds of Christmas in old England and early America. **Colin de la Barre** and **Olivia Gale** are two bright morning stars rising in New England, shining fresh harmonies on timeless material in the spirit of *Roberts & Barrand*. Their second CD, *Joy, Health, Love, and Peace* (2015), captures the feel of inviting country wassailers to come in and gather by the fire with a bowl of mulled ale.

Opening for **Meridian**, FSGW's own **Darriel Day** (of *Scales & Crosstones*) and **Jocelyn Winkler** lend their magnificent voices.

Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave, 20910 (Ride-On bus #16 from Silver Spring or Takoma). FSGW members, free; Non-members, \$5. Please bring a nonperishable food item, if you can, to donate to local families in need. For links to audio samples, visit fsgw.org.



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FSGW Sings/Swaps/Storytelling

FSGW STORYTELLING SWAP • VIENNA, VA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks in the home of Jane Dorfman. Free. RSVPs/directions, [301-654-5818](tel:301-654-5818) or dorfmanjo@gmail.com.

FSGW OPEN SING • EDGEWATER, MD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 4 PM (WITH BREAK FOR POTLUCK DINNER)

Topic: *Birth and Death*. Marking the death of the old year and the birth of the new. Everyone is welcome! Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on topic—come anyway! Please bring a snack to share. This month's Open Sing will be at the home of **Michele and Dennis Callaghan**. Info/directions: [410-956-2266](tel:410-956-2266) or callagh@verizon.net.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON, DC SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 4–8 PM

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog** near the U Street Metro station. Info/directions: landcommentary@gmail.com or [202-797-9259](tel:202-797-9259).

FSGW SHAPE-NOTE SING • ALEXANDRIA, VA SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 • 2–7 PM (WITH POTLUCK DINNER AT 4 PM)

Welcome 2017 in harmony at the annual New Year's Day shape-note singing. Singers from around the region will join in unaccompanied four-part hymns, spirituals, and fugues from the 1991 edition of the original *Sacred Harp* and the 2013 *Shenandoah Harmony* (loaner books available). There will be two hours of singing in the ground level meeting room of the Fellowship Hall, a potluck feast, and then two hours' more singing in Room 19 upstairs. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St, 22302 (about a mile out from King St. Metro & Amtrak station & GW Memorial). Info: madaly@verizon.net or [301-229-8534](tel:301-229-8534).

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 6 AND 20 • 1–2:30 PM

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington's Coming of Age in Maryland Program and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Words are provided on song sheets—no need to read music. Come for informal singing or just to listen, but do come! Free! 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. Info or to volunteer: Frieda Enoch, fenocho@jccgw.org or LizMilner, lizmilner@mindspring.com.

THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7:30–9 PM

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by **Noa Baum**, with featured tellers **Donna Washington** and **Gayle Turner**. Program opens with up to three open-mic tellers (5-minute limit each). Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of \$15 per person goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! "Like" The Grapevine on Facebook at [GrapevineStorytelling](https://www.facebook.com/GrapevineStorytelling). Info: [301-587-3558](tel:301-587-3558) or grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 1–3 PM

On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. You don't have to read music, and printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance. Of course, you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! Free! Co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. For more information or to suggest songs in advance: Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

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FSGW BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW Board meeting 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 April Blum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings [301-422-0292](tel:301-422-0292) in advance of the meeting.



Ara Casey & Chase Willett

Friday, December 16

6:30–8:30 pm

Homegrown singer-songwriter **Ara Casey** released her debut EP, *Anon Bee*, in August, described at aracasey.com as “a fusion of Americana, rockabilly, blues and alternative folk.” As a solo guitarist, or with her band *The Lonely Ocean*, or with singer and guitarist **Chase Willett**—who joins her for December’s Third Friday at Emma’s concert—Ara is a regular at Madam’s Organ and has performed at Villain & Saint, the Velvet Lounge, and the Hirshhorn Fall Festival. \$15 suggested donation. Ara will give a copy of *Anon Bee* to anyone at the event who donates at least \$10. Emma’s Espresso & Wine Bar, 106 Hume Ave, 22301. Info: emmascoffee.com.

FSGW sponsors events that are intended to foster a pleasant environment and a tolerant community and to provide a comfortable experience for all.

FAQ of the Month

Q: Why aren't the addresses of house concerts shown in the newsletter or online?

A: Two reasons. First, security: The hosts are generously opening their homes to FSGW members and acquaintances, not to the general public, and it's important that patrons of these events make contact with the host and be invited—even if that's as simple as an e-mailed or texted RSVP that is acknowledged with directions. Second, have you noticed that a house concert never has an admission price, but a suggested donation? That distinction, along with the fact that the event is open only to people who have requested and received an invitation from the host, places the event legally in the category of a private party rather than a public assembly. That saves FSGW and the hosts from a wide range of legal and regulatory complications.

—Mike Livingston, Program Chair

Go to GREAT Concerts for FREE!

Go to great concerts for free! Most FSGW concerts rely on volunteers: See the “Details” page of a concert on the calendar at fsgw.org to sign up to volunteer at that event. You get in for free and you get a pass for free admission to a future FSGW concert, dance or workshop with a fixed admission price of \$25 or less.

FSGW DANCE EVENTS

FSGW English Country Dances

Glen Echo, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, 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, oboe, concertina, bassoon, cello, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required. Info: English@fsgw.org

Admission: \$10 for FSGW members, \$12 for non-members.

December



7 Beginner Session at 7:30. **Anna Rain** calls the dances to the music of **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

14 **Melissa Running** and **Kappy Laning** call the dances while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music.



21 **Stephanie Smith** leads the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and accordion), and **Ralph Gordon** (cello) play.

28 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (piano).



Mark your Calendars for the Washington Spring Ball,
Saturday, May 20, 2017. Music by: *Goldcrest*: Dave Wiesler (piano),
Daron Douglas (fiddle), and Paul Oorts (accordion and fretted instruments).
Details at fsgw.org/ball.html

HOW TO SUBMIT A LISTING TO THE FSGW NEWSLETTER

1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy by email, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. So if you want to list a contra dance, your subject line is: Dance Contra [Month]. No punctuation, please. If it's a workshop: Workshop [Month]. If it's a single concert: Concert Individual [Month]. And so forth. Putting the category in the subject line makes it easier for the editor to retrieve groups of events.

2. Please submit all listings in FSGW format. All information should be submitted in the following sequence:

Event Title • City, State Abbreviation
Day of the week, Date • start time - end time
One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.
Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat them in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code—it goes right after the street address. **Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org**

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD • SPANISH BALLROOM

CONTRAS AND 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. 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** or **Steve Burnett**; dance@fsgw.org.

Admission: \$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members
\$5 youth (with student ID if over 17) • \$13 for the general public

December 4 • Anna Rain with *Green Light Karma*.

Hot fiddling, smooth piano and lively accordion! **David Knight** (fiddle), **Andrew Marcus** (accordion), and **Dave Weisler** (piano)

December 11 • Kathy Anderson calls with *STEAM!*

All the way from Arizona, **Dave Firestine** (mandolin), **Robert Rosenberg** (guitar, banjo), **Claire Zucker** (bodhran, vocals), and **Alice Boyle** (fiddle) feature flying fiddle and mandolin harmonies with solid foot-happy drive. **STEAM!** brings a knack for pouncing on the balances and flowing on the heys.

December 18 • Gaye Fifer with *Morrison Brothers Band*.

Pittsburgh superstar **Gaye Fifer** calls with **Jim**, **Will**, and **Owen Morrison**, each one brother to some Morrison or other! Guitars! Fiddles! Percussion!

December 25 – No DANCE!

FSGW NEW YEAR'S EVE CONTRA DANCE



CHEVY CHASE, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016, 8 PM TO
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017, 12:15 AM

Music by **Graham DeZarn** (fiddle) and **Bruce Rosen** (piano, tenor guitar). **Sue Rosen** calls the figures. Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave, 20815. FSGW/ATDS/BFMS/CDSS Members, \$34; Non-members, \$38. Admission by

registration only, must be 18 or older, no tickets available at the door. Registration form: fsgw.org.

Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 4



THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL, PART XLVIII

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 8:30 - 11:30 PM

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating five wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! This month features **Rachel Eddy** (fiddle), **Brad Kolodner** (banjo, fiddle), **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer, fiddle), and **Alex Lacquement** (bass). **Susan Taylor** shows you how it's done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time flat. 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. Saint Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St NW, Washington, DC 20010 (Columbia Heights Metro). \$5 at the door. Info: dcsquaredance.com.



FSGW FAMILY DANCE

No family dance this month; next family dance will be Sunday January 8. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Burnett, dance@fsgw.org.

FSGW CO-SPONSORED DANCES

SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7:30-10 PM
(FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7-7:30)

Caller **Susan Taylor** with **Metro Gnomes** (**McGregor Yatsevitch** on fiddle and mandolin; **Bob Garber** on clarinet, and **Mark Vidor** on piano). (NOTE: In January 2017, we will be back in the Great Hall of the Silver Spring Civic Building.) Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Washington Revels. FSGW/BFMS/CDSS/Revels Members, \$8; Non-members, \$10; Students, \$5. First timers, free. This month at Ballroom Blum, Adelphi, MD. Info/directions: Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net or Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183.



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

See the listing under International Dances on page 17.

NO GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE IN DECEMBER.



Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates.

COMING IN JANUARY

THOMAS MCCARTHY WITH SIBLING RYVALRIE • GLEN ECHO, MD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7:30–10 PM

Thomas McCarthy, singer and storyteller from the Irish Travellers tradition, visits us after serving on the faculty of the fifth annual Youth Traditional Song Weekend in the Berkshires. Opening: **Sibling Ryvalrie**, preteen folk fiddle sensations from the Renaissance fair circuit. Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave, 20812 (Ride-On bus #29 from Friendship Heights). Members, \$10; Non-members, \$20. Audio samples, thomasmccarthyfolk.com.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

HOUSE CONCERT: SÉAMUS BEGLEY, OISÍN MAC DIARMADA & SAMANTHA HARVEY • TAKOMA PARK, MD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • TIME TBA

Brilliant folk trio from County Sligo! At Janie Meneely's in Takoma Park (rsvp: program@fsgw.org). Suggested donation, \$15.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: BY & BY WITH THE SQUEEZERS • TAKOMA, DC
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 8–10 PM

The six-piece band **By & By**, "your friendly neighborhood bluegrass band," has earned seven Wammie nominations. **The Squeezers**, veterans of the Washington Folk Festival, FSGW Midwinter Festival, and Takoma Porch, are a "genre-defying" squeezebox trio squeezing tunes of the world from bellows-and-reed instruments of the world. *Nominations for the 2017–2018 FSGW Board of Directors will be accepted at intermission. This event will be considered one of the open meetings required by the Society's bylaws for that purpose.* Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro). Members, free; Non-members, \$20.

COMING IN MARCH

HOUSE CONCERT: CASTLEBAY • SPRINGFIELD, VA
SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • TIME TBA

Hosted by Steve Woodbury & Ann Bauer. \$15 suggested donation. RSVP/directions: **703-425-5943** (between 9 am and 9 pm).

MONTHLY PROGRAM: STARRY MOUNTAIN SINGERS • TAKOMA, DC
SATURDAY, MARCH 11 • 7:30–10 PM

The **Starry Mountain Singers**, eight alumni of the *Northern Harmony* and *Village Harmony* ensembles, bring riveting harmonies to American and international folk music including gospel, shape-note, Appalachian, Bulgarian, Corsican and Georgian songs. *Nominations for the 2017–2018 FSGW Board of Directors will be accepted at intermission. This event will be considered one of the open meetings required by the Society's bylaws for that purpose.* Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro). Members, free; Non-members, \$20.

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FSGW congratulates **Tatiana Sarbinska**, artistic director of Washington-based **Orfeia** women's ensemble, who was given her nation's highest cultural honor, the Honorary Medal of the President of Bulgaria, by President Rosen Plevneliev of Bulgaria in September in recognition of her years of success in promoting traditional Balkan music in the United States. **Orfeia**, was featured at the 2016 FSGW Midwinter Festival and Washington Folk Festival, celebrated its 10th anniversary last month and is accepting new members—visit orfeia.wordpress.com.

FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

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."

- All copy (except ads) must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out in "How to Submit" Box. The format is also on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on Newsletter and look for a paragraph in green.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4" x 4.5" or 7.25" x 2.5"): \$65 for one month, \$120 for two. Commercial business: \$8 for 10 words. Non-commercial and individual: \$4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 11 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline. Mail to **FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818**.

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Upcoming FSGW Events continued from page 7

ANGELA KESSLER: STORIES FROM THE KALEVALA • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 • 8–10 PM

Flirting. Death. Revenge. Magic. The *Kalevala* is a collection of stories from Finland, passed down from the days when storytelling was for grown-ups. It has inspired artists and authors such as J.R.R. Tolkien and Philip Pullman and is celebrated as a national holiday in Finland—Kalevala Day, February 28. Boston storyteller **Angela Kessler** will present a sampling of stories in a variety of moods (lighthearted to dark to very dark) and modes (spoken word, verse, and song). Angela has been entrancing audiences with stories from the *Kalevala* since 2005. Come experience the *Kalevala* for yourself. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St, NW, 20012 (Metro: Takoma). \$5 Members, \$15 Non-members.

JENNIFER CUTTING'S OCEAN CD RELEASE WITH PETE & MAURA KENNEDY • NORTH BETHESDA, MD

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 • TIME TBA

Presented in partnership with AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave, 20852. Members, \$20/\$10; Non-members, \$30/\$20. Tickets will be sold through AMP's box office and online; details coming soon.

COMING IN APRIL

THE BLTs (AMY DAVIS, JON NEWLIN & BOB HERRIN) • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 • 8–10 PM

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20012 (Metro: Takoma). Members, free; \$20 Non-members.

MARTIN GROSSWENDT & SUSANNE SALEM-SCHATZ • RIVERDALE, MD

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 • 8–10 PM

Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). Members, \$10; \$20, Non-members.

WORKSHOP: MARTIN GROSSWENDT & SUSANNE SALEM-SCHATZ • RIVERDALE, MD

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Intermediate blues guitar workshop led by Martin Grosswendt. Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). Members, \$20; \$30, Non-members.

PAUL McKENNA & FINN MAGILL CDs RELEASE CONCERT • SILVER SPRING, MD

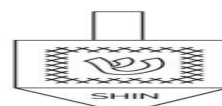
SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 7:30–9:30 PM

Scottish and Irish traditional music. At the historic Historic Silver Spring B & O Railroad Station, 8100 Georgia Ave, 20910.

CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND APRIL 28–30

Register for Chesapeake Dance Weekend! Beat the rush and sign up today for CDW! Contras, squares, and blues dancing all weekend long—April 28–30, 2017!

ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org. Registration is now open! Reserve your spot and dance with us.



HAPPY HANUKKAH



Concerts

*This is a selection of upcoming concerts at these venues;
please see their websites for full event schedules.*

CONCERT SERIES



RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB HERNDON, VA

Amphora's Diner Deluxe-Herndon
1151 Elden St, 20170
restonherndonfolkclub.com • 703-435-2402

DEBI SMITH

Tuesday, December 13 • 7:15 pm; Doors open at 6 pm
Grammy-nominated, Wammie-award-winning member of *Four Bitchin' Babes*. Members, \$10; Non-members, \$11; purchase at the door or contact Dave at DAHurdSr@cs.com. Info: jamesue@aol.com.

BALDWIN'S STATION CONCERTS SYKESVILLE, MD

7618 Main St, 21784 • All shows 8 pm
uptownconcerts.com • 410-795-1041

"A CELTIC CHRISTMAS"

FEAT. MAGGIE SANSONE, LAURA BYRNE,
SHARON KNOWLES & PATRICK EGAN
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Hammered dulcimer, flute, Celtic harp, and guitar & vocal;
\$22

"SONGS OF THE SEASON"

FEAT. LYNN HOLLYFIELD WITH DAVE ABE,
JIMMY BRINK & STEVE WOLF
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Americana singer-songwriter with fiddle, drums, bass; \$20

BARNS AT WOLF TRAP • VIENNA, VA

1635 Trap Rd, 22182
wolftrap.org

ART GARFUNKEL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8 PM

Folk-rooted pop icon, close-up; \$80-90

BIRCHMERE CONCERT HALL • ALEXANDRIA, VA

3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, 22305. All shows 7:30 pm unless
otherwise noted

birchmere.com • 703-549-7500

STEEP CANYON RANGERS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Full-tilt bluegrass sextet; \$39.50

DAR WILLIAMS "MORTAL CITY" 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 & 3

Noted pop-folk singer-songwriter; \$35

MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 & 7

DC's very own "Home Town Girl" country-folk singer & songwriter; Canadian *Rose Cousins* opens; \$89.50

BILL KIRCHEN & TOO MUCH FUN + COMMANDER CODY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

A Honky Tonk Christmas; \$29.50

CHERYL WHEELER + JOHN GORKA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Two of the best singers and songwriters; \$39.50

DEL & DAWG (DEL MCCOURY & DAVID GRISMAN)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Award winning, legendary bluegrass performers; \$55

HAYES CARLL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Texas songwriting; \$25

AN EVENING WITH JUDY COLLINS

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 & 28

An American legend; \$59.50

HANK WILLIAMS TRIBUTE

FEAT. CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER, BILL KIRCHEN,
ROBIN & LINDA WILLIAMS, PATRICK McAVINUE,
& MARK SCHATZ

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

20th Annual tribute concert; \$29.50

SELDOM SCENE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 8 PM

New Year's Eve with the best in bluegrass + openers *Locust Honey String Band* and *Cabin Creek*; \$39.50

BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS GERMANTOWN, MD

12901 Town Commons Dr, 20874
blackrockcenter.org

CATHIE RYAN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7:30 PM

Celtic holiday show from former lead singer of *Cherish the Ladies*; \$27-35

BUMPER JACKSONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 8 PM

Old-time, blues, jugband, roots from DC's own retro band; \$22-29

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CONCERTS continued

"JEW MONGOUS" FEAT. SEAN ALTMAN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 8:30 PM

Music and stand-up comedy from hipster songwriter; \$17-25

CARROLL CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES • TAKOMA, DCSeekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro)
carrollcafe.org • info@carrollcafe.org**HUDA ASFOUR TRIO****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7:30-10 PM**

Contemporary Palestinian music; \$18 in advance, \$20 at door

CELLAR STAGE • BALTIMORE, MD5315 Harford Rd, 21214
uptownconcerts.com**A CELTIC WINTER SOLSTICE YULE, FEAT. IONA****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8 PM**Pan-Celtic music from **Barbara Ryan, Bernard Argent, Jim Queen**, and **Chuck Lawhorn**; \$21**FOCUS MUSIC CONCERT SERIES**
FocusMusic.org**COSY SHERIDAN + CLETUS KENNELLY • ROCKVILLE MD**
SUNDAY DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 PM**Cosy Sheridan** brings Love songs for adults and practical philosophy for a complicated world. Plus 11-time WAMMIE-winning songwriter **Cletus Kennelly**. Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Rd, 20851. \$15 in advance / \$18 at door. Info: Scott Moore, **301-461-3600**.**OCEAN QUARTET AND TRIO SEFARDI • ALEXANDRIA, VA**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7 PMSolstice/Christmas/Hanukkah show: Celtic stand-outs **Ocean Quartet** and Sephardic Jewish music of **Trio Sefardi**. George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr, 22301. \$15 plus cans of food for the Capital Area Food Bank. More info: Herb Cooper-Levy **703-380-3151**.**GYPSY SALLY'S • WASHINGTON, DC**
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Open Mic Tuesdays upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; 8 pm; free

THE DIRTY GRASS PLAYERS
+ THE JACOB'S FERRY STRAGGLERS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8 PM

Contemporary and traditional bluegrass; \$8/10

THE STRAY BIRDS**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 8 PM**Folk trio + retro openers *Miss Tess & the Talkbacks*; \$13/15**THE WOODSHEDDERS****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 • 8:30 PM**Indie roots Americana + openers *By & By* (bluegrass) + *Janet Emma & Seven West* (roots rock); \$10/12**THE HAMILTON • WASHINGTON, DC**
600 14th St. (at F), NW 20005 • thehamiltondc.com**EMMYLOU HARRIS****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 PM**

The singer and songwriter started in DC; this is a benefit for her dog rescue organization, Bonaparte's Retreat; \$90-250

LOS LOBOS**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 8 PM**

Rootsy Mexican-American band. Dance floor available; \$49.75-55

O'CONNOR BAND, FEAT. MARK O'CONNOR**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 7:30 PM**

An Appalachian Christmas with the family; \$20-50




INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
imtfolk.org**ROBIN BULLOCK, KEN KOLODNER & ELKE BAKER**
ROCKVILLE, MD**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 7:30 PM**Master Celtic instrumentalist **Robin Bullock** returns for our annual Celtic holiday concert, with hammered dulcimer player **Ken Kolodner** and fiddler **Elke Baker**. Saint Mark's Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852. \$20 advance, \$25 door. Students & Children: \$15 advance, \$20 door.**ENSEMBLE GALILEI • ROCKVILLE, MD****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 7:30 PM**Founded in 1990, *Ensemble Galilei* is an ensemble of players from both classical and Celtic backgrounds, playing Irish and Scottish airs and dance tunes, early and medieval music, and original compositions. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852. \$25 advance, \$30 door.**333 COFFEEHOUSE**333concerts.org • 443-333-9613
333coffeehouse@gmail.com**BARBARA MARTIN • ANNAPOLIS, MD****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 7:30 PM**

Award-winning songwriter with a rich voice, an engaging stage presence, and a deep love for blues and jazz. Annapolis Friends Mtg, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12, or \$10 for students, 65+, or members of ATDS/BFMS/FSGW.

JAMMIN' JAVA • VIENNA, VA**227 MAPLE AVE E, 22180 • JAMMINJAVA.COM****STEVEN GELLMAN****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)***Hearth & Home* album release by the singer-songwriter; \$15/18**TOM RUSSELL****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7:30 PM**

Solo songs, readings and art from this intense songwriter; \$30

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<h1 style="color: green;">December 2016</h1> <p style="color: green;"><i>This is a selection of the month's events; please see listings. Double-check in case of holiday changes. All times are pm unless otherwise noted.</i></p>			
<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">4</p> <p>10 am Annapolis Jam 11 am DC Bluegrass Jam 1 Herndon Bluegrass Jam 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Riverdale Ukulele Jam 3 Brunswick Old-Time Jam 3:15 <i>Capital Accord</i> at Glenview Mansion 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 7:30 Hamilton: Emmylou Harris 7:30 Jammin' Java: Steven Gellman 7:30 Focus Concert: Cosy Sheridan + Cletus Kennelly 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: ANNA RAIN WITH GREEN LIGHT KARMA</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">5</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance 8 Wheaton Chantey Sing</p> 	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">6</p> <p>1 CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE 5:30 <i>Capital Accord</i> at Willard Hotel (repeats at 6:45) 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 7:30 Baltimore Old-Time Jam 7:30 Birchmere: Mary Chapin Carpenter 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Arlington Israeli Dance 8 Falls Church Open Mic 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">7</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Birchmere: Mary Chapin Carpenter 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Library of Congress Homegrown Concert: <i>The Dale Ann Bradley Band</i> 8 Sea Chantey Baltimore 8 FSGW BOARD MEETING 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</p>
<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">11</p> <p>10 am Annapolis Jam 2 CABOMA Jam 2 Christmas Revels 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Silver Spring Country & Gospel Jam 3 Brunswick Bluegrass Jam 4 FSGW GOSPEL SING 7:30 Birchmere: Del & Dawg 7:30 Traditional Irish Concert: Brendan Mulvihill 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: KATHY ANDERSON WITH STEAM!</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">12</p> <p>7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 IMT Concert: Robin Bullock, Ken Kolodner & Elke Baker 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">13</p> <p>6 <i>Capital Accord</i> at U.S. Botanic Garden 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club: Debi Smith 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 7:30 Jammin' Java: <i>Ghost of Paul Revere</i> + Christian Lopez 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance 8 Gypsy Sally's: <i>The Stray Birds</i></p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">14</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 FSGW GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 Annapolis Sea Chantey 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</p>
<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">18</p> <p><i>International Migrants Day</i> 10 am Annapolis Jam 1 & 5 Christmas Revels 1 Herndon Bluegrass Jam 1:30 Kids' Open Mic at New Deal Café 2 Richmond Old-Time Jam 2 Brunswick Old-Time Jam 3:30 Glen Echo Waltz 4 Sandy Spring Sacred Harp 5 Vienna/Oakton Shape Note Sing 7 Focus Concert: OCEAN + Trio Sefardi 7:30 Jammin' Java: <i>David Wax Museum</i> 7:30 FSGW CONTRA DANCE: GAYE FIFER WITH MORRISON BROTHERS BAND</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">19</p> <p>7 DC Bluegrass Union Jam 7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Herndon Gospel Jam 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Contra Dance 8 Diamond Dance Holiday Party</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">20</p> <p>1 CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE 7 <i>Capital Accord</i> at National Christmas Tree 7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7 DC Shape Note Sing 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 7:30 Baltimore Old-Time Jam 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance 8 Hamilton: <i>Los Lobos</i></p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">21</p> <p>1 FSGW SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE 6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 6:30 Revels/Carpe Diem Community Sing & Caroling 7:30 Hamilton: <i>O'Connor Band</i> 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 Sea Chantey DC 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</p> <p style="color: green; font-size: 0.8em;"><i>Winter Solstice</i></p>
<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">25</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em;"><i>Christmas Day</i></p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">26</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em;"><i>Boxing Day</i></p> <p>7:30 Arlington Morris Women 7:30 Bethesda Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 Birchmere: Hayes Carll 8 Balkan Singing 8 Bethesda Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">27</p> <p>7 Chevy Chase Israeli Dance 7:15 Reston/Herndon Folk Club 7:30 Birchmere: Judy Collins 7:30 Capital Accord Chorus 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country Dance</p>	<p style="color: green; font-size: 2em;">28</p> <p>6 Martinsburg Bluegrass Jam 7:30 Birchmere: Judy Collins 7:30 Jammin' Java: <i>Deanna Bogart Band</i> 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women 8 Alexandria Scottish Country Dance 8 BFMS Contra Dance 8 Columbia Folk Dancers 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE</p>

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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5:45 Carpe Diem! Family Fun Night Out (Repeats at 6:45) 6:30 Brunswick Bluegrass Jam 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Birchmere: <i>Steep Canyon Rangers</i> 7:30 BlackRock Arts: Cathie Ryan 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 Riverdale Acoustic Open Mic 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Baldwin's Station: "Celtic Christmas" 8 Barns at Wolf Trap: Art Garfunkel 8 Gypsy Sally's: <i>The Dirty Grass Players + The Jacob's Ferry Stragglers</i> 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance	7:30 Birchmere: Dar Williams 8 BlackRock Arts: <i>Bumper Jacksons</i> 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8:30 Scandinavian Holiday Dance and Luciafest	1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam & Holiday Party 4 Berryville Shape Note Sing 4 <i>Capital Accord</i> at Wolf Trap 4 Holiday Sing-Along 4:30 FSGW WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT: MERIDIAN 6:30 ATDS English Country Dance 6:30 Norwegian Potluck & Dance 7 Greenbelt Contra Dance 7 Birchmere: Dar Williams 7:30 DC Labor Chorus Concert 7:30 FSGW STORYSWAP 7:30 Herndon Bluegrass Concert: Danny Paisley & <i>The Southern Grass</i> 8 Shepherdstown Contra Dance (Potluck at 6) 8:30 BlackRock Arts: "Jewmongous"
8	9	10
6 Front Royal Family Dance 6:30 <i>Capital Accord</i> at Brookside Gardens Holiday Lights 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 7:30 FSGW SECOND THURSDA CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE (BEGINNER WORKSHOP, 7 PM) 7:30 Jammin' Java: Tom Russell 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Baldwin's Station: Lynn Hollyfield "Songs of the Season" 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Tysons Corner Sea Chantey 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!	7:30 Birchmere: Bill Kirchen & <i>Too Much Fun</i> + Commander Cody 7:30 Carroll Café: Huda Asfour 7:30 Jammin' Java: Carrie Newcomer 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance <i>Glen Echo Open Band</i> 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance	1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 2 <i>Capital Accord</i> at The Village at Rockville 2&7:30 Christmas Revels 2:30 Washington's Spelmanslag 4 FSGW OPEN SING 5 BFMS Family Dance 6:30 BFMS Contra/Square 7:30 Birchmere: Cheryl Wheeler & John Gorka 7:30 Leesburg Holiday Dance 8 Silver Spring English Country Holiday Dance 8 Strathmore: Gerald Clayton & <i>The Assembly</i> (Preconcert Lecture at 6:30) 8:30 FSGW GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL Human Rights Day
15	16	17
6 Foggy Bottom Morris Men at Gazebo 6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7 WFMA Holiday Showcase: Dave Rowe CD release 7:30 Foggy Bottom Morris Men at Takoma Park Library 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8 Wheaton Folksong Sing-In 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance	6:30 FSGW CONCERT: ARA CASEY & CHASE WILLET AT EMMA'S CAFE 7:30 Christmas Revels 7:30 IMT Concert: <i>Ensemble Galilei</i> 7:30 333 Coffeehouse: Barbara Martin 8 Cellar Stage: <i>IONA</i> 8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance	1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 2&7:30 Christmas Revels 6 Galesville Community Square Dance 6:30 ATDS Contra Dance 6:30 Mad City: Lisa Fenstermacher, Jen Parde, & Kathy Stanley 7 Lancaster, PA Contra Dance 7 Scandia DC Holiday Dance 8 Bluemont Country Dance (Beginner Workshop, 7:30) 9:30 Jammin' Java: <i>Driftwood</i>
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29	30	31
6:30 Carpathia Folk Dancers 7:30 Arlington Circle Dance 7:30 Birchmere: Hank Williams Tribute 7:30 GLEN ECHO INT'L FOLK DANCE 8 Alexandria Int'l Folk Dance 8 Foggy Bottom Morris Men 8:15 Glen Echo Back Room Blues Dance	8:30 Friday Night Contra Dance 8:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 	<i>New Year's Eve</i> 1 Archie Edwards Blues Jam 6:30 BFMS New Year's Eve English Country Dance Gala 8 Birchmere: <i>Seldom Scene</i> 8 FSGW NEW YEAR'S EVE CONTRA DANCE: SUE ROSEN CALLS TO GRAHAM DEZARN & BRUCE ROSEN 

FSGW

Advance Notice

2017

Tuesday, January 10 • 7:30 pm
THOMAS MCCARTHY
 Singer and storyteller from the Irish Travellers tradition, with opening act *Sibling Rivalrie*
 Glen Echo Town Hall

Saturday, February 4
FSGW ANNUAL MINI-FEST
 Takoma Park, MD
 Noon to 10:30 pm

April
28TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP CONVENTION
 Great Falls, VA

Friday–Sunday, April 28–30
35TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND
 Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Saturday, May 20
31ST ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPRING BALL
 Silver Spring, MD

Saturday & Sunday, June 3 and 4
37TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL
 Glen Echo Park, MD

Friday–Monday
 September 15–18
53RD ANNUAL FSGW GETAWAY
 West River Conference Center
 West River, MD

CARRIE NEWCOMER**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 PM**The songwriter's *The Beautiful Not Yet* CD release; \$25–28**GHOST OF PAUL REVERE + CHRISTIAN LOPEZ TRIO****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:30 PM**

"Maine holler-folk" + West Virginia roots; \$12–20

DRIFTWOOD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 9:30 PM**

High-energy folk band; \$15–25

DAVID WAX MUSEUM**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7:30 PM**

Roots & folk rock band; \$20–30

DEANNA BOGART BAND**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 7:30 PM**

Vocalist/pianist/saxophonist leads eclectic blues band; \$22

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JOSEPH ISAACS' MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE**LISA FENSTERMACHER, JEN PARDE, & KATHY STANLEY****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 6:30–9:30 PM**

Come hear great free music! (Voluntary donations for homeless accepted.) You hear four talented acts in one night. Each act plays two 4-song sets. 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, 21044.

**WEEKEND BLUEGRASS CONCERT SERIES
HERNDON, VA**Continuing their 14th year of bluegrass concerts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, 20170. \$15 at the door (Children 12 and younger, free). Info: Bob Thompson, 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net • hclcbgrass.wordpress.com**DANNY PAISLEY & THE SOUTHERN GRASS • HERNDON, VA****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:30–9:30 PM**The very best in traditional bluegrass music played by a band that has deep roots in our Washington DC Metro area dating back several decades. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, 20170, \$15 (children 12 and younger admitted free). Info: Bob Thompson, 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net.**INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS****DC LABOR CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:30 PM**The *DC Labor Chorus* is a collective of labor and community activists who love to sing for peace, social justice, and in solidarity with all working people. Every year, each member gets to choose a song for the Chorus to perform in a holiday concert of "Favorite and Sacred Songs." Join us in the auditorium on the campus of the ATU Tommy Douglas Conference Center (formerly George Meany Center / National Labor College), 10000 New Hampshire Ave, 20903 (just outside the Beltway). Free! (Donations gratefully accepted.) Info: [Facebook.com/DC-Labor-Chorus-98743285182](https://www.facebook.com/DC-Labor-Chorus-98743285182).**HOMEGROWN CONCERTS FROM****THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS • WASHINGTON, DC****THE DALE ANN BRADLEY BAND****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8–9:30 PM**A bluegrass concert celebrating the Library's collections from Kentucky. **Dale Ann Bradley** with **Greg Blaylock**, **Scott Powers**, and **Tim Dishman**. Join the American Folklife Center in the last of the events celebrating its 40th anniversary. Kentucky's *Dale Ann Bradley Band* will conclude the celebrations with a bluegrass concert. She'll include a special tribute to renowned Kentucky-born folksinger, instrumentalist, and ethnographic collector Jean Ritchie (1922–2015), whose collection of materials documenting folk traditions and the folk revival in Britain and America resides in the American Folklife Center's archive. Co-sponsored by the American Folklife Center. Coolidge Auditorium, Thomas Jefferson building of the Library of Congress, 10 First St. SE, 20540. No tickets required. Info: loc.gov/concerts/folklife/daleannbradley.html.**GERALD CLAYTON & THE ASSEMBLY****NORTH BETHESDA, MD****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 8 PM****(PRECONCERT LECTURE AT 6:30)**Grammy-winning pianist-composer **Gerald Clayton**, **René Marie**, and a nine-musician ensemble explore the music of the Piedmont Blues tradition in a multimedia project featuring interviews with the oldest living generation of original blues musicians. Preconcert lecture with Aaron Greenwald at 6:30, free with concert ticket. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Ln, 20852. \$25–\$65. Info: Julia, 301-581-5199 or strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/piedmont-blues.**TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT • ARLINGTON, VA****BRENDAN MULVIHILL, IRISH FIDDLER****SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 • 7:30 PM**Barcroft Community House is an intimate venue that is the best place to hear master fiddler and legendary Irish musician **Brendan Mulvihill**. Hearing Brendan play in a quiet intimate setting is a rare delight and this concert has become his annual tradition that allows him to share his favorites of many old Irish tunes and to show the beautiful style and ornamentation that can only be heard when Brendan plays solo. 800 S. Buchanan St, 22204. \$25. Space is limited; reserve seats at irishscroll.com.**WORLD FOLK MUSIC ASSOCIATION****DECEMBER SHOWCASE****DAVE ROWE HOLIDAY CONCERT & CD RELEASE PARTY****BETHESDA, MD****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7 PM**Maine native **Dave Rowe** celebrates the holiday season and the release of his new CD, *Live at Baldwin's Station*, which was recorded live on May 26, 2016, at Baldwin's Station in Sykesville, MD. Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, 20814. \$20. Info: wfma.net/rowe16.htm or 866-412-5943. Tickets: storevenue.biz/wfma/order.asp#tickets.

Dances

CEILI

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 • 4–8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) will "dance in" the new year! Live music by *Ellis Island*: **Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald, & Andy Thurston**. Door prizes & raffle; potluck dinner during the first break. Smooth-soled shoes recommended; single dancers welcome. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740. Members, \$20; Non-members, \$25. Ages 11–20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info/entrance code: **301-512-4480** or **gwcc-online.org**.

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

No FSGW Family Dance in December

Thursdays

FRONT ROYAL FAMILY DANCE • FRONT ROYAL, VA 2ND THURSDAYS • 6–7:30 PM

Line, circle, and square sets. Free and open to all. Samuels Public Library, 330 East Criser Rd, 22630. Info: **tommack1861@gmail.com** or **facebook.com/SVCWED**.



Saturdays

BFMS FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD SATURDAY DECEMBER 10 • 5–6:30 PM

Rebecca Denison calls to **Megan Beller & The Charles Street Fiddlers**. There is a potluck from 6:30–7:20 pm. Come and join in some good food and conversation. The BFMS Family Dance is geared toward young children and families. All ages are encouraged to attend. Dances are all taught, and dancing is to live music. This event is enjoyed by children, parents, and grandparents as they dance and sing together. Members, \$4; Non-members, \$6. Children under age 3, free. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. Info: **bfms.org/familyDance.php**.

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 7 PM (OPTIONAL POTLUCK AT 6 PM)

Dance squares, circles, longway sets and waltzes. **Janine Smith** calls to traditional Appalachian dance tunes by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar), and friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. All ages welcome. 5:30, doors open; 6, optional potluck; 7, family-friendly dancing; 8:30, more challenging dancing. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Rd, 20765 (near Annapolis). \$10; Kids 5–17, \$5. Info: **communitysquaredance.wordpress.com** or **301-926-9142**.

CONTRA

Sundays

FSGW Sunday Night Dances Details on page 5

Wednesdays



BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. BFMS/FSGW Members, \$9; Non-members, \$13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: **bfms.org**.

December

- 7 **Kathy Anderson** calls to the *Tater Patch Kids*: **Patrick McAvinue** (fiddle), **Brad Kolodner** (banjo), **Luke Chohany** (guitar), and **Alex Lacquement** (bass)
- 14 **George Mercer** calls to the *Baltimore Open Band*. This band is composed of local musicians, many of whom play in contra dance bands, who get together and play for their local dance community
- 21 **Hilton Baxter** calls to the *Devine Comedy*: **Marty Taylor** (whistles, concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **John Devine** (guitar)
- 28 **Tom Hinds** calls to the *Lovely Lane String Band*: **Brenna Hogan** (fiddle), **Shane Knudsen** (fiddle), **John Sauer** (guitar), **Jay White** (banjo), and **Artie Abrams** (bass)

Fridays



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

The Friday Night Dancers, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified), 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15 pm. \$10 for the lesson and dance. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: **FridayNightDance.org** or **301-632-2222**, or the **Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park** Facebook page.

December

- 2 **Perry Shafran** calls to *Treble Makers*: **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Robin Wilson** (flute)
- 9 **Warren Doyle** with the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*
- 16 **Tom Hinds** calls to *Devine Comedy*: **Steve Hickman** (fiddle and harmonica), **John Devine** (guitar), and **Marty Taylor** (whistles)
- 23 **Anna Rain** calls to the *Owen Morrison Combo*: **Owen Morrison** (guitar), **Phil Wiggins** (harmonica), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 30 **Sue Rosen** calls to **Bruce Rosen** (guitar and piano) & **Graham DeZarn** (fiddle)

*Saturdays***ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 6:30–10 PM

Tom Hinds will call contras and squares to the energetic tunes of **The New Hipsters: Joe DeZarn** (fiddle), **Graham DeZarn** (fiddle and button accordion), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30. Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, 21401. \$10, with discounts for seniors, students, families, and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Info: contradancers.com/atds; Jan Scopel, **443-540-0867** or jan-scope@hotmail.com; or Charlotte Featherstone, **203-247-3964** or charlotte.featherstone@verizon.net.

**BFMS CONTRA & SQUARE DANCE**
BALTIMORE, MD**SECOND SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30 PM**

Bob Isaacs calls to music by **Contranella**. Bring a snack & bring a friend. The evening starts with potluck from 6:30–7:30 pm. Introduction to contra dancing from 7:35 to 7:55 pm; dance from 8 to 11 pm. Beginners, singles, couples, and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. Members, \$9; Non-members, \$13. Under 21 full-time students with ID: Members, \$4; Non-members, \$6. Info: Sara Glik, sat-dance@bfms.org, or BFMS hotline (**888-646-BFMS**).

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD

Please note that there will be **NO Frederick dance in December**. We hope you enjoy the holidays in your favorite tradition, and then join us in again in January.

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 7–10 PM

Sargon de Jesus calls to **Contra Rebels** with **Todd Clewell** (fiddle), **Barb Schmid** (fiddle), and **Henry Koretzky** (guitar). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners' Workshop, 6:15. Adults, \$9; Students, \$6. Children 15 and under free. Info: Karen **717-951-4317** or lancaster-contra.org.

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE • WV**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 8 PM (HOLIDAY POTLUCK AT 6 PM)**

This month, we decided to bring in our favorite West Virginia band and have a square dance! **Janine Smith** calls mostly square dances to the lively old-time tunes of the **Critton Hollow String Band** with **Joe Herrmann** (fiddle), **Sam Herrmann** (hammered dulcimer, mandolin), **Joe Fallon** (bass, banjo), and **Pete Gordon** (guitar). War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St, 25443. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. Holiday potluck, 6; bring a dish to share. Free introductory workshop, 7:30. SMAD Members, \$8; Non-members, \$12; Under 12, \$5. Info: John Sauer, **301-542-3272** or smad.us.

ENGLISH COUNTRY*Mondays***BFMS 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 Mondays at 7:45 pm. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. BFMS/ATDS/FSGW/CDSS Members, \$8; Non-members, \$11; \$2 student discount. Info: Sharon McKinley, **410-660-9147** or engdance@bfms.org.

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- 5** Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45. **Ann Fallon** calls to the music of **Elke Baker** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano, accordion)
- 12** **Diane Schmit** calls to the music of **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Paul Oorts** (strings, things), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, more things)
- 19** **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Dave Crandall** (winds), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano)
- 26** **Sharon McKinley** calls to the music of **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)

*Wednesdays***FSGW English Country Dance**
Details on page 4*Saturdays***ATDS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 6:30-10 PM

Diane Schmit will call an English country dance to the lilting music of **Elke Baker**, **Susan Brandt**, and **Paul Oorts**. The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30. Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, 21401. \$10, with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Info: Jan Scopel, **443-540-0867** or janscope@hotmail.com; Ann Fallon, **410-268-0231** or aefallon@verizon.net; or contradancers.com/atds.



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GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE
ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 6:30 PM– 12:30 AM

Presented by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. Dances led by **Ann Fallon** and **Tom Spilsbury**. Music by **Elegant Echoes: Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). 6:30 pm, reception & decorating; 7:30 pm, potluck supper; 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, dancing. Potluck dessert and fruits at 10:30 pm and champagne toast at midnight. St. Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. BFMS/FSGW/CDSS/ATDS Members, \$35; Guests, \$39; Students, \$20. (\$3 discount if register by December 14. *Advance registration necessary.* Info: Bill Gawne, **410-360-5690** or wcgawne@gmail.com.

THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • GREAT FALLS, VA
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30–10:30 PM

Join us for our Holiday Party and dance! Festive attire or period dress welcome. **April Blum** calls to music by **Catherine Chapman** and **Judy Myers**. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. \$15; Students, \$10. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). Info: David Pacelli, **703-757-8648** or theleesburgassembly.org.
International

Mondays

BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK • BETHESDA, MD
 MONDAYS 7:30–10 PM

Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30–8 pm, Intermediate/Advanced 8–10 pm (requests from 9:15–10 pm). No partner needed. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon, **301-871-8788** or DiamondDanceCircle.com; or DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

Wednesdays

COLUMBIA FOLK DANCERS • COLUMBIA, MD
 WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

We meet at Kahler Hall in Columbia, Village of Harper's Choice. Class at 8 pm, dancing starts at 8:30 pm. Requests taken throughout the evening. \$5 (\$3 for seniors). Info: Ethel, **410-997-1613**; Ed, **410-740-2309**; or columbiafolkdancers.org.

Thursdays

ALEXANDRIA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • VA
 THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM
(FORMERLY MT. VERNON INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING)

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers; no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; and a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction, and requested dances. Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, 22307. Donation, \$4. Info: Patricia, **703-472-3888** or pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com.

CARPATHIA FOLK DANCERS • WASHINGTON, DC
 THURSDAYS • 6:30–9 PM

Carpathia is Washington's multi-ethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3–4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Foggy Bottom, and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s (we are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance of at least 14 years old). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Info: carpathiadc@gmail.com or [facebook.com/carpathiadc](https://www.facebook.com/carpathiadc).

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA
 3RD AND 5TH THURSDAYS 7:30–9:30 PM

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204 (Rte 50 at George Mason Dr). Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider, **703-528-5114** or aulmsch@msn.com.

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS
BETHESDA, MD
 THURSDAYS • 7:30–10:45 PM

Lesson at 7:30 pm, request dances from 9 to 10:45 pm. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr, 20816 (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). \$5 Info: Jamie, **301-466-3018** or dancingplanet@erols.com.

Fridays

GREENBELT FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD
 FRIDAYS • 8:30 PM

We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15 pm, requests from 9:15 on. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$7/students and seniors half-price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner, **301-565-0539** or larry@larryweiner.com; or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

ISRAELI

ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD
 TUESDAYS • 7–10:30 PM

Instruction from 7 to 7:45 pm. We focus 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 Ln, 20815. Adults, \$8; Students, \$6. Info: Mike Fox, **240-424-0805** or markidmike.com.



MORRIS

MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • ADELPHI, MD
SOME SUNDAYS • 12–2 PM

Possibly the oldest and most fictitious morris team in North America. Gender irrelevant, steampunk a plus. Practices usually twice a month at Ballroom Blum. Info: blgraham_99@yahoo.com or [facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris](https://www.facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris).

ARLINGTON NORTHWEST MORRIS WOMEN
ARLINGTON, 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). Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204 (at George Mason Dr). Info: suzelise@comcast.net or nwdancers@comcast.net.

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • BETHESDA, MD
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:45 PM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814 (walkable from Bethesda Metro). Info: Louise, [301-927-6373](tel:301-927-6373), louise-neu@earthlink.net, or uswet.com/RCMW.html.

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN • TAKOMA, 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 used dancers to our practices at Knock On Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St NW, 20012, and/or at the pub afterward. Info: Alan Peel, [301-920-1912](tel:301-920-1912), squire@fbmm.org, or fbmm.org.

SCANDINAVIAN

NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE • TAKOMA PARK, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • POTLUCK 6:30 PM, DANCING 8 PM

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings; see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like swing or hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, and watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Host phone: Loretta & Tony, [301-270.4925](tel:301-270-4925). Info/directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org>; or Jenny, pi@xecu.net or [301-371-4312](tel:301-371-4312).

SCANDIA DC DANCE HOLIDAY PARTY • GREENBELT, MD
THIRD SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 17 • 7–10 PM

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month for our holiday party our

featured fiddlers are **Andrea Larson** (leading the Spelman-slag) and **Paul Carlson**. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. No teaching this month. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$10. Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper, [202-333-2826](tel:202-333-2826) or Linda@ScandiaDC.org; or ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather, [301-474-0646](tel:301-474-0646).

SCOTTISH

See rscds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings

BETHESDA SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • MD
MONDAYS • 8–10 PM

National Institutes of Health Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Info: John MacLeod, [301-622-5945](tel:301-622-5945) or blackolav@gmail.com.

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

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$8. Info: Jay Andrews, [703-719-0596](tel:703-719-0596) or andrewj@rcn.com.

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

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

SQUARE

**FSGW Great American
Square Dance Revival
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BLUEMONT COUNTRY DANCES • HILLSBORO, VA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 8 PM
(BEGINNERS WORKSHOP, 7:30 PM)

Old-time contra dances. Third Saturday of each month, October through May. Held for over 40 years, the dances, which feature old-time contra and square dancing with music provided by live bands, are the Bluemont Concert Series' oldest tradition and attract residents and visitors throughout the area. Instruction and figure calling are provided throughout each dance. Families and single dancers are welcome. Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike, 20132. Bluemont Friends, Students, and Seniors, \$8; Others, \$12. Info: bluemont.org. To sponsor a dance, become a Bluemont member, and/or volunteer: Lily Dunning, lily@bluemont.org or [540-955-8186](tel:540-955-8186).

SWING/BLUES

BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD
THURSDAYS • 8:15–11:30 PM

Popular weekly blues dance in the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Sprung wood floor. Beginner

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lesson from 8:15 to 9 pm. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30 pm. 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. Info: Donna Barker, **301-634-2231** or **CapitalBlues.org**.

WALTZ

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD
1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS • 3:30 PM
BEGINNER LESSON 2:45 PM

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing! The band will play a lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including ham-

bo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$10. Info: **301-397-2208**, **301-634-2222**, or **waltztimedances.org**.

December

- 4 Green Light Karma** with **David Knight** (fiddle), **Andrew Marcus** (accordion), and **Dave Wiesler** (piano, guitar)
18 Gigmeisters with **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), **David Wiesler** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

Classes/Workshops

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS • FAIRFAX CITY, VA
TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 6 AND 13 • 7:15–8:45 PM

We have classes every Tuesday night until June, except for the Christmas Holidays and January. Irish Social Dancing consists of four couples (a "set") dancing to predetermined patterns. Each dance, e.g., the North Kerry Set, has its own set of patterns. The dances are taught and called by **Hugh Conway**, using music recorded in Ireland. Some of the dances can be very aerobic and a good source of exercise. We use a room at the center with a dance floor. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Department of Parks and Recreation. Green Acre Community Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd, 22030. \$35 for a session of five classes, or \$8 for a walk-in. Info: Hugh Conway, 703-273-6869, **ceiliset@yahoo.com**, or **ceilidance.com**.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD
TUESDAYS (DECEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27)
7:30–9:30 PM

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polskas, springars, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple-turning dances, including requests. Wear smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. \$5; first time free. Info: Lynn Walker, **301-834-4020**, **lisa@HamboDC.org**, or **Hambodc.org**.



UPCOMING CLASSES

GWCC SET & CEILI DANCE CLASS
SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 12 TO MAY 18 • 7–8 PM,
BASICS; 8–9:30 PM, ADVANCED

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) holds weekly adult set & ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment. No experience or partner needed. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music, open to all (small donation requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. \$40/season, register and pay at class; first class free. Info: **301-649-6410**, **info@gwcc-online.org**, or **gwcc-online.org**.

“More than ever, we need the Arts and Humanities. We need music to bring us together and to create community. We need the humanities to teach us to understand both ourselves and others. By creating community, we fight against exclusion, discrimination, and hatred.”

—**Abraham Joyner-Meyers**, Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SUNDAYS • 10 AM TO 12 PM

Indoors at the Visitor Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Park Rd, 21403. Info/confirm: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD

2ND AND 5TH SUNDAYS • 3-5 PM

Beginners welcome. Beans in the Belfry, 120 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178**.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS • 1-4 PM

Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. Held outdoors in summer months, in the Country Store in winter months. Info/directions: **703-437-9101**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • DUPONT CIRCLE JAM WASHINGTON, DC

1ST SUNDAYS • 11 AM TO 2 PM

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). Info: Mike Marceau, mikemarceau@juno.com.

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2-6 PM

Capital Area Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr), 22201. Slow Jam, 2-3 pm; Regular Jam continues until 6 pm. Info: Don, **703-522-1696** or caboma.org.

CLASSIC COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • SILVER SPRING, MD

2ND SUNDAYS • 2-5 PM

The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments, as well as voice. Playlist, directions, info: Dorie Hightower, **301-706-7633**, SundayJam.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY ACOUSTIC JAM • RESTON, VA

5TH SUNDAYS • 1-4 PM

Happens about four times a year. All bluegrass, old-time, and acoustic instruments welcome. Reston Used Book Shop (at Reston's Lake Anne Plaza), 1623 Washington Plaza, 20190. Info: **703-435-9772**.

KIDS' OPEN MIC • GREENBELT, MD

3RD SUNDAYS • 1:30-2:30 PM

New Deal Café, 113 Center Way, Roosevelt Center, 20770. Info: **301-474-5642**, newdealcafe.com/events/calendar.php.

OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY • 3-5 PM

Open to all with a fiddle, banjo, mandolin, or guitar that wish to join an open group for merry music making. Beans in the Belfry, 120 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178**.

OLD-TIME JAM • RICHMOND, VA

SUNDAYS 2-5 PM

Bluegrass/Old-Time stringed instruments only. Cary Street Café, 2631 West Cary St, 23220. Info/directions: **804-353-7445**.

SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD

3RD SUNDAYS • 4-6 PM

Singing followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860 (about 10 miles west of Laurel). Info: Dave Greene, **301-570-3283** or dgreene@all-systems.com.

SCOTTISH JAM • ALEXANDRIA, VA

NO JAM THIS MONTH • 2-5 PM

John Strongbow's Tavern, 710 King St, 22314. Info: **Peter@boghadubh@gmail.com** or dcscottishsession.blogspot.com.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA

3RD SUNDAYS • 5-7:30 PM

Books: *The Shenandoah Harmony* and *Sacred Harp* (1991 Denison edition). Bring a snack to share. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (Classroom 1), 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124. Info: John, **540-955-2660** or jdellre@visuallink.com or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD

1ST SUNDAYS • 2-4 PM

Playing music from many different genres; it's just plain fun! Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737. Free (donations accepted/encouraged). Info: **UkeJamatArchieEdwards@gmail.com**.

Mondays

BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD

MONDAYS • 8 PM

Informal singing group, *Sedenka*, meets to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya, **301-270-4175** or Katya@partan.com.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD

1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS • 7-10 PM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912 (corner of Orchard and 4th, just a few blocks from the intersection of New Hampshire and Eastern). Info: VFW Post 350, **301-270-8008** or Barb Diederich at Barb@BarbDiederich.com.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD

1ST MONDAYS, 8-10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; Arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly a *cappella* but instruments welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

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JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION *continued*

TOUCHED BY A SONG GOSPEL JAM • HERNDON, VA

3RD MONDAYS • 7:30–9 PM

Acoustic circle jam. Share favorite gospel, hymns, or praise songs or just play along. Open to all ages and skill levels. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Rd, 20171. Info: debbie@touchedbysongs.com, or dcbu.org.

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD

ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 7:30–10:30 PM

Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at Liam Flynn's Ale House, 22 W North Ave, 21201. Info: KenandBrad.com or [Baltimore Bluegrass Jam Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreBluegrassJam).

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD

TUESDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the *Capital Accord Chorus*, an all-women's a cappella group singing in the barbershop style. Our *Sing for the Holidays* program is in full swing. Come see us perform at a variety of venues, including Wolf Trap, U.S. Botanic Gardens, National Christmas Tree, and Glenview Mansion. You can also join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. Info: **1-301-392-SONG (7664)** or admin@capitalaccord.org. Check out our Holiday Schedule at capitalaccord.org.

DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC

3RD TUESDAYS • 7–9:30 PM

We sing from both *The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*. Loaner book available and books for sale. Everyone welcome to bring snacks and friends. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE, 20003 (Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metros; 20 minutes from Union Station). Info: John, **540-955-2660** or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

OPEN MIC • FALLS CHURCH, VA

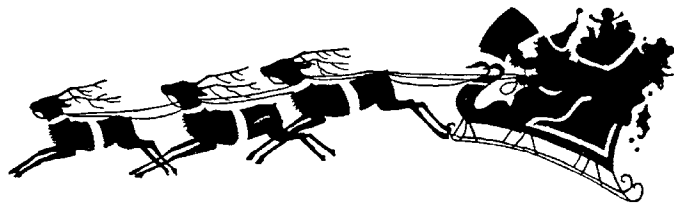
1ST TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Hosted by *Crazy After Midnight*. JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd, 22042. Info: **703-241-9504**, jvsrest@aol.com, **703-216-0560**, or avnocero@gmail.com.

RESTON/HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA

TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM

Open mic format. Doors open at 6 pm. Second Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase. Third Tuesday often features monthly concerts, price varies. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St. 20170. Info: **703-435-2402** or RestonHerdonFolkClub.com.



Wednesdays

BLUEGRASS MUSIC ALLIANCE JAM • MARTINSBURG, WV

WEDNESDAYS • 6–9 PM

Musicians of all levels encouraged to come; bluegrass music fans are welcome to listen. Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404, bluegrassmusicalliance.org/local-area-jams/.

COMMUNITY SING AT REVELS AND CAROLING!

SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 6:30–8:30 PM

Revels and Carpe Diem Arts sponsor a monthly community sing on **the 21st of every month**. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Bring refreshments and songs to share if you wish. December themes: Winter Solstice and Maritime Heritage. Seize the day and sing with us to celebrate winter, holidays, and maritime heritage! Join us for a great range of songs that are fun and easy to sing and even some neighborhood caroling! Our performance ensemble, Maritime Voices, will also lead us in songs. Plus, get some holiday shopping done at our Revels Marketplace—sip your cider while browsing through our array of CDs, books, ornaments, posters, prints, cards, t-shirts and more—much of it handmade by Revelers! 6:30, Song circle celebration of the season & maritime songs; 7:30, Caroling in the neighborhood; 8:15, Hot cider & cocoa, Blessed Coffee, refreshments, and more singing at Revels, plus visit the Revels Marketplace for great gifts! Free will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. Info: Jo Rasi, jrsi@revelsdc.org or **301-587-3835**, or Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or **301-466-0183**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING

2ND (BALTIMORE), 3RD (ANNAPOLIS), AND 4TH (DC) WEDNESDAYS • 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompay.org.

December

- 7 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
- 14 Galway Bay, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401
- 21 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

Thursdays

OPEN BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD

1ST THURSDAYS 6:30–9 PM

Hosted by Bobby Bales and Claude Jones. Bobby is a legendary lead guitarist in the Grassy Ridge Band. All are welcome to join in. Beans in the Belfry, 120 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178**.

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION continued

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC • RIVERDALE, MD
1ST THURSDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

If you have a song or three to share with others, original or otherwise, stop in and show your stuff.

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, 4701 Queensbury Rd. in Riverdale, MD 20737, acousticblues.com/events/events.html.

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

Join local musician **John Durant, Jr.**, every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a change 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, 11301 Elkin St, 20902 (corner of Elkin & Price). Venue info: thelimerickpub.net.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • TYSONS CORNER, VA
2ND THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly a *cappella* but instruments welcome. Paddy Barry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182 (Rte 7 near 123; half-mile walk from Tysons Corner or Greensboro Metros). Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com or ShipsCompany.org.

Fridays

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 wel-

come. Find recordings, tune book names, and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at OpenBandOnline.com (site works best using iTunes on a PC or Mac). Info: FridayNightDance.org.
Saturdays

ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION
RIVERDALE, MD**ACOUSTIC BLUES JAM • SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM**

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Free, but donations welcome. Info: 301-396-3054 or acousticblues.com.

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

Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St, 22611. Potluck supper (picnic-style; no kitchen facilities). Info: shenandoahharmony.com, dc-shapenote.squarespace.com, or call John or Kelly at 540-955-2660.

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG • KENSINGTON, MD
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS • 2:30–4:30 PM

Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info: JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com.



Weekends, Festivals & Special Events

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS
FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT • SILVER SPRING, MD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 5:45 AND 6:45 PM
(TWO 20–25 MINUTE CHILDREN'S SHOWS)

Featuring **Mr. Gabe**: Pied Piper of Takoma Park! El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. \$5 for adults (comes with free drink, incl. margarita & wine, or dessert). Children, free. Info: CarpeDiemArts.org or michellemosher@CarpeDiemArts.org.

SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND
LUCIAFEST • COLLEGE PARK, MD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 8:30–11 PM
(BASIC TEACHING, 8–8:30)

Music by *Peascods Gathering*. Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles, and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners, experienced, all welcome. Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, ZIP. \$10. Info: Lorraine Silsbee, 301-585-1130 or Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or cminkus@verizon.net.

ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION
7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY • RIVERDALE, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 1–5 PM

Mark December 3 on your calendar for a great party at Archie's Barbershop, with food, beverages, and a silent auction. If you like, please bring food or beverages to share. Especially chili. You can bid on items in advance online (acousticblues.com/events/SilentAuction.html) and at the holiday party. Bidding will close at 4 pm. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737. Info: 301-396-3054 or acousticblues.com.

ENGLISH COUNTRY HOLIDAY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 8–10:45 PM

Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering* with calling by **Bob Farrall**. Includes festive lighting and decorations and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902 (parking and entrance in rear). \$5. Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or cminkus@verizon.net; or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018.

JAMS/OPEN MICS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CONTINUED

**WINTER SOLSTICE W/FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN
TAKOMA PARK, MD**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 6 PM AND 7:30 PM

The Foggy Bottom Morris Men will once again celebrate the coming of Winter Solstice. As the night closes in, we will perform the Abbots Bromley horn dance, our border morris traditions, a sword dance or two, and recreate the classic Solstice theme of rebirth in our traditional, comic Mummers play to drive away the darkness! The second show is particularly suited for families with small children. At 6 pm near the Takoma Park Gazebo (7035 Carroll Ave, 20912) and at 7:30 pm inside the Takoma Park Library (7500 Maple Ave, 20912). Info: Alan Peel, **301-920-1912**, squire@fbmm.org, or fbmm.org.

**SCANDIA DC DANCE HOLIDAY PARTY • GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY DECEMBER 17 • 7-10 PM**

See Dance listings, Scandinavian

**DIAMOND DANCE CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL FOLK
HOLIDAY PARTY • COLLEGE PARK, MD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 8-11:30 PM**

Please join us on the wonderful wood floor at the Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom for a great evening of classic and recent international folk dance favorites (maybe some swing and ballroom) hosted by DJ **Brandon Diamond**, who will take requests. Bring your favorite holiday goodies to share for our annual holiday reunion for all of our Folk Dance Group Villages party. Folk costumes encouraged. No partner necessary. Beginners and newcomers are welcome. This special dance celebrates 52 years of our Bethesda International Folk Dance class, which meets most Monday nights (see Dance Listings, International). 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740. \$10. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, **301-871-8788** or diamond-dancecircle@comcast.net.

**UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2017
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV**

Workshops take place in the relaxed retreat setting of Shepherd University and the surrounding historic buildings in Shepherdstown, WV. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, **304-263-2531**, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.

FIDDLE RETREAT • JANUARY 6-8, 2017

Workshops, Concert, Jam Sessions, and a Contra Dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of styles are presented by some of the region's finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles including Cape Breton, Appalachian, New England and swing. 2017 teachers are **Alan Jabbour** (old-time), **Alexander Mitchell** (swing), **Andrea Hoag** (Scandinavian, English), **Graham DeZarn** (Irish), **Katie McNally** (Scottish/Cape Breton), **Elke Baker** (Sampler), along with **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Karen Ashbrook** (hammered dulcimer) and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixed-instrument classes).

PIPERS WEEKEND • JANUARY 13-15, 2017

Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions, and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, fiddle, and mixed instruments. Staff include: **Joey Abarta** (uilleann pipes), **Nathan Gourley** (Irish fiddle), **John Skelton** (Irish flute), **Dick Hensold** (Northumbrian smallpipes), on Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes: **Iain MacHarg**, **Hollis Easter**, **Nick Hudson**, and **Bob Mitchell**, as well as hurdy-gurdy player **Brian McCandless** (repertoire). Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.

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