



WINDBORNE

FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 4–5:30 PM



This internationally acclaimed Vermont quartet (**Lynn Mahoney Rowan, Will Thomas Rowan, Lauren Breunig, and Jeremy Carter-Gordon**) is touring in support of their fourth CD, *Song on the Times*, presenting 200 years of protest music: songs of laborers, pacifists, and other resistance movements using the power of communal song to organize. In strong, beautiful, polished yet sincere harmony arrangements, **Windborne** tells the stories of the Diggers, the Chartists, and the abolitionists – generations of dissidents who paved the way for the social progress and struggles of the 21st century. The afternoon concert is free to students (anyone with a student ID or under 18) and, if you can't make it, you can listen live at 94.3 FM in the vicinity of Takoma Park or online from anywhere at **takomradio.org**. At Allyworld. \$20; FSGW members, \$10; students, free. Info about group: **windbornesingers.com/**.

FSGW House Concert

Takoma Park, MD

WINDBORNE

FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 8–10 PM

Can't make it to **Windborne's** live radio performance in the afternoon? No worries! At this evening concert, they'll perform songs from *Song on the Times* and their rich catalog of material from Appalachia, the Midwest, New England, Old England, Corsica, the Republic of Georgia, Bulgaria, Quebec, and the Basque country. (At their last standing-room-only concert for FSGW, they sang in 13 languages – 14 if you count formal French and the Quebecois dialect as two.)



At **Molly Hickman's**. \$15 donation suggested.
RSVP/directions:
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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. E.g., Classes [Month], Concert [Month], Dance [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**

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"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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FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 • 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 in advance of the meeting.

FSGW Concerts

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FSGW House Concert

Takoma Park, MD

Tenores de Aterúe

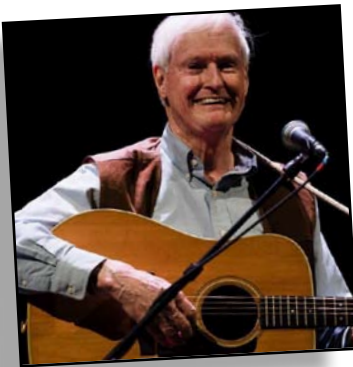
Saturday, Jan 27
8–10 pm



Tenores de Aterúe returns to Washington with more Sardinian songs in the *cantu a tenore* tradition. As the New England quartet's website explains: "The song form is typical of the region of Barbagia and other parts of central Sardinia. Performances are often spontaneous and done in local bars, but also at more formal occasions, such as religious festivals. The lyrics are sometimes ancient, but may also be contemporary poems on present-day issues such as emigration and politics, and they are connected to the island's rich poetic tradition." **Doug Paisley**, the *boghe* (lead singer), is joined by **Avery Book**, who performed for FSGW last year with *Starry Mountain Singers*, and **Gideon Crevoshay** and **Carl Linich**. At **Molly Hickman's**. \$15 donation suggested. RSVP & directions: hickmang.m94@gmail.com. Info about group: tenoresdeaterue.band-camp.com/.

FSGW House Concert

Takoma Park, MD



Bill Destler and Sarah Murdoch

Sunday, Feb 4 • 12–2 pm

Help launch a new tradition: Some of the out-of-town guest artists at the 2018 Midwinter Festival (see page 4) will perform over brunch at a house concert the next day for gas money (or, in the case of physicist **Bill Destler**, to charge his electric car). A former president of FSGW (and the Rochester Institute of Technology) and a founder of the Baltimore Folk Music Society, Bill is also a world-renowned collector of vintage banjos and features them on three albums of old and new songs. **Sarah Murdoch** returns to Washington to belt some more old gospel, early blues, murder ballads, and Scots Gaelic folk songs. If you enjoy — or you miss — these two talented New Yorkers in the Saturday evening concert at the festival, join them for brunch and a casual concert at Janie Meneely's. at 11, concert at noon. \$15 suggested donation. RSVP/directions: program@fsgw.org. Info about **Bill**: discogs.com/artist/3872165-Bill-Destler. Info about **Sarah**: sarah-murdoch.com/.













FSGW MIDWINTER FESTIVAL * SILVER SPRING, MD

SATURDAY, FEB 3 * 12 NOON TO 10:30 PM



Come out and play (and dance and sing)! It's time for the FSGW Mini-Fest, our annual celebration of all things FSGW – chanteys and stories, dances and duets, hambos and hornpipes, banjos and bodhrans, and ballads. With two dance tracks and more than 40 workshops and concerts at 7 different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving morris dancers, bells, sticks and hankies), it's a sure-fire cure for the winter blues. We'll be at our usual location – **Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road.**

As of press time (early December), the wonderful programmers are still working out specifics; a complete schedule will appear in your February Newsletter and will be posted and updated on the FSGW website. But here's a brief list to whet your musical appetite:

-  **In the Cafetorium**, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by **Charlie Baum**. Confirmed performers include the **Squeezers**, **DC Ambience**, **Lyuti Chushki**, and **Washington Revels Maritime Voices**.
-  **The Storytelling Program** is again organized by FSGW Board member **Tim Livengood**. Featured tellers this year along with Tim are **Ming Diaz**, **Janice Curtis Greene**, **Penelope Fleming**, **Bunjo Butler**, **Geraldine Buckley**, **Laura Bobrow**, **Miriam Nadel**, and the young and talented **Twinbrook Tellers**. There will also be an audience storyswap.
-  **The Jams Room**, programmed by **Charlie Baum** and FSGW President **April Blum**, will include a gospel sing, shape note singing, a blues jam featuring musicians from **Archie's Barbershop**, and more.
-  **The Traditional Song Room**, programmed by **Lisa Null**, will feature singers **Linda Rice-Johnston** (Scots); **Martha Burns** (old-time and cowboy songs); the **Two Sisters** (ballad harmony singers **Guen** and **Liz Spilsbury**); Celtic singer **Connie McKenna** with harpist **Sue Richards**; **Stephen Winick** as well as **Don Stallone**, whose repertoires includes songs of power, comedy, tragedy, and love; **Sarah White** and **Nora Rodes**, two young singers from Pennsylvania rediscovering great old songs; **Steve Woodbury**, presenting 19th-century songs of a New England family; and local favorites **Darriel** and **Jocelyn Day**, who mingle the old with the new. Be prepared to sing along and perhaps to laugh and weep as the afternoon unfolds.
-  Again this year the **Living Traditions** track will be hosted by FSGW Board members **Mike** and **Heather Livingston** and will feature **Orfeia** (Balkan women's vocal ensemble), **Michael Sevenser** and daughter **Patricia Sevenser** (singing boleros, rancheras, sons Cubanos, and other songs in Spanish), **Miles Spicer and Friends** (traditional blues and more), **Seán Heely** (Scottish fiddle), **Going Home** (**Molly Hickman** and **Corinne Ducey**; Americana inspired by the shape note tradition), **Severn Savage** (a *cappella* song with audience participation), and **Cat and the Fiddle** (Maryland Renaissance Festival regulars).
-  Last year's new **Family Room** was a big hit, and FSGW Board member **Ingrid Gorman** has again come up with a terrific family-oriented program with lots of participatory song and dance. Performers include **Massive Donut**, **The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band** (they provide noisy things so you can join the fun), a family dance intro workshop with music by **Sibling Rivalry** and calling by **Penelope Weinberger** (kids, bring your parents!), interactive percussion fun with **Bill Jenkins**, a lullaby hour with Celtic harpist **Abigail Selby** (bring blankies; we'll have a comfy rug), and a kids-only open mic (be under 13 and come regale us – tell a story, sing a song, play an instrument, do some dancing, maybe even tell a joke).
-  **The Main Gym** will feature six hours of dance, including English country dance, Scandinavian, morris, tango, Scottish country dance, and possibly a flamenco workshop. And the Auxiliary Gym will include waltz, couples dancing, contra, and possibly a rollicking barn dance for all ages.
-  From 7:30 to 10:30 pm, two simultaneous evening programs – in the Main Gym, an evening of contras and squares with members of the **Glen Echo Open Band** and callers from the recent FSGW Callers Practicum. And in the Cafetorium, a concert programmed by **Charlie Baum** with **Potomac Revelers**, **The Rick Franklin Trio**, **Bill Destler**, and **Sara Murdoch**. It will be a tuneful and delightful evening.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair

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Concerts

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Sundays

JV'S RESTAURANT • FALLS CHURCH, VA SUNDAYS • 1 PM

Brunch featuring bluegrass or trad jazz. Mostly area musicians, with occasional touring artists. Info: jvsrestaurant.com.



KEN WALDMAN KIDS' SHOW, PERFORMANCE & READING • ROCKVILLE, MD SUNDAY, JAN 7 • 2 & 4 PM

School of Musical Traditions hosts Alaskan fiddling poet **Ken Waldman** for a 2 pm kids' show and a 4 pm performance and reading from his latest collection of Trump satire, *Trump Sonnets, Vol. 2*. He is joined by multi-instrumentalist, **David McCormick**. Ken's credits include nine CDs of Appalachian string band music, eight book-length collections of his poetry, and a memoir of his life as a touring performer. \$10 for the regular concert; \$10 per family for the kids' show. At School of Musical Traditions. Info: **240-690-1910**, lessons@schoolofmusicaltraditions.com.

MAGGIE'S CELTIC NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, FEAT. MAGGIE SANSONE & ROBIN BULLOCK

ANNAPOLIS, MD • SUNDAY, JAN 7 • 6 PM

With guests **Matthew Bell**, **Laura Burne**, **Jimmy Eagan**, & **Seth Kibel**. At Rams Head Onstage. \$25. ramsheadonstage.com.

EMILY MITCHELL, SILVER STRINGS, & LYNN HOLLYFIELD • BETHESDA, MD SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 7-9 PM

Emily Mitchell, 15, is a singer/songwriter from Gaithersburg. *Silver Strings* is a Chesapeake Bay area folk, bluegrass, blues, traditional, and contemporary music string band. **Lynn Hollyfield** is a powerful singer, crisp acoustic guitar player, and heartfelt observer of the world. At Positano Ristorante Italiano. \$15; members, \$10 (pay at door; credit cards accepted). Reservations: reserve@wfma.net or **301-744-7740**; wfma.net/pr1801.htm.



OLD-TIME JAM WORKSHOP & CONCERT WITH RACHEL EDDY • ROCKVILLE, MD SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 6 PM

Old-time music whiz and multi-instrumentalist **Rachel Eddy** presents an evening of Appalachian music and an introductory jam workshop. Geared towards advanced beginner & intermediate players of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass & harmonica. Bring instruments (and if you like what you hear, Rachel starts a 4-week jamming class 1/16 in Bethesda; see jams, page 16). At School of Musical Traditions. \$20. Register at hmtrad.com or pay at the door. Info: **240-690-1910**, schoolofmusicaltraditions.com.

BUMPER JACKSONS DUO: PASSPORT TO THE WORLD FESTIVAL SERIES • FALLS CHURCH, VA SUNDAY, JAN 28 • 7 PM

Roots jazz, country swing. Stories and songs of Appalachia. Come in, take a seat, and be woven into a musical story that never stops being told. Honored multiple times as the Mid-Atlantic's "Artist of the Year" and "Best Traditional Band," national touring artists the *Bumper Jacksons* return to their duo roots with founders **Jess Eliot Myhre** and **Chris Ousley** for this unique show. At Creative Cauldron, 410 S Maple Ave, 22046 (creativecauldron.org/passport-to-the-world2.html). \$22. Info/tickets: bumperjacksons.com.

Mondays

WOLF'S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA MONDAYS • 8:30 PM

Mostly area musicians, with occasional touring artists. At JV's Restaurant.

HONEYSUCKLE • VIENNA, VA MONDAY, JAN 15 • 7:30 PM

Award-winning "progressive folk" trio from New England. At Jammin' Java. \$15-20.

GAELIC STORM • ALEXANDRIA, VA MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN 22 & 23 • 7:30 PM

Celtic, Celtic rock since they were featured as "Irish Party in Third Class" in *Titanic*. At the Birchmere. \$35.

Tuesdays

MARK WENNER (OF THE NIGHTHAWKS) & THE BLUES WARRIORS • FALLS CHURCH, VA TUESDAY, JAN 9 • 8:30 PM

At JV's Restaurant.

GAELIC STORM • ALEXANDRIA, VA MONDAY & TUESDAY, JAN 22 & 23 • 7:30 PM

See listing above.

BILLY STRINGS • ANNAPOLIS, MD TUESDAY, JAN 23 • 8 PM

Amazing bluegrass string player; local *Dirty Grass Players* open. At Rams Head Onstage. \$20.

JOE PURDY & AMBER RUBARTH • WASHINGTON, DC TUESDAY, JAN 30 • 7:30 PM

Americana singer-songwriters, both featured in new film. At The Hamilton. \$14.75-32.25.

Concerts continued

Wednesdays

AN EVENING WITH ANTHONY GOMES WASHINGTON, DC

WEDNESDAY, JAN 17 • 8 PM

#1 Billboard Blues Artist. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$10.

JOHN SEBASTIAN • ANNAPOLIS, MD

WEDNESDAY, JAN 17 • 8 PM

Harmonica player with *The Lovin' Spoonful*, guitarist, singer, in Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. At Rams Head Onstage. \$39.50.

GAEIC STORM • ANNAPOLIS, MD

WEDNESDAY, JAN 24 • 8 PM

Celtic, Celtic rock since they were featured as "Irish Party in Third Class" in *Titanic*. At Rams Head Onstage. \$40.

Thursdays

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS FAMILY FUN

NIGHT OUT AT EL GOLFO • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, JAN 4 • 5:45 AND 6:45 PM

(TWO 25-MINUTE SHOWS)

Featuring **Uncle Devin**: Drum and Songs for young and old. At El Golfo Restaurant, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. Free for children; adults, \$5 (incl. free drink or ice cream). Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Evergreen School with support from Finn Family Group, Washington Revels, El Golfo, and WOWD-FM LP Takoma Radio. Info: BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org or **301-466-0183**; or carpediemarts.org/family-fun-night.

ALAN JABBOUR: HIS LEGACY IN FOLKLIFE AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, JAN 18 • 6-8:30 PM

Benjamin Botkin Folklife Lecture Series. Come learn about the enduring legacy of the American Folklife Center's founding director **Alan Jabbour** (1942-2017). Reception, 6 pm; presentations and musical performances by **Stephen Wade**, **Ken Perlman**, and **Carl Fleischhauer**, 6:45 pm. Presentations will be followed by a short old-time jam featuring Alan's repertoire, so bring your instruments! Library of Congress, Mumford Room, 6th floor Madison Building, 101 Independence Avenue, SE, 20540. Free and open to the public. Info: **Thea Austen**, **202-707-1743**; loc.gov/folklife.

THE LAST REVEL + THE SLOCAN RAMBLERS

WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, JAN 18 • 8 PM

Minneapolis Americana + Toronto bluegrass. At Gypsy Sally's. \$12.

WESTERN CENTURIES • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, JAN 18 • 8:30 PM

Country-ish band + openers **Vivian Leva & Riley Calcagno**. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$12.

DAVE ROWE • SYKESVILLE, MD

THURSDAY, JAN 25 • 8 PM

Second-generation folk singer and songwriter from Maine. At Baldwin's Station. \$20.

BILL STAINES • SYKESVILLE, MD

THURSDAY, FEB 1 • 8 PM

In his fifth decade as a performer, close to 30 albums, songs sung around the world. At Baldwin's Station. \$20.

Fridays

BAKITHI KUMALO & THE ALL STAR GRACELAND BAND

FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8:30 PM

Original "Graceland" bassist, joined by Philadelphia Folk Festival band. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$20-30.

THE CACTUS LIQUORS + THE UPTON BLUES BAND

WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8:30 PM

Americana rock + DC blues + openers **Zydeco Jed**, roots rock. At Gypsy Sally's. \$12.

FIDDLE SUMMIT SHOWCASE • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8 PM

Annual showcase concert from the Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat features this year's staff: National Scottish fiddle champions **Laura Risk** and **Seán Heely**, old-time fiddle whiz **Rachel Eddy**, **Brad Kolodner** on banjo, **Ken Kolodner** on hammered dulcimer, and master accompanists **Dave Wiesler** on piano and **Paul Oorts** on mandolin, guitar, cittern, and more. At the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Washington St, 25443. \$20; seniors, \$18; SMD members, \$15; students, \$10. Info: **Joanie**, **304-263-2531** or updf@earthlink.net.

WASHINGTON REVELS JUBILEE VOICES

CHEVY CHASE, MD

FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 7:30-9 PM

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POPA CHUBBY • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, JAN 5 • 8 PM

Longtime bluesman. At The Hamilton. \$15.25-39.75.

DANNY WHITECOTTON • TAKOMA, DC

FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 7:30 PM (DOORS OPEN, 7 PM)

Independent Americana singer-songwriter w/ roots in Texas and Delaware. Take a listen at dannywhitecotton.com. At Seekers Church. \$18. Info: info@carrollcafe.org. Tickets: carrollcafe.org.

EDDIE FROM OHIO + OPENER JAKE ARMERDING

ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JAN 12-14 • 7:30 PM

Fine musicianship, gorgeous harmonies, songs old and new + opener likely joins them. At the Birchmere. \$42.50.

Concerts continued

LARRY KEEL EXPERIENCE • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 9 PM

Flatpicker leads jam-grass band + **The Woodshedders** open with WV roots rock. At Gypsy Sally's. \$15/17.

TOM KIMMEL • SYKESVILLE, MD

FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 8 PM

Published poet, award-winning singer-songwriter, and teacher. At Baldwin's Station. \$20.

CRYS MATTHEWS • ANNAPOLIS, MD

FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 7:30 PM

Crys Matthews is a dynamic, award-winning songwriter examining both personal and political themes and an engaging performer with a funky edge to her folk/pop style. At Annapolis Friends Meeting. \$12; students/65+/ATDS/FSGW/BFMS members, \$10. Info: 333concerts.org, 443-333-9613, or 333coffeehouse@gmail.com.

DONNA THE BUFFALO • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 8 PM

Rockin' band rooted in old time fiddle music. At The Hamilton. \$15-25.

LULU'S FATE • CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM

SOLOMONS, MD

FRIDAY, JAN 19 • 7 PM

The Calvert Marine Museum presents **Lulu's Fate** as part of its Maritime Performance Series. Appalachian traditional, country blues, swing and more with mandolin, guitar, cello & 3-part harmony. At Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomons Island Rd, 20688. \$15 adv/\$20 door. Info: calvert-marinemuseum.com, 410-326-2042.

RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER

ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, JAN 26 & 27 • 7:30 PM

Mandolinist started in *Ralph Stanley Band*, now leads multi-Grammy-winning bluegrass group. At the Birchmere. \$39.50.

*Saturdays***JACOB JOLIFF BAND • WASHINGTON, DC**

SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 8:30 PM



Young mandolinist leads all-star bluegrass band. At Pearl Street Warehouse. \$10.

LULU'S FATE "HOUSE" CONCERT AT SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS • ROCKVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 7:30 PM

We're celebrating the opening of School of Musical Traditions (an expansion of House of Musical Traditions' lessons program) with our first "House" concert. A new facility with six private lessons rooms, SMT offers lessons on a wide range of instruments and also has a larger space for workshops and house concerts. Our first concert will be DC-based old-time/Americana trio **Lulu's Fate**. Comprised of **Tom Espinola** on mandolin & guitar, **Kristen Jones** on cello, and singer **Kara Bolling**, the trio blends virtuosic instrumentals with lush 3-part

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harmonies to create new interpretations of traditional Appalachian, southern string band, and country blues tunes, as well as early swing, gospel, originals, and covers."House Concerts" at School of Musical Traditions. \$15 door; students/children, \$12. Info/tickets: imtfolk.org or 301 960-3655.

BETTER OFF DEAD • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, JAN 13 • 9 PM

Tribute to Jerry Garcia & *Grateful Dead* + openers **The Plate Scrapers**, jam grass. At Gypsy Sally's. \$15.

SQUEEZE THE BAG! • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

SATURDAY, JAN 13 • 8 PM

This concert features the quieter cousins of Highland bagpipes, all powered by an elbow-pumped bellows...the Irish uilleann pipes, played by **Joey Abarta** and **Sean Gavin** (also on flute); the Scottish smallpipes and the border pipes, played by **EJ Jones**, **Iain Mac Harg**, **Timothy Cummings**, and our host piper, **Bob Mitchell**; and the tiny Northumbrian smallpipes, played by **Ian Lawther**. Pipers will be accompanied by bouzouki player, **Frances Cunningham** and hurdy-gurdy player, **Brian McCandless**. The repertoire will come from Scotland, Ireland, England, Cape Breton, Brittany, Central France and beyond. At Shepherd University's Reynolds Hall, 100 N. King St, 25443. \$20; seniors, \$18; SMD members, \$15; students, \$10. Info: Upper Potomac office, 304-263-2531 or updf@earthlink.net.

LUCY KAPLANSKY WITH HEATHER MALONEY

VIENNA, VA

SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 8-10 PM

A contemporary and collaborator of Suzanne Vega, Shawn Colvin, and Richard Shindell, among others, "**Lucy Kaplansky** is a truly gifted performer with a bag full of enchanting songs" (*The New Yorker*). At Wolf Trap, The Barns. \$26-\$28.

LULU'S FATE AT HOMEGROWN COFFEEHOUSE

ACCOKEEK, MD

SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 7 PM

Appalachian traditional, country blues, swing, and more with mandolin, guitar, cello, & 3-part harmony. **Gary Mitchell** plays an opening set. Light refreshments served. At National Colonial Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Rd, 20607. \$12 door. Info: facebook.com/homegrowncoffeehouse or 240-305-0876.

PURPLE JIM, SCOTT SIVAKOFF, JAMITIS BAND, & CHARLES (OF BROWN-SMITH VIBRATION)

COLUMBIA, MD

JOSEPH ISAACS; MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 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. At Mad City Coffee. Info: 410-964-8671, madcitycoffee.com.

TOWN MOUNTAIN • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 8 PM

Full-tilt bluegrass quintet. At The Hamilton. \$8-17.

Concerts continued

ILYAIMY AT THE NEW DEAL CAFÉ • GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 8:30 PM

Award-winning folk/rock from Baltimore returns to the New Deal Café. Guitars, percussion, cello, keyboard & harmonies. No cover. At New Deal Café. Info: newdealcafe.com or 301-474-5642.

THE NIGHTHAWKS • NORTH BETHESDA, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 8 PM

DC's legendary blues rock band. At AMP by Strathmore. \$25/members, 22.50.

ELIKEH + ON THE BUS • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 9 PM

Afro-funk band + *Grateful Dead* tribute. At Gypsy Sally's. \$10/12.

classes

Sundays

INTRODUCTORY TAIKO WORKSHOP
WITH MARK H. ROONEY • TAKOMA PARK, MD
SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 5-8 PM

Ever wonder what it's like to play a drum with your whole body? Learn the powerful and dynamic art form of Japanese drumming with **Mark H. Rooney**. Ages 13 & up, drums provided. At Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave, 20912. \$50. Advance registration recommended: hmtrad.com or 301-270-9090.

Mondays

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • BETHESDA, MD
MONDAYS • 7:30-9:30 PM

At National Institutes of Health Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Drop-in fee, \$5. Info: **John MacLeod**, 301-622-5945, blackolav@gmail.com, or rscds-greaterdc.org.

WASHINGTON REVELS WINTER AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS • SILVER SPRING, MD
MONDAYS, BEGINNING JAN 8

Be a Revels kid! Revels kids learn the confidence to lead, the importance of teamwork, and the empathy to care for others and the world around them through traditional games, songs, stories, and dances from around the world. Winter workshops for grades PreK-8 and Homeschool run from January 8 to March 15. Classes meet at the Washington Revels Studio Space. Register: revelsdc.org/revels-kids/education/.

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM CLASS WITH RACHEL EDDY
BETHESDA, MD
TUESDAYS, JAN 16 TO FEB 6 (FOUR SESSIONS)

Experience the joy of jamming and playing music with others. Learn traditional Appalachian fiddle tunes in a group setting. For advanced beginner & intermediate players of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, harmonica, & cello. \$100 for four sessions. Held at a private home (address provided when you register). Register: hmtrad.com or 301-270-9090.



SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD
TUESDAYS, JAN 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 • 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/address: **Lynn Walker**, 301-834-4020, lisa@HamboDC.org, or HamboDC.org.

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

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center. \$8. Info: **Jay Andrews**, 703-719-0596 or andrewj@rcn.com.

Wednesdays

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD
WEDNESDAYS, JAN 10 TO FEB 14, 8-9:30 PM

Tisza Ensemble teaches dances of the Bukovinai Székelys, a Hungarian ethnic community from the northeastern Carpathians. A great intro to Hungarian folk dance since steps from many regions of Hungary are included. No experience or partner needed. \$40 for 6-week series. Info/address: **Cathy Lamont**, 301-648-1909; tiszensemblerg.org.

THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC
SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY THROUGH MAY, 7:30-10 PM

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Newcomers are welcome. No prior dance experience or a partner is necessary. Music by fiddler **Paul Carlson**, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. At Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. No charge the first time; \$4 per session thereafter. Info: **Chris Kalke**, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net; sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/.

Thursdays

GWCC ADULT SET & CEILI DANCE CLASS
SILVER SPRING, MD
THURSDAYS • 7-9:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club holds weekly adult Irish 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 on the 3rd Thursday each month (small donation requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. \$50/season, register and pay at class, first class free. Info: **301-649-6410**, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

classes continued

Saturdays

GUITAR WORKSHOPS • RIVERDALE, MD

SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 11:15 AM TO 12:45 PM

With **Gina DeSimone**. The Basics of Improvising, Part 2 (getting comfortable doing a solo at a jam). Second in a two-part workshop series covers ways to approach improvising in a no-judgment, supportive atmosphere. At Archie's Barbershop. Suggested donation, \$20. Info/register: events@acousticblues.com.

fsgw dances

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year's Day.

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. 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.

January

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Beginner Session starts at 7:30. **April Blum** calls the dances to the music of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute), and



Melissa Running (piano)

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Tom Spilsbury calls the dances while **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Tom Wright** (10-string mandolin), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music



17

Kappy Laning and **Stephanie Smith** call the dances while **Tina Chancey** (fiddle),



Ralph Gordon (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play

24

Melissa Running calls to the playing of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Sophie Chang** (cello), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano)



31

Carol Marsh calls while **Anna Rain** (recorders), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, accordion), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play



fsgw dances continued

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 Roth**; 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

January

- 7** The incredible **Gaye Fifer** comes to call with **Polaris: Rose Jackson** (fiddle), **Marta Bartholomew** (fiddle), **Sam Zakon-Anderson** (piano), and **Jesse Ball** (guitar, hammered dulcimer, accordion, & feet). A contra dance band born and raised in the rich music scene of western Massachusetts and Vermont, these folks have been soaking in musical stew since before they could walk. They came together as **Polaris** in 2015 and continue to delight dancers throughout New England.
- 14** **Kappy Laning** with **Devine Comedy: Marty Taylor** (whistles), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **John Devine** (guitar).
- 21** **The Bouncers**. A new ensemble of well-known folk: **Jim Harrington** (accordion), **T.J. Crow** (mandolin, fiddle), and **Bill Wellington** (guitar, banjo). We don't know at press time who will be calling, but they'll be sure to keep you bouncing.
- 28** **Rhys Jones** and friends. The inimitable **Rhys Jones** returns to the Glen Echo stage to fiddle the night away. It will be good, it will be hot, it will be fine!



APRIL 27-29 • 36TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND



FSGW is excited to announce its 36th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend. This springtime getaway is one of FSGW's premier events during the calendar year. Superb calling and fantastic musicianship draw campers from across the east coast. With dance workshops during the day and evening dances after dinner, the all-inclusive weekend offers heated cabins, full meals, and plenty of camaraderie. This year's program features contras, squares, and honky-tonk dancing with headliners **Chameleon (Alexander Mitchell, Dave Wiesler, Paul Oorts)**, **Jesse Milnes & Emily Miller (with Joe DeJarnette)**, and **Rachel Eddy & the Rock Farmers (Jonathan Vocke & Jay White)**. Calling will be led by crowd favorites **Will Mentor** and **Janine Smith**, while **Ed Fizdale** and **Su Peck** will guide us for all things honky-tonk. Registration is now open, so sign up early for that FSGW member-only discount. Info/registration: chesapeakedanceweekend.org/.

fsgw dances continued

FSGW SQUARE DANCE · ADELPHI, MD

SPECIAL EVENT! HOT SQUARES NEW YEAR'S DAY!

MONDAY, JAN 1 · 2-5 PM



The Hot Square Babes (Ann, Eva, Janine, Laura, and Susan) are planning on ringin' in 2018 with our annual New Year's Day edition of Hot Squares. We'll meet and greet and toast the New Year and dance from to live music played by *Rachel Eddy and The Rock Farmers*: **Rachel Eddy** (fiddle), **Ann Porcella** (guitar), and **Kate Brett** (banjo). What a sweet way to start to the New Year. Remember, it's only a party if YOU are there. Please bring snacks

to share at the break, but we're going to start the New Year off with some relaxation for the Blums: It's a school night, so no potluck. Please make plans to join us, it will be wonderful to see you all again. At Ballroom Blum (the same place as last year). Info: FSGW Square Dance Coordinator, **Janine Smith**, 301-926-9142.



FSGW FAMILY DANCE · GLEN ECHO, MD

SUNDAY, JAN 14 · 3-5 PM

Kappy Laning with *Devine Comedy*: **Marty Taylor** (whistles), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **John Devine** (guitar). A fun afternoon for big and little dancers; learn about the music, the instruments, and the dances, but mostly just have fun. At Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom Annex. \$5. Info: **Penelope Weinberger** or **Steve Roth**, dance@fsgw.org.



FSGW-COSPONSORED:

GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE · GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, JAN 6 · 8:30-11:30 PM



Start the New Year with some of our favorites. **April Blum** will be calling to the music of *Transatlantic Crossing*. All five **Gardners** will be playing for this dance: **David** (piano), **Elizabeth** and **Anne** (fiddles), **Jon** (guitar), and **Rebecca** (bass). Like our Facebook page, **Greenbelt Contra Dance**, for dance updates and reminders. Cosponsored by FSGW and the

City of Greenbelt. No partner or experience necessary. All ages welcome. At Greenbelt Community Center Gym. \$10; Age 7-18, \$5; Age 6 and under, free. Info: **301-397-2208**.



fsgw dances continued

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE · SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, JAN 11 · 7:30-10 PM

(FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7 PM)

Potomac Revelers! Bruce Hutton, Bill Mansfield, and Chris Romaine with caller, Ann Fallon. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW and Washington Revels and with support from Montgomery County Department of Recreation. In the Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building. \$10; FSGW/BFMS/CDSS/Revels members, \$8; students and those without income, \$5; first-timers, free. Info: **Bob Mathis**, talibob@starpower.net; or **Busy Graham**, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183; or carpediemarts.org/dance-with-us, revelsdc.org/, or fsgw.org.



FSGW-COSPONSORED:

THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL · WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, JAN 20 · 8:30-11:30 PM



The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating seven wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian square dances. Old-time dance tunes played by our Philadelphia friends, the **Leveetoppers**. That's **Lyle Warner** (fiddle), **Sasha Hsuczyk** (guitar, vocals), **Andy McLeod** (banjo, guitar), and **Michael Foster** (bass). Caller **Janine Smith** 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. At Saint Stephen's Church. \$5 at the door. Info: dcsquaredance.com.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

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. Cosponsored by FSGW. At 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.

dances

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year's Day.

Sundays

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES • GLEN ECHO, MD



CONTRAS AND SQUARES • 7:30–10:30 PM

INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY • 7–7:30 PM

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FSGW SQUARE DANCE • ADELPHI, MD

SPECIAL EVENT!



HOT SQUARES NEW YEAR'S DAY!

MONDAY, JAN 1 • 2–5 PM

See page 11.

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD

SUNDAY, JAN 28 • 3–8 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) sponsors a 4th Sunday dance (Sept–May) with live music. The workshop starts at 3 (this month, South Sligo Lancers Set); ceili, 4–8, with a potluck dinner during the first break. Music this month is by *Shepherd's Pie*. Smooth-soled shoes recommended, single dancers welcome. We are back at our regular venue: The Cherry Hill Park Ballroom. \$20; members, \$15. Ages 11–20, half price. Ages 10 and under, free. Info: **301-512-4480** or gwcc-online.org.

Mondays

BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE

BETHESDA, MD

MONDAYS • 7:30–10 PM (NO CLASS JAN 1)

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. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$7. Info: **Phyllis** or **Brandon Diamond**, **301-871-8788** or DiamondDanceCircle.com; or DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

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

January

- 1 Start the new year on the right foot — or feet, as the case may be. **Emily Aubrey** calls to the music of **Barbara Gorin** (strings), **Marty Taylor** (winds,

concertina), and **Judy Meyers** (piano). Free new dancer orientation, 7:45 pm

- 8 **Ann Fallon** calls the figures to the music of **Tina Chancey** (strings), **Wayne Hankin** (we'll let him surprise us), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and more)
- 15 **Sharon McKinley** will be the caller; music provided by **Elke Baker** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Ben Hobbs** (piano)
- 22 **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of the fabulous **Geud Band of Baltimore**
- 29 **Bob Farrall** will lead the dances; **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano and more) make the music

Tuesdays

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. At Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. \$8; students, \$6. Info: **Mike Fox**, **240-424-0805** or markidmike.com.

Wednesdays

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY 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. \$13; BFMS/FSGW members, \$9. At Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: bfms.org.

January

- 3 **Shane Knudsen** calls to the **Old Time Jam Band**: **Ken Kolodner** (fiddle) and **Brad Kolodner** (banjo, bass) lead the band
- 10 TBA calls to **Laurie Andres** (accordion), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **John Devine** (guitar)
- 17 **Perry Shafran** calls to **Paul Oortz** (mandolin, guitar) and **Elke Baker** (fiddle)
- 24 TBA calls to **Broadwater**: **Andrew Broadwater** (fiddle, hammered dulcimer, steel drums, recorder), **Gerry Hemming** (guitar), and **Ed VandenBosche** (cello, recorder)
- 31 TBA calls to **Backstep Cindy**: **Sandy Hofferth** (fiddle), **Howard Zane** (banjo), **Joe Langley** (guitar), and **Art Abrams** (bass).

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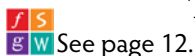
THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS, OCT THROUGH MAY, 7:30–10 PM

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Newcomers are welcome. No prior dance experience or a partner is necessary. Music by fiddler **Paul Carlson**, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. At Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. No charge the first time; \$4 per session thereafter. Info: **Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, or sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/.**

Thursdays

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



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FSGW-COSPONSORED: SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, JAN 11 • 7:30–10 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7 PM)

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ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM

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. At Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, 22307. Donation, \$5. Info: **Patricia, 703-472-3888 or pdw@patriciadawilliams.com.**

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

Popular weekly blues dance. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 pm. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30 pm. In the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Info: **Donna Barker, 301-634-2231 or CapitalBlues.org.**

CHALLENGING ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE ADELPHI, MD

3RD THURSDAYS, JAN 18 • 7:30–9:30 PM

A monthly ECD series. All dancers of all skill levels are welcome. This month, **Melissa Running** calls to music by **Janina O'Brien** (piano), **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), and **Colleen Reed** (flute). Suggested donation, \$8/person or \$15/couple. Info/directions: **301-422-0292 or jerryandapril@aol.com.**

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**

Fridays

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

(NEW DANCER CLASS EVERY WEEK, 7:30–8:15 PM)

The Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, 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). At Glen Echo Park. \$10 for the lesson and dance. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: **FridayNightDance.org** or the Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.



January

- 5 **Brian Hamshar** calls to *Polaris* with **Jesse Ball** (accordion, guitar, hammer dulcimer, and feet), **Marta Bartholomew** (fiddle), **Rose Jackson** (fiddle), and **Sam Zakon-Anderson** (piano)
- 12 **Greg Frock** calls to the *Glen Echo Open Band*
- 19 **Ann Fallon** calls to the *Treble Makers* with **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Robin Wilson** (flute)
- 26 **Scott Higgs** calls to *Callithump* with **David Knight** (fiddle), **Andrew Marcus** (accordion), and **Glyn Collinson** (bouzouki)

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. At Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor). \$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.**

Saturdays

FSGW-COSPONSORED: GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE • GREENBELT, MD SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 7–9:45 PM

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FSGW-COSPONSORED: THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL • WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 8:30–11:30 PM

See page 12.

NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE KENSINGTON, MD

SATURDAY, JAN 6 • POTLUCK, 6:30 PM; DANCING, 8 PM

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by **Vilde Aaslid** 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, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Dog in residence. Host **Sonia**, 301-503-7906. Info/directions: **MAND.fanitull.org** or **Jenny, pi@xecu.net**, 301-371-4312.

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

1ST SATURDAYS, JAN 6 • 8 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP AT 7:30)

Janine Smith calls contra dances and squares to the music of the **Fiddle Retreat Open Band** of students and teachers, led by such greats as **Rachel Eddy**, **Laura Risk**, **Elke Baker**, **Dave Wiesler**, and more. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. At the War Memorial Building, 102 E German St, 25443. \$12; \$5 under 12. Info: **John**, 301-542-3272 or **smad.us**.

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE BALTIMORE, MD



SECOND SATURDAYS, JAN 13 • 8–11 PM

(INTRO WORKSHOP AT 7:30)

Caroline Barnes calls to **Raise the Roof**: **Mat Clark** (fiddle), **Bob Pasquarello** (bass), **Judi Stellar** (hammered dulcimer), and **Kathy Talvitie** (guitar). Baltimore Folk Music Society presents American square and contra dancing on the second Saturday of each month. Beginners, singles, couples, and families welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Short break in the middle. Bring a snack & bring a friend. At St. Marks on the Hill. \$13; members & affiliates, \$9; under 21/full-time students with ID, \$6 (\$4 members). Info: **Sara Glik**, **satdance@bfms.org**, **bfms.org**, or BFMS hotline, **888-646-BFMS**.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, JAN 13 • 8–10:45 PM

Dance to music by **Peascods Gathering**, calling by Bob Farrall. Beginners and singles welcome. At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave (parking and entrance in rear). \$5. Info: **Carl Minkus**, 301-493-6281 or **cminkus@verizon.net**; or **Bob Farrall**, 301-577-5018.

ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30–10 PM

Kim Forry calls to the rollicking tunes of **Contra Rebels**: **Todd Clewell** (fiddle), **Barb Schmid** (fiddle), and **Henry Koretzky** (guitar). The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30; dance 7–10 pm. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall. \$10; discounts for seniors/students/families/ATDS members. Info: **Jan Scopel**, 443-540-0867, **janscope@hotmail.com** or **Charlotte Featherstone**,



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203-247-3964, **charlotte.featherstone@verizon.net** or **contradancers.com/atds**.

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 7–10 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 6:15)

DeLaura Padovan calls to **Devine Comedy**: **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **Marty Taylor** (concertina, whistles), and **John Devine** (guitar). At St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. \$9; students, \$6. Age 15 and under free. Info: **Karen**, 717-951-4317 or **lancastercontra.org**.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 7–10 PM

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature **Paul Carlson**, a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. He teaches and plays music professionally and plays regularly for the Nordic Dancers and at other venues, including the Kennedy Center. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching, 7–8: Åtabaks Polska from Föllinge, an elegant, fun Swedish dance done to hauntingly beautiful music. At Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor). \$10; Info: **Linda Brooks** or **Ross Schipper**, 202-333-2826 or **Linda@ScandiaDC.org**; or **ScandiaDC.org**. Inclement weather, 301-474-0646.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • GREAT FALLS, VA SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 7:30–10:30 PM

The Leesburg Assembly. Join us for our monthly dance. **Catherine Chapman** and **Judy Meyers** will be our musicians, and all dances are taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. \$10; Students, \$5. At St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). Info: **Laurel Bybell** (Secretary), **lbybell@gmail.com** or 703-791-5603; or **theleesburgassembly.org**.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD SATURDAY, JAN 27 • 8–11 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:15)

TBA will call to fabulous tunes provided by **One Flute Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, featuring **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Carl Friedman** (fiddle), and **Charlie Pilzer** (piano). Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. General, \$10; students: \$5. Info: **Boe Walker**, 301-694-6794 or **contradancers.com**.

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE GALESVILLE, MD

No dance in January — we'll start up again February 10!
Info: **communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/** or 301-926-9142.

HAMMERED AND MOUNTAIN DULCIMER RENTALS,
rentadulcimer.com, 301-609-2140. 10% discount to
FSGW members.

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Jams

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year's Day.

Sundays

ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD SUNDAYS • 9:30–11:45 AM

Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401, Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 7 & 21 • 1–4 PM

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

BLUEGRASS OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, JAN 14 & 28 • 3–6 PM

Beginners welcome. Feel free to join the group and enjoy lively homegrown music the way it was meant to be. Great for listening, too. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: **301-834-7178**.

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS, JAN 14 & 28 • 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, JAN 14 • 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**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • WASHINGTON, DC 1ST SUNDAYS, JAN 7 • 11 AM TO 2 PM (BLUEGRASS JAM) 3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 21 • 11 AM TO 2 PM (BLUEGRASS & COUNTRY JAM)

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

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**.

OLD-TIME JAM WORKSHOP & CONCERT WITH RACHEL EDDY • ROCKVILLE, MD SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 6 PM

See listing in concerts section, page 5.

OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 7 & 21 • 3–6 PM

Old-time Appalachian music — bring your fiddle, banjo, guitar, etc. Open to all. Organized by **Old Time Frederick**. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: oldtimefrederick.org.

UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD 1ST SUNDAYS, JAN 7 • 2–4 PM

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

Mondays

DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS, JAN 1 & 15 • 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.

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM • HERNDON, VA 3RD MONDAYS, JAN 15 • 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.

WOLF'S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA EVERY MONDAY • 8:30 PM

At JV's Restaurant. No cover.

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD ALTERNATE TUESDAYS, JAN 9 & 23 • 7–10:30 PM

Ken and **Brad Kolodner** lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at The Five and Dime Ale House, 901 West 36th St, 21211. Info: KenandBrad.com or **Baltimore Old Time Jam Facebook page**.

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/.

Thursdays

OPEN BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 1ST THURSDAYS, JAN 4 • 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. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: **301-834-7178**.

Jams continued

Saturdays

ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION RIVERDALE, MD

ACOUSTIC BLUES JAM • SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop). Free, but donations welcome. Info: **301-396-3054** or acousticblues.com.

Now open: **SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS** (expansion of House of Musical Traditions' lessons program), with locations in Rockville and Takoma Park. Private lessons available on a wide range of instruments, plus workshops & special events. More info: schoolofmusicaltraditions.com or **240-690-1910**.

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Mondays

TEAVOLVE CAFE • BALTIMORE, MD

MONDAYS • 7 PM

Open Mic Showcases hosted by **Rob Hinkal**. At Teavolve Cafe & Lounge, 1401 Aliceanna St, 21231. Info: **Rob Hinkal**, **410-522-1907** or facebook.com/teavolvecafe/.

Tuesdays

GYPSY SALLY'S OPEN MIC • WASHINGTON, DC

MOST TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Upstairs in Vinyl Lounge. At Gypsy Sally's. Free. Info: gypsysallys.com/listing/open-mic/.

JV'S OPEN MIC • FALLS CHURCH, VA

1ST TUESDAYS, JAN 2 • 8 PM

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

RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA



TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

Open mic format. At Amphora's Diner Deluxe. Info: **703-435-2402** or RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

Thursdays

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC • RIVERDALE, MD

1ST THURSDAYS, JAN 4 • 7:30–10 PM

If you have a song or three to share with others, original or otherwise, stop in and show your stuff. Listeners also welcome. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop). Info: acousticblues.com/events/events.html.



Participatory Performing Groups

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 23. Confirm events for New Year's Day.

Sundays

MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • FREDERICK, 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. Location rotates between Fredrick, Ellicott City, Columbia, and Aldephi, somewhat randomly; weather- and space-dependent. Info/directions: blgraham_99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris.

Mondays

INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE

MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Embassy of Indonesia offers a free program to learn and perform Javanese Gamelan music with an instructor

from Indonesia, **Mr. Muryanto**. The Gamelan is an orchestra of gongs, gong-chimes, and xylophone-like instruments. Rehearsals are Monday and Thursday evenings. Come one or both days. No experience required. Contact **Marc Hoffman**, Indonesian-American Association, wildwoodflower@gmail.com or **202-271-2291**.

Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD

TUESDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

Singing warms the heart and soul in January and beyond. Come sing with the **Capital Accord Chorus**! We are an all-women's *a cappella* group singing in the barbershop style. Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals. At Northwood High School Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. Info: **1-301-392-SONG (7664)**, admin@capitalaccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.

Participatory Performing Groups continued

Wednesdays

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • TAKOMA PARK, MD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

Come learn English traditional morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. We love having new dancers join us at practice. At Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd 20910 (walkable from Takoma Metro; or catch the 14 from Takoma Metro and someone will get you back to a metro afterward). RCMW@uswet.com, or uswet.com/RCMW.html.

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY ORCHESTRA ARLINGTON, VA WEDNESDAYS, 7:30–9:30 PM

We are seeking people who play (or want to learn) balalaika, domra, or bayan/accordion or who play some orchestral wind and percussion instruments to perform the music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe. At Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd, 22201. Info: balalaika.org or **703-549-0760**.

Thursdays

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

Carpathia is Washington's multiethnic 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 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 age 14 and up). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Info/directions: carpathiadc@gmail.com, carpathiadc.org, or [facebook.com/carpathiadc](https://www.facebook.com/carpathiadc).

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**, squire@fbmm.org, or fbmm.org.

INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

See listing under Mondays.

Fridays

GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD 2ND FRIDAYS, JAN 12 • 8:30–11:30 PM

The fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band* plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability welcome. 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

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG • KENSINGTON, MD 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS, JAN 13 & 27 • 2:30–4:30 PM

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



Midwinter Festival Admission Saturday, February 3



Due to a 20% increase in facility rental costs, ticket prices are slightly higher this year:

Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)

FSGW Adult Member \$18; FSGW Child (6–12) \$9; FSGW Family Maximum \$50
Non-FSGW Adult \$23; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) \$11; Non-FSGW Family Max \$65

Day (noon to 6 ONLY)

FSGW Adult Member 12; FSGW Child (6–12) \$6; FSGW Family Maximum \$35
Non-FSGW Adult 18; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) \$8; Non-FSGW Family Max \$50

Evening (6 to 10:30 ONLY)

FSGW Adult \$10; FSGW Child 6–12 \$7; FSGW Family Maximum \$30
Non-FSGW Adult \$13; Non-FSGW Child 6–12 \$8; Non-FSGW Family Maximum \$40

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FSGW OPEN SING • EDGEWATER, MD SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 4 PM

(NOTE DIFFERENT DAY AND EARLIER START TIME)

Topic: *Holidays, Celebrations, and Festivities*. Everyone welcome. Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. The open sings have a loose topic. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on topic—come anyway! As usual at Michele & Denny's, we will have a potluck supper between rounds. At the home of **Michele & Dennis Callaghan**. RSVP/directions: callagh@verizon.net. NOTE: If you're willing to host on a future first Friday, please email **Vince Wilding**, Vince@VinceWilding.com.



FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON, DC SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 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 take place at the home of **Shirley Buzzard** (near the Waterfront Metro). Info/directions: sbuzzard@live.com or **202-554-6316**.



FSGW DOO-WOP SING • POTOMAC, MD SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30 PM (POTLUCK, 5:30 PM)

Remember those classic harmonies from the early days of rock—from groups like the *Platters*, the *Clovers* and the *Drifters*? Not to mention the great girl groups such as the *Shirelles*, the *Angels*, the *Crystals*, the *Dixie Cups*, etc. Come join us as we sing those wonderful songs from that era, such as: "Under the Boardwalk," "Goodnight, Sweetheart," "Goin' to the Chapel," "My Boyfriend's Back," "Earth Angel," "Charlie Brown," "Yakety-Yak," and so many more. Lyrics are provided for anyone who wants them. Optional potluck begins about 5:30, followed by a fun evening of singing beginning about 6:30. This month at the home of **Al Kehs** and **Lynn Blei**. Info/directions: rondavies7@icloud.com or **301-270-9365**.



FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON, DC

4TH SUNDAYS, JAN. 28 • 5-8 PM

Every 4th Sunday, sing from the rich traditions in *The Sacred Harp* (1991) & *Shenandoah Harmony*, with unaccompanied 4-part singing fueled by a 6:30 pm potluck supper. Loaner books available; newcomers & beginners welcome. At Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church 201 4th St. SE, 20003. Info: **Mary Helen**, mary-helend@gmail.com; or **Brenda**, **202-599-0447** or brendadunlap@gmail.com.



FSGW-COSPONSORED: CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS, JAN 2 & 16 • 1-2:30 PM

Cosponsored by the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Words will be provided on song sheets—no need to read music. Come for informal singing or just to listen, but do come. Free; refreshments provided. At Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. Info or to volunteer: **Frieda Enoch**, fenoch@jccgw.org or **Fred Stollnitz**, fstollnitz@comcast.net.



FSGW-COSPONSORED: SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD

THIRD WEDNESDAYS, JAN 17 • 1-3 PM

This song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The Song Circle, cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of singing, not about talent. No need to read music; printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance, and you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. **Wendy Lanxner** will be our special



IN MEMORIAM: ORRIN STAR

Orrin Star's passing November 29 leaves a hole in the hearts of many, including all of us in the Folklore Society. Orrin was a favorite performer and teacher, both for his outstanding musicianship and wry humor. He delighted FSGW audiences most recently at a concert with Jimmy Gaudreau in June 2016, as well as at dances. A performer of great versatility, he moved with ease from bluegrass standards (he was the 1976 National Flatpicking Champion, the largest bluegrass contest in the world) to Irish fiddle tunes to fingerstyle blues. Read more about Orrin at bluegrasstoday.com/orrin-star-passes/.

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guest song leader and accompanist. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen. Free. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. For more information or to suggest songs in advance, email **Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net**.

Sundays



FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK, MD
SUNDAY, JAN 14 • 4–8 PM

See page 19.



FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING
WASHINGTON, DC
4TH SUNDAYS, JAN 28 • 5–8 PM

See page 19.

REVELS' PUB SING AT MCGINTY'S
SILVER SPRING, MD
SUNDAY, JAN 28 • 7–9 PM

Dust off your vocal cords and get ready to join in on rollicking tunes from England, Ireland, Scotland, Québec, and other cultures from around the globe at Washington Revels' annual January Pub Sing. Food and drinks may be ordered beginning at 6. Singing begins at 7 and formally ends at 9, with a brief intermission. All songs are sing-alongs, with song sheets and song leaders provided. Kids and teens welcome. At 2nd-floor bar, McGinty's Public House, 911 Ellsworth Dr, 20910. Tickets: (online in advance, no fees) \$20; youth (ages 13–18), \$15; kids (12 & under), \$10; (at the door, space permitting) \$23; youth (ages 13–18), \$18; kids (12 & under), \$13. Info: **Jo Rasi, jrasi@revelsdc.org** or **301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/2017/jan28-mcgintys-pub-sing/**.

SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD
3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 21 • 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**.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SINGING • OAKTON, VA
3RD SUNDAYS, JAN 21 • 5–7:30 PM

Books: *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 **jdelre@visuallink.com** or **dcshape.note.squarespace.com**.

Mondays

BALKAN SINGING • TAKOMA PARK, MD
MONDAYS • 8 PM

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

Tuesdays

FSGW-COSPONSORED: CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG
CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS, JAN 2 & 16 • 1–2:30 PM

See page 19.

DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC
3RD TUESDAYS, JAN 16 • 7–9:30 PM

We sing from both *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: **Brenda Dunlap, 202-425-5264** or **dcshape-note.squarespace.com**.

Wednesdays



FSGW-COSPONSORED: SCHWEINHAUT
SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD
THIRD WEDNESDAYS, JAN 17 • 1–3 PM

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SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING

2ND (BALTIMORE) 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**. NOTE: The monthly Annapolis chantey sing (Galway Bay) is discontinued.

January

- 10 **Wharf Rat**, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
- 24 **Mackey's**, 1306 G St NW (near Metro Center), Washington, DC 20005

Thursdays

FOLKSONG SING-IN (OPEN FOLK SING)
WHEATON, MD

3RD THURSDAYS, JAN 18 • 8–10 PM

Join local musician **John Durant, Jr.**, 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, 11301 Elkin St, 20902 (corner of Elkin & Price). Venue info: **thelimerickpub.net**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • TYSONS CORNER, VA
2ND THURSDAYS, JAN 11 • 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**.

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WASHINGTON REVELS—CARPE DIEM
COMMUNITY SING • TAKOMA, DC
SUNDAY, JAN 21 • 7–8:30 PM


Join us in celebrating diverse cultures through song the 21st of every month. Welcoming all ages. Bring songs and refreshments to share. Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. NEW LOCATION: Seekers Church. \$5 donation requested. Info: **Jo Rasi**, jrasi@revelsdc.org or **301-587-3835**; revelsdc.org/shows-events/community-sings/; or carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us.

Fridays


WASHINGTON REVELS JUBILEE VOICES • CHEVY CHASE, MD
FRIDAY, JAN 12 • 7:30–9 PM

Once again, *Washington Revels Jubilee Voices* joins the choirs and congregants of Temple Shalom to perform at this festive musical celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as part of the Erev Shabbat Services—MLK Commemoration. Participation from the audience is warmly welcomed. Temple Shalom, 8401 Grubb Rd, 20815. Free and open to the public. Info: **Ross Wixon**; rwixon@revelsdc.org or **301-830-4402**; revelsdc.org/shows-events.

Saturdays

 FSGW DOO-WOP SING • POTOMAC, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 20 • 6:30 PM (POTLUCK, 5:30 PM)

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 FSGW STORYSWAP • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 7:30 PM

Start your new year off with stories in the home of **Starr Kopper**. Open to tellers of all levels and listeners: an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. RSVPs/directions: starrkopper@gmail.com.

 FSGW COSPONSORED: THE GRAPEVINE
TAKOMA, DC

SECOND WEDNESDAYS, JAN 10 • 7:30–9:30 PM

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. "Tales of Folk: Engaging Culture," hosted

 FSGW OPEN SING • EDGEWATER, MD
SATURDAY, JAN 6 • 4 PM

(NOTE DIFFERENT DAY AND EARLIER START TIME)

See page 19.

THE BEATLES SING ALONG • LEESBURG, VA
2ND SATURDAYS, JAN 13 • 7–9:30 PM

Come sing and play along with the great music of *The Beatles*. We start the evening singing an album. This month it is: *Beatles For Sale*. All levels of musicianship are welcome. Acoustic & electric guitars OK. **Lawrence Brand** leads the singing. Songbooks are provided. United Methodist Church, 107 W Market St, 20176 (Plenty of free parking). Free. Info/RSVPs/directions: **Lawrence Brand**, **301-639-7608**, Lawrence@RLBrand.com, or meetup.com/The-Beatles-Sing-Along.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING • BOYCE, VA
1ST SATURDAYS, JAN 6 • 4–8 PM

All are welcome to sing from *Shenandoah Harmony* and *Sacred Harp*. Potluck dinner at 6 pm. Locations vary. Info/address: **Kelly** or **John**, jdelre@visuallink.com or **540-336-8112**; **Northern Shenandoah Valley** Facebook page; or dchapenote



We will shout a-loud and sing.

Storytelling

by **Noa Baum**, with featured tellers **Jasmin Cardenas**, **Baba Tony Brown**, and **Kucha Brownlee**. The program opens with up to three open-mic tellers with a 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**. Details: grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.



weekends

UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2018
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

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

FIDDLE RETREAT • JAN 5–7

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, English, and Quebecois. This Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 2

year's teachers are **Elke Baker** (Beginning, Scottish), **Laura Risk** (Scottish, Quebecois), **Seán Heely** (Scottish, Irish), and **Rachel Eddy** (Old Time), along with **Alex Lacquemont** (acoustic bass), **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixed-instrument classes), and **Brad Kolodner** (banjo).

PIPERS WEEKEND • JAN 12–14

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), **Sean Gavin** (Irish flute), and **Ian Lawther** (Northumbrian smallpipes); on Scottish smallpipes and bor-

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derpipes: **Tim Cummings**, **E.J. Jones**, and **Bob Mitchell**; multi-instrumentalist piper and hurdy-gurdy player **Sean Folsom** (history, repertoire, variety bagpipes); and **Fran-**

ces Cunningham (bouzouki). Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.



Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates, further details, additional event listings, and links to performers' audio samples and websites. Please note that more upcoming events than appear in the newsletter may be listed on the website.

February

SATURDAY, FEB 3 • FSGW ANNUAL MIDWINTER FESTIVAL (MINI-FEST) (SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 4)

SUNDAY, FEB 4 • BILL DESTLER AND SARAH MURDOCH

SATURDAY, FEB 17 • JANIE MENEELY & ROB VAN SANTE WITH *THE CA'MEOWS*

FRIDAY, FEB 23 • EVIE LADIN & KEITH TERRY (HOUSE CONCERT & WORKSHOP)

SATURDAY, FEB 24 • ANDREW FINN MAGILL & PETER MAWANGA (*free to members*)

March

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 • *PUMPKIN BREAD*

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 • *AALLOTAR*

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 • *OLD HOWARD TROUPE*

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 • *TURNSPIT DOGS*

April

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 7 & 8 • 29TH POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, APRIL 27–29 • 36TH ANNUAL CHESAPEAKE DANCE WEEKEND

May

SATURDAY, MAY 12

32ND ANNUAL WASHINGTON SPRING BALL

other upcoming events

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: LEARN AND PERFORM BALKAN SONGS AND STORIES • SILVER SPRING, MD
WORKSHOPS • SUNDAYS, FEB 11, 18, & 25 • 3:30–5 PM
CONCERT • SUNDAY, MARCH 4 • 6 PM

Children of all ages and backgrounds will have the opportunity to learn and perform songs from a unique culture, through three workshops and a public performance. The workshops and concert will be led by internationally recognized teacher and performer **Tatiana Sarbinska** and the members of *Orfeia Vocal Ensemble*. At Botev Academy Bulgarian School, 8120 Carroll Ave, 20912. \$30 (scholarships available). Info: orfeivocalensemble@gmail.com or **Rhonda Kranz, 301-270-0247**.

SPRING MUSIC WEEKEND • SHEPERDSTOWN, WV
FRIDAY–SUNDAY, MARCH 9–11

Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions for hammered dulcimer, fiddle, and mixed instruments with special guest instructors including hammered dulcimer players **Karen Alley**, **Tina Bergmann**, and **Mick Doherty**; plus Cape Breton fiddlers **Troy McGillivray** and **Andrea Beaton** on

fiddle and piano, teaching a Cape Breton music class for all instruments. Special guest artist will be Persian santur player **Roya Bahrami** and Chinese yang qin player, **Chao Tian**. At Shepherdstown University. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, 304-263-2531, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.

AMERICAN BANJO FRATERNITY MEETING • NEWARK, NY
THURSDAY–SATURDAY, MAY 24–26

Banjo players and listeners are invited. If you are a music professional, an amateur musician, or interested in banjo and music history, you will find worthwhile music that will challenge your skills and expand your repertoire. Not bluegrass or clawhammer, most of the music dates from 1880–1920. It is played on nylon strings with bare fingers and no picks. At the Newark Garden Hotel, 125 N Main St, 14513 (**315-331-9500**). We welcome guests without charge except for food and lodging. If you wish to attend, please let us know. If you wish to join the ABF, please contact the secretary, **Joel Hooks**, for an application and dues payment, joelhooks@me.com. Please check our website for updates, banjofraternity.org.

frequent venues

Allyworld, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (Takoma Radio entrance)

AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave, North Bethesda, MD 20852, ampbystrathmore.com (Strathmore members receive admission discounts)

Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA, 20170

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop), 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Info: acousticblues.com or events@acousticblues.com

Baldwin's Station, 7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784

Ballroom Blum, Adelphi, MD. Info/directions: **301-422-0292** or jerryandapril@aol.com

Beans in the Belfry Meeting Place and Café, 120 W Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716.

Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304 (all shows 7:30 pm), birchmere.com, **703-549-7500**

BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Dr, Germantown, MD 20874 (Ride-On bus routes 97 & 100)

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740.

Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012 (Takoma Metro), electricmaid.org.

Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Gypsy Sally's, 3401 K St, NW, Washington, DC 20007, gypsyalys.com. Open Mic most Tuesdays upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; 8 pm, free.

The Hamilton, 600 14th St NW (at F), Washington, DC 20005, thehamiltondc.com

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, Herndon, VA 20170, holycrosslutheranchurch.net

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA 22180, jamminjava.com

Janie Meneely's, Takoma Park, MD. Info/directions: program@fsgw.org.

JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042, jvsrestaurant.com.

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Info: **703-838-4994**.

Mad City Coffee, 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, Columbia, MD 21044, 410-964-8671, madcitycoffee.com.

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770, newdealcafe.com.

Pearl Street Warehouse, 33 Pearl St SW, Washington, DC 20024. Info: pearlstreetwarehouse.com.

Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Potter's Violins, 7111 Eastern Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (old Blair Mansion) pottersviolins.com.

Rams Head Onstage, 33 West St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

St. Mark's on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville, MD 21208

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (near the Columbia Heights Metro)

School of Musical Traditions, 1097 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington (Takoma), DC 20012 (Takoma Metro)

Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (free parking in garage across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr after 7 pm and on weekends)

Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Ln, Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22204

Warner Theatre, 513 18th St NW, Washington, DC, 20004, warnertheatredc.com

Washington Revels studio space, 531 Dale Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20910, revelsdc.org

Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, weinbergcenter.org

Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1635 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA, 22182, wolftrap.org

333 Coffeehouse, 333concerts.org, **443-333-9613**, 333coffeehouse@gmail.com

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