FSGW Midwinter Festival • Silver Spring, MD
Saturday, February 2 • noon–10:30 pm

Come out and dance and sing with your shadow! It’s Groundhog Day and time for the FSGW Mini-Fest. This annual celebration is a tribute to all things FSGW—chantey and stories, dances and duets, hambos and hornpipes, banjos and bodhráns and ballads. There are two dance tracks and more than forty workshops and concerts at seven 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 be posted and updated (frequently) on the FSGW website. Mark your calendars! Here’s a brief list to whet your musical appetite:

★ **In the Cafetorium**, six hours of music from many genres, from Irish to Balkan to blues and swing, programmed by Charlie Baum.

★ **The Storytelling Program** is again organized by Tim Livengood. Featured this year will be stories about shadows.

★ **The Jams Room**, programmed by FSGW President Charlie Baum and FSGW Past President April Blum, should 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 Don Stallone, Bea Lehman, Barbara Tressider Ryan, Jaja Patterson, the Two Sisters (ballad singers Guen and Liz Spilsbury); Steve Woodbury, and local favorites Darriel and Jocelyn Day.

★ **The American Roots** track will be hosted by Jan Scopel and Kim Forry, and will feature families who play or sing (or both) together, including Emily Martin and her daughter Elora Apple (Irish); Pearce, Willy, Katherine, and Lorena Marshener (Old-Time). In addition, Jonathan Volke will lead an old-time Jam from 5 to 6.

★ **The Family Room**, programmed by FSGW Vice President Ingrid Gorman, will feature participatory song and dance.

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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 event of your choice (except those listed as “no passes” or “suggested donation”)—or to bring a friend.

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FSGW Concerts

See Frequent Venues (page 27) for many location addresses. Visit fsgw.org for audio samples of performers.

Reminder: Unless otherwise noted, all FSGW concerts are pay-at-the-door, no advance ticket sales, no reservations needed.

There will be enough seats. For house concerts, you must RSVP in order to get the address, but for all other concerts, just come!

This is one of the ways we keep our production costs low and keep concerts so cheap for you while paying performers well.

FSGW Concert

Leigh Beamer

Friday, January 11 • 6–8 pm

After a dazzling guest appearance at a recent FSGW concert by Fink, Marxer & Gleaves, Leigh Beamer headlines her own concert kicking off the 2019 Alexandria After Work series. When Leigh released her debut CD, Reflections of Me, at age 15, Sam Gleaves wrote: "If there's one thing I'll never regret, it's showing Leigh Beamer her first guitar chords. The more I get to know Leigh, the clearer it becomes to me that she is blessed with a combination of talent and determination that few people her age can claim. Leigh is seriously committed to learning the old songs with a fresh approach and interpreting newer songs with all the conviction of years past. With songs ranging in age from forty to four hundred years old, this recording showcases Leigh's unique gift for making the songs of yesteryear appeal to the modern listener." She has lived up to Sam's endorsement through a second CD, I'll Be All Smiles Tonight, and several years of live performances. Cosponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria and FSGW in a series of concerts in the heart of Old Town Alexandria at 6 pm on the second Friday of each month. Take the free trolley that runs every 15 minutes from King Street Metro station! At the Lyceum. $15 suggested donation; cash bar.
Cold Chocolate
Saturday, January 19 • 8–10 pm

Back by popular demand: guitarist Ethan Robbins, bassist Kirsten Lamb, and drummer Ariel Bernstein of Cold Chocolate delighted an FSGW audience in the fall of 2017. They describe themselves as "a fresh and exciting Americana band with a unique sound that fuses bluegrass and folk with a dash of funk ... mesmerizing audiences with guitar, upright bass, percussion, and three-part harmony." Since 2011, the Boston band has performed with David Grisman and Leftover Salmon at FloydFest, FreshGrass Festival, and the Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival. $20/$10 FSGW members. At Seekers Church.

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★ The Main Gym will feature six hours of dance, including English Country Dance, Scandinavian, Tango, a barn dance, and (new this year) French balfolk!

★ The Auxiliary Gym will include waltz, couples dancing, and contra.

★ From 7:30 to 10:30, there will be two simultaneous evening programs. In the Main Gym, Janine Smith, who promises lots of dances “with shadows” will call an evening of contras and squares to local favorite Honey and Tea, a group of young musicians who met while participating in the Glen Echo Open Band. In the Cafetorium, enjoy a concert programmed by Charlie Baum.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair

Midwinter Festival Admission
Saturday, February 2

Ticket prices are the same 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 Maximum $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 Maximum $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
**SEÁN HEELY NAMED FIRST ANNUAL CLAUDE MARTIN MEMORIAL HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF FSGW**

Seán Heely, 25, made his fourth appearance for FSGW this summer at the release concert for his debut CD. As described in the July 2018 FSGW newsletter: “Seán Heely’s long-awaited crowdfunded debut CD, Edge of the Bow, isn’t even out yet and is a featured album on the front page of irishmusicmagazine.com. A Scottish National Fiddle Champion (2016), invited contestant in the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (2017), and award-winning composer, Seán has a degree in classical violin and is also recognized in bluegrass and Gypsy swing traditions. He is an Artist-in-Residence at Strathmore Music Center and performs as a solo artist and with Skylark and the Glencoe Lads, and is a musical ambassador with the British Embassy’s Scottish Affairs Office and the St. Andrew’s Society of Washington.” Shortly thereafter, he was appointed an adjunct instructor in the music department at American University.

“Fiddlin’ Claude” Martin (1987-2016) was one of the finest fiddle players of his generation — perhaps of any — and he embodied everything the FSGW has worked since 1964 to promote: a link between old traditions and new generations, not only using his talent to present vibrant interpretations of timeless music, but understanding the role of the music as that golden thread that weaves our community.

In 2017, to honor Claude’s memory and influence, FSGW announced that honorary life membership would be awarded once a year to “accomplished yet rising traditional artists under 30” in the Washington area. Nominees were screened by a committee reporting to the board of directors of FSGW and consisting of Charlie Baum, Mary Cliff, Jen Furlong, Mike Livingston, and, representing the Martin family, Emily Martin.

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**Concerts & Lectures**

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 27.

**Sundays**

**Paris Combo • Washington, DC**  
**Sunday, January 6 • 8 PM**  
French-based Gypsy jazz, cabaret and other eclectic world music. City Winery; $25-35

**Maggie’s Celtic Celebration for the New Year • Annapolis, MD**  
**Sunday, January 13 • 4 PM**  
Maggie Sansone with Laura Byrne, Paul Oorts & Karen Ashbrook, Jimmy Eagan, Seth Kibel, Josh Dukes & Culkin Irish Dancers. Rams Head Onstage; $25

**The Honey Dewdrops • Harrisburg, PA**  
**Sunday, January 6 • 7:30 PM**  
An Americana duo featuring inspired songwriting, and rollicking banjo, mandolin and guitars. Fort Hunter Centennial Barn, 5300 N Front Street, 17110; $24/$10 students. www.sfmsfolk.org

**Annette Wasilik • Greenbelt, MD**  
**Sunday, January 6 • 7 PM**  
Singer-songwriter is joined by songwriter Brian Evans and mandolinist/singer Jeff Karn. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

**Disco Grass • Falls Church, VA**  
**Sunday, January 13 • 6:30 PM**  
Chris Ousley (of Bumper Jacksons) leads bluegrass arrangements of ‘70s disco; part of “Passport to the World” series. Creative Cauldron; $22

**World Folk Music Association • Bethesda, MD**  
**Sunday, January 13 • 7 PM**  
Three singer-songwriters: Shawna Caspi is from Toronto; Zak Trojano has backed a number of other performers over the years; Eryn Michel gave up politics to write songs. Postiano Ristorante Italiano; $20/$15 WFMA members. info/reservations: reserve@wma.net, 301-744-7740, wmfma.net/pr1812.htm.

**House of Hamill and Lindsay & Dodds • Alexandria, VA**  
**Sunday, January 13 • 7:00 PM**  
Rose Baldino and Brian Buchanan (House of Hamill) are both accomplished traditional fiddle players and classical violinists, and despite being young, have over 25 years of writing and performance experience between them. Together, they write unusual new fiddle tunes and exciting, unpredictable original songs while also breathing new life into traditional and contemporary songs. $20 door/$18 adv (or FocusMusic members). George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Info: Herb Levy, 703-380-3151, www.FocusMusic.org
Concerts continued

**Step Afrika! • N. Bethesda, MD**
**Sunday, January 20 • 5 pm**
25th Anniversary Celebration; traditions include S. African gumboot dance, collegiate stepping and tap feat. African American spirituals. Pre-concert discussion and post-performance conversation. Strathmore Music Center; $35-75

**Fez Tones Hafla • Greenbelt, MD**
**Sunday, January 20 • 6 pm**
Middle Eastern music and dance; you can dance too. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

**Richie and Rosie • Lancaster, PA**
**Sunday, January 20 • 7:30 pm**
An old-time duo that features Rosie's ferocious fiddling and Richie's incredible clawhammer banjo. The Ware Center, 42 N Prince St, 17603; $25/55 students. www.sfmsfolk.org

**Eddie from Ohio • Alexandria, VA**
**Sunday, January 20 • 7:30 pm**
Northern Virginia folk band featuring world-class songwriting, thrilling harmonies and fabulous singing, including Julie's distinctive lead vocal. Opener violinist and singer Jake Armerding. Birchmere; $42.50

**Gaelic Storm • Annapolis, MD**
**Sunday, January 27 • 1 pm + 8 pm**
Traditional and new Celtic songs from the rocking band that started in Santa Monica pubs, then appeared in the film "Titanic," and have been touring ever since. Rams Head Onstage; $40

**Kiva • Greenbelt, MD**
**Sunday, January 27 • 6 pm**

**Big Howdy Band • Falls Church, VA**
**Sunday, January 27 • 6:30 pm**
Noted bluegrassers Randy Barrett, Dede Wyland, Ira Gitlin, Tom McLaughlin; part of "Passport to the World" series. Creative Cauldron; $22

**The Kingston Trio • Alexandria, VA**
**Sunday, January 27 • 7:30 pm**
Having learned their parts from the original trio, current members are: Mike Marvin, adopted son of member Nick Reynolds; Tim Gorelangton, Hawaii-born and recorded with Nick Reynolds; and Bob Haworth, who sang with The Brothers Four and filled in for Nick in the '80s. Birchmere; $45

**Mondays**

**Danny Burns • Vienna, VA**
**Monday, January 21 • 7 pm**
Trans-Atlantic troubadour draws on traditional, bluegrass, Americana for CD release show. Jammin' Java; $15

**Tuesdays**

**Bantu Continua Uhuru Consciousness**
**Washington, DC**
**Tuesday, January 8 • 6 pm**
BCUC is a band from Soweto, South Africa. They draw inspiration from indigenous music that is not exposed in the mainstream; Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, 2700 F St NW, 20566; free

**Lankum • Vienna, VA**
**Tuesday, January 8 • 7:30 pm**
Folk quartet from Dublin, Ireland; draw on traditional ballads, dance tunes, music call, street songs. Jammin' Java; $20

**Shawna Caspi, Toronto-based singer-songwriter**
**Reston-Herndon Folk Club, VA**
**Tuesday, January 15 • 7:15;**

**Music Hall • Greenbelt, MD**
**Tuesday, January 15 • 7:30 pm**
Noted bluegrassers Randy Barrett, Dede Wyland, Ira Gitlin, Tom McLaughlin. New Deal Café.

**Tyrone Cotton • Vienna, VA**
**Tuesday, January 22 • 7:30 pm**
Bluesy, folk-and gospel-influenced singer-songwriter; traditional folksinger (and songwriter) Jefferson Hamer opens. Jammin' Java; $12

**Peter & Jeremy • Annapolis, MD**
**Tuesday, January 22 • 8 pm**
Peter Asher (of Peter & Gordon) and Jeremy Clyde (of Chad & Jeremy) make folk-pop harmonies. Rams Head Onstage; $39.50

**Hannah Jaye & The Hideaways**
**Washington, DC**
**Tuesday, January 22 • 8:30 pm**
Local folk band rooted in bluegrass, country, blues, rock. Hill Country BBQ; free

**Gaelic Storm • Alexandria, VA**
**Tuesday, January 29 • 7:30 pm**
Traditional and new Celtic songs from the rocking band that started in Santa Monica pubs, then appeared in the film "Titanic," they’ve been touring ever since. Birchmere; $35

**Wednesdays**

**J2B2 (John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band)**
**Washington, DC**
**Wednesday, January 2 • 8 pm**
Award-winning guitarist leads all-star band; that also includes Herb Pederson, a co-founder with Jorgenson of Desert Rose Band. City Winery S18-25

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**Mdou Moctar with Horse Lords**
**Washington, DC**
**Wednesday, January 9 • 7:30 PM**
Mdou Moctar is a Tuareg songwriter and musician based in Agadez, Niger, and is one of the first musicians to perform modern electronic adaptations of Tuareg guitar music. Horse Lords are an American avant-garde rock band from Baltimore. Union Stage; $15

**Toots & The Maytals** • **Vienna, VA**
**Wednesday, January 16 • 8 PM**
Toots Hibbert was one of the originators of reggae, gospel-infused Jamaican music. Wolf Trap, the Barns; $50-55

**Peter & Jeremy** • **Washington, DC**
**Wednesday, January 23 • 8 PM**
Peter Asher (of Peter & Gordon) and Jeremy Clyde (of Chad & Jeremy) make folk-pop harmonies. City Winery; $22-32

**Danny Burns** • **Annapolis, MD**
**Wednesday, January 23 • 8 PM**
Trans-Atlantic troubadour draws on traditional, bluegrass, Americana for CD release show. Rams Head Onstage; $25

**Gaelic Storm** • **Alexandria, VA**
**Wednesday, January 30 • 7:30 PM**
See Tuesday, January 29 entry. Birchmere; $35

**Thursdays**

**Moose Jaw** • **Washington, DC**
**Thursday, January 3 • 8:30 PM**
"Working class bluegrass", rooted in ’40s grass. Hill Country BBQ; free

**Dan Navarro** • **Washington, DC**
**Thursday, January 10 • 7:30 PM**
Longtime successful singer-songwriter, voice-over artist, union activist, performing partner of the late Eric Lowen. Union Stage; $20-25

**Leyla McCalla** • **Columbia, MD**
**Thursday, January 10 • 7:30 PM**
One-time member of Carolina Chocolate Drops, the singer-songwriter plays cello, tenor banjo and guitar, drawing on American folk and jazz, Creole, Cajun and her Haitian heritage; opener TBA. The Soundry; $20-25

**Drew Gibson** • **Washington, DC**
**Thursday, January 10 • 8 PM**
Virginia singer-songwriter brings a band and draws on family roots; Nicole Belanus Trio opens. Pearl Street Warehouse; free.

**The Other Favorites** • **Vienna, VA**
**Thursday, January 10 • 8 PM**
Brooklyn-based Americana duo, Jammin’ Java; $18-20

**George Wurzbach & Rob Carlson**
**Sykesville, MD**
**Thursday, January 17 • 7:30 PM**
An award-winning composer and performer joins an award-winning music producer and creator of countless radio jingles to make great harmonies and keep us laughing; they were two-thirds of the comedy/music group Modern Man. Baldwin’s Station; $20

**John Oates** • **Vienna, VA**
**Thursday, January 17 • 8 PM**
Half of best-selling Hall & Oates, he’s bringing a band and delving into traditional American roots music. The Barns at Wolf Trap; $42-47

**Beth Wood** • **Germantown, MD**
**Thursday, January 17 • 9:30 PM**
Modern-day troubadour, songwriter, touring more than 20 years. BlackRock Center for the Arts; $25-35

**Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio** • **Sykesville, MD**
**Thursday, January 24 • 7:30 PM**
Songwriter Heather sings lead, plays guitar, tenor banjo, piano; Davy Sturtevant harmonizes, plays cornet, dobro, fiddle, mandolin; Shawn Nadeau harmonizes and plays bass. Baldwin’s Station; $20

**The Steel Wheels** • **Columbia, MD**
**Thursday, January 24 • 7:30 PM**
Bluegrass-rooted string band with contemporary feel and great harmonies; opener TBA. The Soundry; $15-25

**Danny Burns** • **Washington, DC**
**Thursday, January 24 • 8 PM**
Trans-Atlantic troubadour draws on traditional, bluegrass, Americana for CD release show. City Winery in the Wine Garden; $17/20

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**Support folk music on your local community radio stations!**

Saturday nights listen to Mary Cliff’s Traditions (Washington’s longest-running radio show devoted to folk music) from 9 pm to midnight on WERA-FM Arlington (96.7 FM or streaming at wera.fm). FSGW congratulates Mary Cliff on her induction into the Folk DJ Hall of Fame at the recent Folk Alliance Conference in Kansas City.

And tune in to WOWD-LP Takoma Park (94.3 FM or streaming at takomaradio.org); many shows of interest to blues, folk, reggae, and other traditional music enthusiasts. Full schedule/show descriptions at takomaradio.org.
Concerts continued

BILL STAINES • SYKESVILLE, MD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 • 7:30 PM
Bill has written songs, entertained audiences and inspired people to sing worldwide for more than 50 years; who hasn’t joined in on “A Place in the Choir,” “Roseville Fair,” or “River”? Baldwin’s Station; $20

CATHY FINK, MARCY MARXER, & SAM GLEAVES
N. BETHESDA, MD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 • 8 PM
Grammy winning duo joins talented, young Appalachian artist for close harmonies and instrumental fun; also performing is Chao Tian, master of Chinese hammered dulcimer and Strathmore Artist in Residence alumna. AMP by Strathmore; $15-20

Fridays

47SOUL • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 • 7 PM
47SOUL are one of the most promising rising stars from the Middle East where they have many fans. They present the world their own and unique music genre called ‘Shamstep’ - a powerful mix of traditional street music from the ‘Sham’-region (Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria) combined with deep electronic beats and influences from funk, hip-hop and rock. 47SOUL connect melodies that have been echoing through the Arab World for centuries with analogue synthesizers, hypnotic guitar lines, and verses in both Arabic and English. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience this group in an intimate venue! Tropicalica, 2001 14th St NW, Lower Level – Corner of U & 14th (Enter from U St); $25

FIDDLE SUMMIT • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 • 8 PM
Annual Showcase concert of the Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat. This year’s concert features Scottish fiddle champion, Seán Heeley, French Canadian fiddler Pascal Gemme, old time fiddle wizard Rachel Eddy, Irish fiddler Joe DeZarn, dance fiddler Jaige Trudel, guitarist Adam Broom, banjoist Brad Kolodner, and Ken Kolodner on hammered dulcimer and fiddle. Jam session in the church following the concert. Enjoy this concert in the lovely acoustics of the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, 100 W Washington Street, 25443. $20 adults/$18 seniors/$15 members/$10 students. Advance tickets are available at O’Hurley’s General Store or from Brown Paper Tickets. Info: smad.us or Joanie, 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net.

JONNY GRAVE • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 • 10:30 PM
Second-generation folk singer, blues slide guitarist, composer. The Hamilton, upstairs Loft; free

LEIGH BEAMER • ALEXANDRIA, VA (FSGW)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 6-8 PM
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RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER
ALEXANDRIA, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 7:30 PM
Member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Ricky played on stage with Bill Monroe at age 6, with Flatt & Scruggs at age 7, later joined Ralph Stanley’s Clinch Mountain Boys, the Country Gentlemen and Emmylou Harris’s Hot Band; he also had success in country music; the current band is a group of bluegrass all-stars. Birchmere; $39.50

KEN & BRAD KOLODNER TRIO • FALLS CHURCH, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 7:30 PM
Old-time music on fiddle, hammered dulcimer, banjo and vocals; part of “Passport to the World” series. Creative Cauldron; $22

CHRISTINE LAVIN + VANCE GILBERT
TIMONIUM, MD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 8 PM
A double bill of fun-loving singer-songwriters: New York’s quintessential stage lady, author and producer plus a jazz-rooted folkie described thusly: “the voice of an angel, the wit of a devil, and the guitar playing of a god”. Cellar Stage; $30

LEYLA MCCALLA • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 8 PM
One-time member of Carolina Chocolate Drops, the singer-songwriter plays cello, tenor banjo and guitar, drawing on American folk and jazz, Creole, Cajun and her Haitian heritage; opener TBA. The Hamilton; $12-32

CAITLIN CANTY TRIO + GUESTS OSHIMA BROTHERS
VIENNA, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 8 PM
Singer-songwriter leads band and guests are Maine-based duo; presented by Americana Music Association. Jammin’ Java; $10-15

THE SMOKIN’ POLECATS FEAT. MARIANNA PREVITTI
GREENBELT, MD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 8:30 PM
Hot area Chicago blues band joined by jazz-voiced singer. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

RANDY THOMPSON BAND • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 • 9:30 PM
“Virginia Red Dirt Roots Music”. Hill Country BBQ; free

EDDIE FROM OHIO • ALEXANDRIA, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 • 7:30 PM
See Sunday, January 20 entry. Sara Niemietz & Snuffy Walden open. Birchmere; $42.50

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EILEEN IVERS • YORK, PA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 • 7:30 PM
Eileen is a pre-eminent exponent of the Irish fiddle and a nine-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 S George St, 17403; $30/$10 students. www.sfmsfolk.org

SHEANDOAH RUN • FALLS CHURCH, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 • 7:30 PM
High-energy, vintage folk and Americana from a versatile 9-piece band; part of "Passport to the World" series. Creative Cauldron; $22

JOHN OATES • VIENNA, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 • 8 PM
See Thursday, January 17 entry. Wolf Trap, the Barns; $42-47

TOWN MOUNTAIN • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 • 8 PM
Modern, high-energy bluegrass; opener TBA. The Hamilton; $12-17

CRISTIAN PÉREZ QUINTET • FALLS CHURCH, VA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 • 7:30 PM
Brilliant Argentine-born guitarist leads music from South America, featuring bandonionist Emanuel Trifilio; part of "Passport to the World" series. Creative Cauldron; $22

STEVE EARLE • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 • 8 PM
The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter/actor/playwright/novelist is joined by indie singer-songwriter Paul Cauthen. City Winery; $42-60

STEEP CANYON RANGERS • WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25 • 8 PM
Grammy-winning bluegrass sextet. The Hamilton; $20.75-40.75

Saturdays

SCHOOLER FAKE + BUSKIN & BATEAU
ALEXANDRIA, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 • 7:30 PM
Chuck & Steve Romanoff have long been praised for their "Down East" style, singing the old songs and writing new ones about Maine; David Buskin & Robin Batteau have slowed down due to Robin's health issues, but expect them and percussionist Marshall Rosenberg to be in fine musical form and keep us entertained and laughing. Birchmere; $39.50

SCYTHLAIN • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 • 8 PM
Celtic rock band, with touches of bluegrass, country, folk, world; local duo Kentucky Avenue opens. The Hamilton; $22-27

LOUISA HALL + CRY'S MATTHEWS + HEATHER MAE
FALLS CHURCH, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 7:30 PM
Three noted Americana singer-songwriters; part of "Passport to the World" series. Creative Cauldron; $22

RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER
ALEXANDRIA, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 7:30 PM
See Friday, January 11 entry. Birchmere; $39.50

SMITH JACKSON • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 8 PM
DC duo Louise Wise & Steve Patterson include traditional material in their folk rock shows. Gypsy Sally's upstairs Vinyl Lounge; free

SWAMP CANDY • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 10:30 PM
Award-winning duo drawing on blues and roots music. The Hamilton, upstairs Loft; free

COLD CHOCOLATE • TAKOMA, DC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 8–10 PM
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LYRIC RESPONSE + DL WEINER + DAVID DUAN + HOST
JOSEPH ISAACS • COLUMBUS, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19– 6:30-9:30PM
Music Matters Showcase at Mad City Cafe, 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd., 21044; Info: josephisaacs.com donations for homeless accepted.

EDDIE FROM OHIO • ALEXANDRIA, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7:30 PM
See Sunday, January 20 entry. Sara Niemietz & Snuffy Walden open. Birchmere; $42.50

TOWN MOUNTAIN • COLUMBUS, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 8 PM
Modern, high-energy bluegrass; Buffalo Wabs & The Price Hill Hustle open. The Soundry; $12-17

SQUEEZE THE BAG • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 8 PM
Annual Showcase concert of the Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend, featuring 5 kinds of bellows-blown bagpipes, the quieter cousin of the Great Highland pipes. This year’s concert features Jerry O’Sullivan (Irish pipes), Chris Norman (flute, Scottish smallpipes), Dick Hensold (Northumbrian smallpipes), Iain MacHarg, Tim Cummings, Nick Hudson and our host piper, Robert Mitchell (Scottish smallpipes, border pipes and more). Shepherd University's Reynolds Hall, 109 N King Street, 25443. $20 adults/$15 seniors/$10 students. Advance tickets are available at O'Hurley's General Store or from Brown Paper Tickets. Info: smad.us or Joanie, 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net.
Concerts continued

**Dave Chappell Band • Greenbelt, MD**  
**Saturday, January 19 • 8:30 PM**  
Award-winning blues and roots rock. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

**Jonny Grave • Washington, DC**  
**Saturday, January 19 • 9:30 PM**  
Second-generation folk singer, blues slide guitarist, composer. Hill Country BBQ; free

**Bitter Dose Combo • Falls Church, VA**  
**Saturday, January 26 • 7:30 PM**  
French Gypsy jazz and swing; part of "Passport to the World" series. Creative Cauldron; $22

**Ronn McFarlane • Sterling, VA**  
**Saturday, January 26 • 7 PM**  
Ronn McFarlane is a lute virtuoso with over 35 recordings on the Dorian/Sono Luminus label, including solo albums, lute duets, flute & lute duets, lute songs, the complete lute music of Vivaldi, a collection of Elizabethan lute music and poetry, and recordings with the Baltimore Consort and Ayreheart. Ronn has composed new music for the lute, building on the tradition of the lutenist/composers of past centuries. $20/$18 advance or for FocusMusic members. Community Lutheran Church of Sterling, 21014 Whitfield Place, 20165. Info: Jerry Bresee, 571-471-3753, www.FocusMusic.org

**Bumper Jacksons • Vienna, VA**  
**Saturday, January 26 • 8 PM**  
Reimagining roots and Americana music by mixing in street jazz, early blues, and country swing, the DC-based Bumper Jacksons bring audiences into the center of a party where the dancing never stops. The Barns at Wolf Trap; $22-27

**Justin Trawick & The Common Good**  
**Washington, DC**  
**Saturday, January 26 • 8 PM**  
Local music mover and shaker brings the band for an Americana evening; local duo Kentucky Avenue open. Pearl Street Warehouse; $12-15

**Wylder • Washington, DC**  
**Saturday, January 26 • 8:30 PM**  
DC indie-folk band draws on alt-rock energy. Hill Country BBQ; free

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**FSGW Family Dance**  
**Glen Echo, MD**  
**Sunday, January 13 • 3-5 PM**  
Charlie Pilzer and Tina Chancey bring hot, live, fiddle and piano to the family dance. All dances taught, called, and FUN! Dancers of all ages should come out to join in the fun!! Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom Annex. $5 ages 4+. Info: Penelope Weinberger, dance@fsgw.org

Perhaps you’ve noticed that FSGW has started listing what role names will be called at each dance. FSGW is experimenting with making the dance friendlier, less rigid, and more inclusive, and collecting data on your reaction to this effort. Our first effort was to try and have one alternative-role-terms dance per month, and when we asked the callers who wanted to do it, many more than one per month eagerly elected to use alternatives! Please let your dance committee know how you feel!! If you want to know the latest on what role name will be used or learn more about this conversation, check out the FSGW website at fsgw.org
FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

at Glen Echo Park, MD

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. $10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members, $5 youth (with student ID if over 17) • $13 for the general public. Info: Penelope Weinberger, dance@fsgw.org.

January

6 Anna Rain with Maivish
   The delightful Anna Rain calls with the enchanting Maivish; Adam Broome (guitar) and Jaige Trudel (fiddle). (Calling: Larks and Ravens)

13 Greg Frock with Are We There Yet?
   The members of Are We There Yet? all went to music school, and spent varying numbers of years in classical music before starting to play in jazz, rock, or folk. Tom Wright (mandolin) is the relative newcomer to folk, but dropped out of music school to play in his old rock band before getting his job with the Chicago Symphony. A few years ago his sister Susan Brandt (flute) finally succeeded in talking him into playing for dances. Charlie Pilzer (piano) put in his time playing bass in youth orchestras and in music school, but impressed the girls playing jazz piano in high school, and later played for just about everything from Balkan dance to contra dance, with just about everybody. Susan Brandt (flute, percussion) was a young classical soloist in high school, but after music school, many recitals and freelancing, discovered folk music and joined a crazy contra dance band with her old youth orchestra friend, Charlie, to be followed by a succession of bands. Tom Wright had also played in youth orchestra with Charlie, as well as going to the same music school as Tina Chancey, but somehow Tina and Tom didn’t meet at the time! Tina Chancey (violin) is best known for her many years in Hesperus and other early music groups, but just wasn’t having enough fun, apparently, and one day was recruited into dance music. The result is a highly trained band that promises not to let training get in the way. (Calling: Larks and Ravens)
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20 **Kappy Laning with Jake Blount and The Satanic Panic**
   The phenomenally talented Jake Blount brings a group of brilliant musicians to the Glen Echo stage. Hold on to your hats while The Satanic Panic drives you across the dance floor!

27 **Tea and Honey**
   Tea and Honey: Rebecca Weiss (fiddle), Colleen Holroyd (fiddle and feet), Sophie Chang (cello), and Bobby LaRose (piano and mandolin) serves up an infusion of hot, sweet tunes as musicians steeped in Northern and Southern styles come together to make a new blend of sounds.

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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, nonscuffing 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. $10 for FSGW members, $12 for nonmembers. Info: English@fsgw.org.

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January

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   **No New Dancer Orientation. Stephanie Smith** calls the dances to the music of Carrie Rose (flute), Sophie Chang (cello), and Liz Donaldson (piano)

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   **Tom Roby** calls the dances to the music of Anna Rain (recorders), Owen Morrison (guitar), and Liz Donaldson (piano)

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   Dan Gillespie calls the dances while Becky Ross (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), and Melissa Running (piano) make the music

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   April Blum calls the dances while Tina Chancey (fiddle), Paul Oorts (mandolin and accordion), and Ralph Gordon (cello) play

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   Andrea Nettleton calls to the playing of Susan Brandt (flute), Tom Wright (10-string mandolin), and Francine Krasowska (piano)
**FSGW-cosponsored:**

**CARPE DIEM! CONTRA DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD**

**Thursday, January 10 • 7:30-10 pm**

*(Free intro workshop 7-7:30 pm)*

Beginners welcome! **Tom Hinds** calls to music by **Terpsichore: Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Elke Baker** (fiddle), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass). Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW, Washington Revels, and Takoma Radio and with support from Montgomery County Department of Recreation. In the Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, 20910. $10/$8 FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, Revels members/$5 students/free for first-timers. Free Parking in lot across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr. **Info:** Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org, 301-466-0183, carpediemarts.org/dance-with-us, revelsdc.org/, fsgw.org.

**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. A fun and welcoming group. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Cosponsored by FSGW. At Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunoobbin Dr, 20816. $7. **Info:** Jamie, dancingplanet@erols.com, http://www.dancingplanetproductions.com/folkdance.htm.

**FSGW-cosponsored:**

**GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD**

**Fridays • 9:15-10:45 pm (Intro: 8:30-9:15 pm)**

We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful wood 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/first-timers free. **Info:** Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com, larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

**FSGW-cosponsored:**

**THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL—PART LXV • WASHINGTON, DC**

**Saturday, January 26 • 8:30-11:30 pm**

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating EIGHT wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! A live band plays Old Time dance tunes and a caller 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, 1525 Newton St NW, 20010. $5. **Info:** dcsquaredance.com.
**dances**

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### Sundays

**FSGW Sunday Night Dances • Glen Echo, MD**  
Contras and Squares • 7:30–10:30 pm  
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**FSGW Family Dance • Glen Echo, MD**  
Charlie Pilzer and Tina Chancey  
Sunday, January 13 • 3–5 pm

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**Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD**  
Sundays • 3:30–6 pm (Intro 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 hambo, swing, tango, and polka. No partner required. All welcome. Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom. $13/SS5 students. Cash or check accepted. Info: WaltzTimeDances.org, 301-634-2222.

**Norwegian Potluck & Dance • Takoma Park, MD**  
Sunday, January 5 • 8:00 pm (Potluck 6:30 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 sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see HFAA. Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see HFAA.org). Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Hosts: Loretta and Tony, 301-270-4925. Info: Loretta Kelley, GWCC online.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

**GWCC Ceili • College Park, MD**  
Sunday, January 27 • 3–8 pm

GWCC sponsors a dance (Sept-May), usually on the 4th Sunday, with live music this month provided by Laura Byrne and friends. In the dance workshop at 3 pm, “The Bridge of Athlone” will be taught by Marilyn Moore. Ceili 4–8 pm with potluck dinner during the first break. Please bring a dish to share. Smooth-soled shoes recommended. Single dancers welcome. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 8500#). $20/$15 members/half price ages 11–20/free under 10. Info: 301-512-4480, gwcc-online.org

### Mondays

**Baltimore Folk Music Society**  
**English Country Dance • Baltimore, 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. Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, 21212. http://www.bfms.org/directionsToChurchoftheNativity.php. $13/SS9 BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members/$6 students/$4 student members. Info: Sharon McKinley, 410-660-9147, engdance@bfms.org.

**Israel Dancing • Chevy Chase, MD**  
**Tuesdays • 7–10:30 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. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. 7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

**Bethesda International Folk Dance • 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. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. 7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

### Tuesdays

**GWCC Ceili • College Park, MD**  
**Tuesday, January 1 • 4–8 pm**

GWCC will dance in the New Year with a ceilidh. Live music by Ellis Island (Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald, Martin McCann, and Andy Thurston). There will be raffle and door prizes along with a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share. Smooth-soled shoes recommended.
Single dancers welcome. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740 (entrance code 8500#). $20/$15 members/half price ages 11-20/free under 10. Info: 301-512-4480, gwcc-online.org

**Wednesdays**

**FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES • GLEN ECHO, MD**
***Wednesdays • 8–10:30 PM***

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**BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE**
***BALTIMORE, MD***

***Wednesdays • 8–10:30 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:30 PM)***


**January**

2 Susan Taylor calls to Taylor Among the Devils - Steve Hickman (fiddle), Marty Taylor (whistle, concertina), and Jonathan Jensen (piano).

9 Andrea Nettleton calls to Triple Helix: Colleen Reed (flute, saxophone), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle, mandolin), and Keith Gillis (guitar).

16 Steve Gester calls to Contre Temps: Andrew Tomlinson (flute), Mark Vidor (piano), and McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle).

23 Shane Knudsen calls to Backstep Cindy: Sandy Hofferth (fiddle), Howard Zane (banjo), Joe Langley (guitar), and Art Abrams (bass).

30 April Blum calls to Elke Baker (fiddle) and Paul Oorts (guitar).

**THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC**
***SILVER SPRING, MD***

***Wednesdays • 7:30–10 PM***

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Music by fiddler Paul Carlson, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. $4/first-timers free. Info: Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/

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**GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS**
***BETHESDA, MD***

***Thursdays • 7:30–10:45 PM***

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**SECOND THURSDAY • CARPE DIEM! CONTRA SILVER SPRING, MD**

***THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 • 7:30–10 PM***

(FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7:00 PM)

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**ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA**

***THURSDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM***

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers; no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction and requested dances. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22207. Donation $5. Info: Patricia, 703-472-3888, pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com, northernvirginiafolkdance.org.

**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, CapitalBlues.org.

**CHALLENGING ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE**
***ADELPHI, MD***

***3RD THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7:30–9:30 PM***

A monthly ECD series at Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Ter, 20783. Ann Fallon calls to music by Diane Sorensen (piano), Paul Oorts (mandolin), and Tina Chancey (violin). Suggested donation, $8/person or $15/couple. Info: 301-422-0292, jerryandapril@aol.com.

**GWCC MINI CEILI • SILVER SPRING, MD**

***3RD THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 • 8–9:30 PM***

The Greater Washington Ceili Club holds a monthly mini ceili with live music and open to all on the 3rd Thursday (small donation requested for musicians). At Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Info: info@gwcc-online.org, gwcc-online.org.

**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/$5 for 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**

4 Janine Smit calls to Morrison Brothers Band

11 Ann Fallon calls to the Glen Echo Open Band
dances continued

18 Melissa Chatham calls to Maelstrom
25 Greg Frock calls to The Bouncers

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GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING
GREENBELT, MD
FRIDAYS • 9:15–10:45 PM (INTRO: 8:30–9:15 PM)
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Saturdays

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE
HOEDOWN • GALESVILLE, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 7–10 PM

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 • 8 PM
(POT-LUCK: 6 PM. FREE INTRO WORKSHOP: 7:30 PM)
Janine Smith calls contra and square dances to music by the Fiddle Retreat Open Band. The band is led by internationally known musicians who are instructors at the Fiddle Retreat (http://upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat/). All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Events start at 6 pm with our holiday pot-luck. Bring a dish to share. Pot-luck snacks at the break. War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St, 25443. $12/$8 SMAD members/ $5 under 12. Info: John Sauer, 301-542-3272 or smad.us.

Baltimore Folk Music Society Contra
MIDWINTER BALL • BALTIMORE, MD
2ND SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 3–11:30 PM
Cis Hinkle calls to The Pete's Posse. Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N Charles St, 21210. Info: Sara: satdance@bfms.org or bfms.org.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 8–10:45 PM
Bob Farrall will call to music of Peascods Gathering. Beginners and singles welcome. $5. Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281, cminkus@verizon.net or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018. At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902. (Parking and entrance in rear).

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7–10 PM
(Beginners Workshop: 6:15 PM)
Hilton Baxter calls to Escape with Tim Ball (fiddle and guitar), Peter Blue (accordion, nyckelharp &


ANNAPOLIS TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY
CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7–10 PM
(INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM)
Kappy Laning calls to I-97: Emily Aubrey (fiddle), Tom Rhoads (guitar, mountain dulcimer), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina, sax) and Amy Kisir (whistle and accordion). No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. $10 with discounts for seniors, students, families. ATDS members. Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 DuBois Road, 21401. Info: Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867, janscope@hotmail.com or Charlotte Featherstone, 203-247-3964, charlotte.feathers@gmail.com, www.contradancers.com/atds.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 • 7–10 PM
Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing. Live fiddle music by Paul Carlson, a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Sonderhoning and some Snoa Variations. The first is a popular Danish dance done to 2/4 music. In addition, several fun dances that can be done to Snoa music (also 2/4) will be taught. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. $10. Info: Linda Brooks, 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org, ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather, call 301-474-0646.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE: THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • HERNDON, VA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 • 6:30–9:30 PM
Join us at our new location for our monthly dance: Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St #1, 20170. Tom Spilsbury calls to music by Catherine Chapman and Judy Meyers. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. $10/$5 students. Info: Laurel Bybell, lbybell@gmail.com, 703-791-5603, theleesburgassembly.org.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 • 8–11 PM (INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:15)
April Blum will call to a great new band Tea and Honey featuring Rebecca Weiss and Colleen Holroyd (fiddles), Sophie Chang (cello), and Bobby LaRose (piano). Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. $10/$5 students. Info: Liz Donaldson, liz@us.net or Boe Walker, 301-694-6794, contradancers.com.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL - PART LXV • WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 • 8:30–11:30 PM
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Jams

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Sundays

ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD
SUNDAYS • 9 AM–12 PM
Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401, Info: ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA
1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS • 1–4 PM
At the Schoolhouse, Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. Info: 703-437-9101.

BLUEGRASS OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD
2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS • 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.

LUKE'S GRASS JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA
MONDAYS • 8–10 PM
At JV's Restaurant. No cover.

TUESDAYS

OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD
1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS • 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 • 2–4 PM
Playing music from many different genres; it's just plain fun! At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Barbershop). Free (donations accepted/encouraged). Info: UkeJamatArchieEdwards@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS

WASHINGTON D.C. BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD
1ST & 3RD MONDAYS • 7–10 PM
At 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, Barb@BarbDiederich.com.

WOLF'S BLUE GRASS • FALLS CHURCH, VA
Mondays • 8:30 PM
At JV's Restaurant. No cover.

WEDNESDAYS

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD
ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 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.

OLD-TIME JAM • MARTINSBURG, WV
WEDNESDAYS • 6–9 PM
Musicians of all levels encouraged to come; bluegrass music fans are welcome to listen. At Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404. Info: bluegrassmusicalliance.org/area-jams.

OLD-TIME JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD
3RD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–10:30 PM
Rachel Eddy and Jonathan Vocke are leading a monthly old-time jam. Slow jam 7:30–8:30, followed by fast jam. All ages/skill levels welcome. Bring your guitars, fiddles, banjos,
Jams continued

tubas, flutes, pennywhistles, flat feet, singing voices, and listening ears. Come early and grab dinner. At Takoma BevCo, 6917 Laurel Ave, 20912. Join the Facebook group (Takoma Park Old Time Jam) to stay in touch.

**Cajun Jam • Takoma Park, MD**
4th Wednesdays • 7–9:30 PM
For dancers, musicians, and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners welcome. At 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). Free. Info: srokes123@aol.com.

**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. At Beans in the Belfry. Info: 301-834-7178.

**Saturdays**

**Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation**

**Acoustic Blues Jam • Riverdale, MD**
Saturdays • 1–5 PM

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

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 27. Confirm events for the last week of December.

**Mondays**

**Teavolve Cafe • Baltimore, MD**
Mondays • 7 PM
Open Mic Showcases hosted by Rob Hinkal. 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**
Some Tuesdays • 8 PM

**Jv's Open Mic • Falls Church, VA**
Most Tuesdays • 8 PM
Info: 703-241-9504, jvsrest@aol.com, jvsrestaurant.com

**Reston-Herndon Folk Club • Herndon, VA**
Tuesdays • 7:15 PM (Doors open at 6 PM)

**Wednesdays**

**Jv's Open Mic • Falls Church, VA**
Most Wednesdays • 8 PM
Info: 703-241-9504, jvsrest@aol.com, jvsrestaurant.com

**Thursdays**

**Songwriters Association of Washington**

**Open Mic • Greenbelt, MD**
Thursday, January 3 • 7 PM
Hosted by Lynn Hollyfield. (6:30 signup. 8 pm feature Eryn Michel.) New Deal Cafe.

**Acoustic Open Mic • Riverdale, MD**
1st Thursdays • 7:30–10 PM
At Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop. Info: acousticblues.com/events/events.html.
Participatory Performing Groups

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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 Frederick, Ellicott City, Columbia, and Adelphi, somewhat randomly; weather- and space-dependent. Info: blgraham_99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris.

Mondays

JOIN THE 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. Info: Marc Hoffman, wildwoodflower@gmail.com, 202-271-2291.

ORFELA VOCAL ENSEMBLE • BETHESDA, MD
MONDAYS 7–9 PM
Orfeia is auditioning new members, all voices. We are an all-woman vocal ensemble, directed by singer, director and composer Tatiana Sarbinska, dedicated to preserving, performing, and teaching traditional music from Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. Orfeia’s repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans, including Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Russia, and Greece. We usually rehearse in Bethesda. No familiarity with Eastern European music required. Info: Diane, 202-274-4155, orfeiavocalensemble@gmail.com, orfeia.wordpress.com, facebook.com/orfeiamusic/

Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD
TUESDAYS • 7:30–10 PM
Come sing with us or let us perform for you!! We are an all-woman a cappella group of 40+ voices singing in the barbershop style. Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. See you on the risers! Info: 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org. Sample our singing: capitalaccord.org/sample-our-singing.

Wednesdays

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • SILVER SPRING, MD
Info: RCMW@uswet.com, uswet.com/RCMW.html.

WASHINGTON BALALAICA 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, 703-549-0760.

Thursdays

CARPATHIA FOLK DANCERS • WASHINGTON, DC
THURSDAYS • 6:30–9 PM
Carpathia is Washington’s multiethnic Eastern and 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: carpathiadc@gmail.com, carpathiadc.org, facebook.com/carpathiadc.

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN • TAKOMA, DC
THURSDAYS • 8 PM
Info: Alan Peel, 301-920-1912, squire@fbmm.org, fbmm.org.

JOIN THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE
MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS
See listing under Mondays.

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 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). Glen Echo Park. Info: FridayNightDance.org.

Saturdays

WASHINGTON’S SPELMANSLAG • KENSINGTON, MD
2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS • 2:30–4:30 PM
Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info: JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com.
FSGW Open Sing • Kensington, MD
Friday, January 4 • 8 PM
Theme: Folk Herbology: songs involving plants of any kind. Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don’t worry if you can’t think of a song on the topic—come join in the fun anyway! At the home of Nancy King. Info: nlking2@verizon.net. If you’re willing to host on a future first Friday, please email Vince Wilding, Vince@VinceWilding.com.

FSGW Doo-Wop Sing • Potomac, MD
Saturday, January 12 • 6:30 PM
(Optional 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,” and so many more. Lyrics are provided. At the home of Al Kehs and Lynne Blei. Info: Ron Davies, 301-270-9365, rondavies7@icloud.com.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Arlington, VA
Sunday, January 13 • 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 group singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month’s Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Debby Churchman in Arlington. Info/directions: dchurchm@yahoo.com, or 540-467-3455.

FSGW Circle of Life Song Circle • Rockville, MD
Tuesday, January 15 • 1–2:30 PM
Usually on the first and third Tuesdays of each month (this Song Circle will not meet on January 1). 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-Sponsored
Schweinhaut Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD
3rd Wednesday, January 16 • 1–3 PM
Along with other songs, sing some civil rights songs to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. 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 a song leader and guitar accompanist. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Free. For more information or to suggest songs in advance, email Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

Sundays
FSGW Gospel Sing • Arlington, VA
Sunday, January 13 • 4–8 PM
See left column.
PUB SING AT MCGINTY'S • SILVER SPRING, MD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 • 7–9 PM
Dust off your vocal chords 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 pm. 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. 2nd-floor Bar, McGinty’s Public House, 911 Ellsworth Dr, 20910. Tickets: [Online in advance, no fees!]
$20/Age13-18: $15/12 & under: $10. At the door, space permitting, $23/Age13-18: $18/12 & under: $13. Info: info@revelsdc.org, 301-587-3835, revelsdc.org/shows-events/

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.

LANtGEY SHAPE NOTE SINGING • MCREANS, VA
3RD SUNDAYS • 5–7:15 PM
Bring a snack or side dish to share. At Langley Hill Friends Meeting, 6410 Georgetown Pike, 22101. Info: John, 540-336-8112, jdelre@visuallink.com, dcshapenote.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: Katya, 301-270-4175, Katya@partan.com.

Tuesdays
FSGW-COSPONSORED
CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 • 1–2:30 PM
See page 20.

DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC
3RD TUESDAYS • 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, dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

We will shout a-loud and sing.

Wednesdays
FSGW-COSPONSORED
SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD
3RD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 • 1–3 PM
See page 20.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING
2ND (BALTIMORE) AND 4TH (DC) WEDNESDAYS • 8–10 PM
The Ship’s Company Chanteymen host open mic chanteys. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org.

January
21 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell’s Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
23 Mackey’s, 1306 G St NW (near Metro Center), Washington, DC 20005

CARPE DIEM-REVELS COMMUNITY FAMILY SING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30–8:30 PM
Join us for the Carpe Diem-Washington Revels Family & Community Sing. This month we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with songs about peace, liberty and justice! 6:30–8 pm: International songs; rounds for all ages, and music of the Civil Rights movement. 8–8:30 pm: Refreshments, social time, celebration of January birthdays. Feel free to bring refreshments and songs to share. Sign up in advance to lead a song by contacting Jo Rasi (jrasi@revelsdc.org) or just show up to sing (or even just to listen)! Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels with in-kind media support from Takoma Radio. Info: BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org, 301-466-0183, jrasi@revelsdc.org, www.carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us, www.revelsdc.org. $5 donation requested.

Thursdays
SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • TYSONS CORNER, VA
2ND THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM
The Ship’s Company Chanteymen host open mic chanteys. Nocover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly a cappella but instruments welcome. At Paddy Barry’s Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org.

FOLKSONG SING-IN (OPEN FOLK SING) • WHEATON, MD
3RD THURSDAYS • 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. Info: thelimerickpub.net.

Fridays
FSGW OPEN SING • KENSINGTON, MD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 • 8 PM
See listing, page 20.
FSGW Doo-Wop Sing • Potomac, MD  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 • 6:30 PM  
(Optional Potluck, 5:30 PM)  
See listing, page 20.

Shape Note Singing • Boyce, VA  
1ST SATURDAYS • 4–8 PM  
All are welcome to sing from Shenandoah Harmony and Sacred Harp. Potluck dinner at 6 pm. Locations vary. Info: Kelly or John, jdelre@visuallink.com, 540-336-8112; Northern Shenandoah Valley Facebook page; or dcshapenote.squarespace.com/nsv/.

The Grapevine • Takoma, DC  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 • 7:30 PM  
The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Featuring tellers Donald Davis and Noa Baum. Food and drink available. Busboys and Poets Takoma, 235 Carroll St NW, 20012. $15 suggested donation goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! “Like” The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. Info: grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

The Beatles Sing Along • Leesburg, VA  
2ND SATURDAYS • 7–9:30 PM  
Come sing and play along with the great music of The Beatles. We start the evening singing an album. All levels of musicianship are welcome. Acoustic and electric guitars OK. Lawrence Brand leads the singing. Songbooks are provided. United Methodist Church, 107 W Market St, 20176 (Plenty of free parking). Free. RSVPs: Lawrence Brand, 301-639-7608, Lawrence@RLBrand.com, or meetup.com/The-Beatles-Sing-Along.

FSGW Storyswap • Washington, DC  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 • 7:30 PM  
Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Starr Kopper for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks. Free. RSVPs and directions: Starr, starrkopper@gmail.com

Upcoming FSGW Events

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.

FSGW Annual Mid-Winter Festival (Mini-Fest) • Silver Spring, MD  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019 • NOON–10:30 PM  
Details on the front page, and page 3.  

Friday, Feb 15, 2019  
Occidental Gypsy

Potomac River Sacred Harp Singing Convention • Great Falls, VA  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 & SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

Chesapeake River Dance Weekend  
Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26–SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019  

33rd Annual FSGW Spring Ball (English Country Dance)  
Silver Spring Civic Center • MD  
SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019

Upcoming Alexandria After Work concerts:

February 8: The Alligator Pears  
March 8: Julia Patinella  
April 12: Two Sisters  
May 10: Lynn Noel presents Guðrid the Wanderer  
June 14: Toccata Players
weekends

UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2019
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 • JANUARY 4–6, 2019
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. 2018 teachers are Joe DeZarn (Beginning, Irish), Pascal Gemme (Quebecois), Sean Heely (Scottish, Irish), Rachel Eddy (Old Time), Jaige Trudel and Adam Broome (New England, English), Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer), and Brad Kolodner (banjo).

PIPER’S WEEKEND • JANUARY 18–21, 2019
Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, and mixed instruments. Staff include: Jerry O’Sullivan (uilleann pipes), Chris Norman (Irish flute), Dick Hensold (Northumbrian smallpipes), on Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes and French Repertoire for Franco-flemish pipes and mixed instruments: Iain MacHarg, Tim Cumming, Nick Hudson, and Bob Mitchell. Classes for all levels of ability, high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.

classes

SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS
WINTER GROUP CLASSES
TAKOMA PARK & ROCKVILLE, MD
All are 6-week classes and cost $175. Geared for adults and teens 16+, except kids’ ukulele. Info: hmtrad.com, 301-270-9090.

Old Time Guitar, Tuesdays starting January 8 in Takoma Park, 6 pm
Kids’ Ukulele (ages 7-10), Sundays starting January 6 in Rockville, 1:30 pm
Fiddle Sampler, Tuesdays starting January 8 in Rockville, 7 pm & Thursdays starting January 10 in Takoma Park, 7 pm
Beginning Guitar, Mondays starting January 7 in Rockville, 7 pm, & Thursdays starting January 10 in Takoma Park, 7 pm
Beginning Mandolin, Tuesdays starting January 8 in Takoma Park, 7 pm & Thursdays starting January 10 in Rockville, 7 pm
Beginning 5-string Banjo, Tuesdays starting January 8 in Takoma Park, 8 pm & Thursdays starting January 10 in Rockville, 8 pm

BE A REVELS KID!
WINTER AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS
WASHINGTON REVELS
JANUARY-MARCH (10-WEEK TERM) • GRADES PK-6
The leaves may be off the trees, but the growing season is all year round in our Winter after-school workshops. Revels Kids learn traditional games, songs, stories, and dances that have bound together people from cultures around the world and throughout the centuries. These timeless activities teach children the confidence to lead, the respect to listen, the importance of teamwork, and the empathy to care for others and the world around them. Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Drive, 20910. Registration Open: first classes begin January 7. Info: 301-587-3835, info@revelsdc.org, revelsdc.org/revels-kids/education/

Spring Weekend • Shepherdstown, WV
March 22-24
Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions for hammered dulcimer, fiddle, and mixed instruments with special guest instructors including hammered dulcimer players Steve Schneider, Tina Bergmann, and Randy Marchany; plus multi-instrumentalists Dave Wiesler and Paul Oorts teaching an English Country Dance music class for all instruments. Saturday English dance workshop taught by Melissa Running with music by Becky Ross and Liz Donaldson, evening dance with the Festival Open Band from the ECD class. Shepherd University campus and the surrounding historic buildings in Shepherdstown, WV. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, 304. 263.2531, upperpotomac@gmail.com

American Banjo Fraternity • Newark, NY
May 23–25
Banjo players and listeners are invited to the next meeting of the American Banjo Fraternity. There is no charge to attend the activities each day and evening. 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. Players use 5 string banjos of different sizes. The meeting location is at the Newark Garden Hotel, 125 N. Main St, Newark, NY, 14513. We welcome guests without charge except for food and lodging. If you wish to join the ABF, please contact Joel Hooks for an application and dues payment at joelhooks@me.com. Info: www.banjofraternity.org, 315-331-9500.
classes continued

Sundays

INTRODUCTORY TAIKO WORKSHOP
W/MARK H ROONEY • TAKOMA PARK, MD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 5–8 PM
Learn the fundamentals of Japanese taiko drumming. Instruments provided, no experience necessary. $50. Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Ave, 20912. Advance registration required through House of Musical Traditions, hmtcad.com, 301-270-9090.

YIDDISH MUSIC WORKSHOP • WASHINGTON, DC
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 • 2–4 PM
Are you a musician who always wanted to play klezmer music? Does your foot start tapping every time you hear Yiddish songs? Do you want to learn the difference between a Bulgar, a Sher, a Zhok, and a Khosidl? Then join us for the first DC Klezmer Workshop of 2019 for a workshop and jam session. The workshop is open to all levels of musicians, whether you read music or not. For this first workshop trumpet player Howard Ungar will be teaching songs that he has learned from over 20 years attending klezmer festivals and playing with musicians from Machaya, The Klezmatics, The Klezmer Conservatory Band, and The Adat Shalom Klezmer Workshop. He will be joined by other musicians that you have danced with at Adas Israel on Simchat Torah. So grab your instrument and come on down for some hot klezmer jams! Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St NW, 20008; Suggested donation: $10. Info: Howard Ungar, howard_ungar@hotmail.com

Tuesdays

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD
TUESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM (EXCEPT JANUARY 1)
Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polska, 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, Hambodc.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD
TUESDAYS, JANUARY 9–MAY 14 • 7–9 PM
The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 18 and up. No partner necessary. New dancers/basics, 7-8 pm; advanced dancers, 8-9:30 pm. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music and open to all on the 3rd Thursday of each month (small donation requested for musicians). At Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. $40 for 6-class series. Info: Cathal McNaughton, 301-648-1909, info@tiszaensemble.org, tiszaensemble.org

WEDNESDAYS

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:45 PM
General Class/Dances held year-round in Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, 22314; Fundamentals classes held in Fall & Spring. $8. Info: A. Dempsey, info@rscds-greaterdc.org or rscds-greaterdc.org.

THURSDAYS

GWCC ADULT SET AND CEILI DANCE CLASS
SILVER SPRING, MD
THURSDAYS • 7–9:30 PM
The Greater Washington Ceili Club holds weekly adult Irish set and ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment. No experience or partner needed. The spring season will run January 17–May 2. New dancers/basics, 7–8 pm; advanced dancers, 8–9:30 pm. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music and open to all on the 3rd Thursday each month (small donation requested for musicians). At Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. $50/season, register and pay at class, first class free. Info: Instructor P. O’Donnell, 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, gwcc-online.org.

SATURDAYS

Ukulele Group Classes
with Maureen Andary
WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAYS STARTING JANUARY 5 (6 SESSIONS) • 1 PM & 2 PM
Choose from Beginner 1 (for new Beginners, 1 pm) or Beginner 2/Right Hand Techniques (for advanced beginners, 2 pm). Geared for adults; children 10+ welcome. $159 per six-class series. Held at private home in Takoma DC. Register through House of Musical Traditions, hmtcad.com, 301-270-9090.

The Nordic Dancers of Washington, DC
Silver Spring, MD
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–10:00 PM
The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. 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. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, Silver Spring, MD. No charge the first time; $4.00 per session thereafter. Info: Chris Kalke, 301-805-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/
Register Now!
Chesapeake Dance Weekend
At Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD
April 26 - 28, 2019

Featuring Contras, Squares, and Balkan!

• From Asheville, NC, Diane Silver is highly acclaimed for her clear, efficient teaching and calling, creative medleys, and great positive energy; facilitating high-energy dancing that allows everyone to “play” with the band.

• With 40-plus years of experience calling squares and contras, former Washingtonian Tom Hinds of Charlottesville is known nationally and abroad for inventive choreography, improvisational skill, and wicked sense of humor.

• Stomp Rocket is an exciting collaboration of beloved New England artists Dave Langford (fiddle), Bethany Waickman (guitar), and Glen Loper (mandolin & banjo). With an upbeat and energetic sound, they are sure to transport you to dance nirvana.

• Jesse Milnes and Friends from Elkins, WV includes: Jesse Milnes (fiddle), Kevin Chesser (banjo), Joe “Bass” DeJarnette, and Nate Druckenmiller (guitar). Jesse Milnes leads these talented musicians to create a melodic force of driving, rhythmic, old-time music.

• New York City-based Reimlingen Band features: Michael Ginsburg (truba), Catherine Foster (saxophone, clarinet, truba), Morgan Clark (accordion, tenor horn), Belle Birchfield (baritone truba), Emily Geller (tapan), Don Godwin (tuba). Renowned Instructor Michael Ginsburg leads us in a journey through the mesmerizing world of Balkan dance.

The Chesapeake Dance Weekend takes place at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD (20 minutes south of Annapolis). Dance and dine in a hall with a fine wood floor and panoramic view of the scenic Rhode River. In addition to dancing, the camp offers walking trails, canoes, and tennis courts, and modern heated dormitory-style cabins.

For More Info:
chesapeakedanceweekend.org
Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 26-28, 2019

FSGW’s 37th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend takes place at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD (20 minutes south of Annapolis). Dance on a fine wood floor by the shores of the beautiful Rhode River. Choose from a variety of daytime dance and music workshops and spend the evenings enjoying contras, squares, and Balkan dances. The camp offers walking trails, canoes, and tennis courts. Heated, dormitory-style cabins sleep 8-12 per room in bunk beds. Tenting (BYOT) is an option. Check-in begins at 4 pm Friday. The program concludes at 4 pm Sunday. For more information, visit our website at:

www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org

You may register by mail or online. If using mail, send check with your application form. If registering online, visit ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org. You will receive a confirmation e-mail and follow up e-mails with directions and details. Fee covers program, accommodations, and meals. All-inclusive cost for the weekend is $245 (FSGW member early bird registration postmarked before 1/28/19); $260 (FSGW member registration postmarked on or after 1/28/19); $290 (nonmember); $150 (for 13-29 year old dancers). Dancers 13-17 years old may attend if accompanied by a paying adult guardian. Teen campers will be housed with their adult companions. A variety of scholarships (a $50 REFUND) are available in exchange for 4 hours of work. See our website for details, then contact our registrar to find the scholarship that’s right for you.

IMPORTANT FINE PRINT!

- You may join FSGW (by mail or online) and pay the member-discounted registration fee.
- Cancellation policy: refunds (minus a $25 processing fee) will be made if the cancellation is received before March 25, 2019. On or after March 25, refunds will be made only if your place can be filled.
- Sorry, no part-time registrants. All registrants must be at least thirteen years old.
- See ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org.

Send check (payable to FSGW) and application to:
Chesapeake Dance Weekend, c/o Michal Warshow, 1725 N. Nelson St., Arlington, VA 22207

Application

Name:
Address:
Telephone: (whichever is best):
E-mail:

☐ I may snore and keep others awake. ☐ I plan to tent. ☐ I will be staying offsite and don’t need cabin space

I would like to be in a: ☐ mens, ☐ ladies, ☐ couples, or ☐ family cabin (13-17 year olds stay with parents) with:

I would like to share a cabin with: ____________________________

My check payable to FSGW includes camp fee for ________ person(s)

☐ $245 (early bird = FSGW member applications postmarked before 1/28/2019)
☐ $260 (FSGW member) ☐ $290 (non-member) ☐ $150 (dancer, 13-29 years old)

☐ I wish to donate $________ to support the Chesapeake Dance Weekend
☐ I wish to apply for a scholarship - see above - $50 REFUND.

Dietary options:
☐ omnivore
☐ no red meat
☐ vegetarian

Other housing needs/preferences:

I want to join FSGW for $25 & pay the member-discounted fee
(include a SEPARATE membership fee, check payable to FSGW)

Deadline February 2019 Newsletter: MONDAY, January 7, 2019
frequent venues

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

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

Amphora’s Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA 20170 703-435-2402; restonherndonfolklclub.com

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

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie’s Barbershop), 4701 Queensbury Rd, Riverdale, MD 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. Shows 8 pm, uptownconcerts.org. 410-795-1041

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

Beans in the Belfry Meeting Place and Café, 122 W Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716

Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22305. 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), blackrockcenter.org

The Cellar Stage, Tionomium United Methodist Church, 2300 Pot Spring Rd, Timonium, MD 21093. Shows 8 pm, uptownconcerts.org

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

Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd., Baltimore MD 21212

The City Winery, 1350 Okie St. NE, Washington, DC 20002; citywinery.com/washingtondc

Creative Cauldron, 410 South Maple Ave, Retail 116, Falls Church, VA 22046, creativecauldron.org

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

George Washington National Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, 22301.

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, gypsysallys.com

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

Hill Country BBQ, 410 7th St NW, DC 20004, www.hillcountry.com/dc

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

Lloyd House 220 N. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314, 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, pearlstreetwarehouse.com

Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814, ePositano.com, 301-654-1717

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

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

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

Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (near 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 on weekends or if leaving after 9 pm)

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

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

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

The Soundry, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044, thesoundry.com

Union Stage, 740 Water St SW, Washington, DC 20024, unionstage.com

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, 1635 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA, 22182, 703-255-1900, wolphtrap.org

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Name:__________________________________________________________
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