Lilt

Traditional dance music from Ireland

Saturday, December 14 • 8 pm

Hometown favorites with international acclaim, Irish music duo Lilt celebrate ten years of music and their recently released album "X" with a special concert at Seekers Church in Takoma, DC, on December 14. Said to have "real fizz, platinum quality" by Irish Music Magazine, "X" reflects Tina Eck and Keith Carr's "terrific rapport" and "great insight into how to connect musically" (Daniel Neely Irish Echo). Playing the traditional dance music from Ireland: jigs and reels, polkas and hornpipes, the occasional slow air or vocal number, Lilt loves and tries to capture the essentials of Irish traditional music: boundless energy, wildness and melancholy. Seekers Church 276 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012. Learn more about Lilt at https://www.liltirishmusic.com/.

Quercus

Steeped in the D.C.-Baltimore area’s lauded Irish music community

Friday, December 13 • 7 - 9 pm

FSGW celebrates the holidays with the tuneful playing and melodious singing of Quercus at The Lyceum in Historic Alexandria on December 13. For years David McKindley-Ward (banjo, guitar, voice) and Marty Frye (flute, fiddle) have been steeping themselves in the D.C.-Baltimore area’s lauded Irish music community, like a good pot of Barry’s tea. Apart from craic of the finest quality, Marty and David seek to cultivate a musical sensitivity that does justice to the masterful touch of the old players, while being honest to their own creative instincts. Co-sponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria and FSGW, this is part of the Alexandria After Work concert series held in the heart of Old Town Alexandria (usually) at 6 pm on second Fridays. Take the free trolley that runs every 15 minutes from King Street Metro station! At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington, Alexandria, Virginia. Free to FSGW members, $5 suggested donation for non-members; cash bar.

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 way we keep our production costs and ticket prices low.
fsgw dances

FSGW Sunday Night Dances

At the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD
Contrals 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. FSGW allows callers to choose role names with at least one gender-free dance each month. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. $13/$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS members/$5 under 18 or with student ID. Info: dance@fsgw.org.

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1 Michael Karcher calls with Larry Unger, Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Henry Koretzky (mandolin), Ralph Gordon (bass) - Larks and Ravens.

8 Abigail Hobart calls with Honeysuckle Rose. Liz Donaldson (piano), Ralph Gordon (bass), Paul Oorts (mandolin, accordion), Andrea Hoag (fiddle).

15 Penelope Weinberger calls with Eloise & Co. Rachel Bell (accordion), Becky Tracy (fiddle), Owen Morrison (guitar). - Larks and Robins.

22 TBA call with George Paul (piano), Martha Edwards (fiddle).

29 Steve Zakon-Anderson with Polaris. Jesse Ball (accordion), Marta Bartholomew (fiddle), Rose Jackson (fiddle), Sam Zakon-Anderson (piano).

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 2018 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.
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. $14/$12 members (FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, ATDS)/$7 students and those with limited income. Info: English@fsgw.org. Please consider adding a donation of any amount to support students and those with limited income, and to increase payments for performers.

December

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April Blum calls to the music of Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina), Susan Brandt (flute), and Owen Morrison (guitar)

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Ann Fallon calls the dances while Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), and Liz Donaldson (piano) play

18

Bob Green (MO) calls the dances while Paul Oorts (accordion and mandolin), Martha Edwards (fiddle), and Melissa Running (piano) make the music

25 No Dance!

Contra Sonic

Glen Echo Park, MD

Tuesday, December 10 • 8–10:30 pm

FSGW’s alternative music contra series is the Washington area’s only techno contra series! Dance in the Back Room to a selection of electronic, techno, pop, and club music with non-gendered terms. Featuring up and coming callers, a new sound system, and club-style lights, Contra Sonic is proud to present a dynamic form of the living contra tradition. All newcomers welcome! Beginner Lesson at 7:30. $9 for non-members; $7 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS or ATDS and for students with ID. Info: dance@fsgw.org.

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**New Year’s Eve Ball**

**December 31, 2019**

**Music by Polaris**

**Called by Steve Zakon-Anderson**

Grand March begins at 8:00 pm. The dance will go until 12:15 am.

Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD

More information & registration: [fsgw.org/new-years-eve-contra-square-dance](http://fsgw.org/new-years-eve-contra-square-dance)

$45 for Current FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, & CDSS Members

$50 for General Admission

$55 at the door (acceptable payment @ the door - check & credit card)

**Registration:** Admission by registration, must be 18 or older

To register & pay on-line: [fsgw.org/new-years-eve-contra-square-dance](http://fsgw.org/new-years-eve-contra-square-dance)

To register via paper: Please fill out the information below and mail to the address below

**Please print legibly**

Current FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, CDSS Member?

Name (person 1) ________________________________ Yes__ No__

Email _____________________________ phone _______________________

Name (person 2) ________________________________ Yes__ No__

Email _____________________________ phone _______________________

Name on button (person 1) ____________________________

Name on button (person 2) ____________________________

Send check and this registration form to:

FSGW NYE Dance, c/o Lynn Pastore, 884 Azalea Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

**Questions ?** [nye.contra.registrar@fswg.org](mailto:nye.contra.registrar@fswg.org)
fsgw co-sponsored dances

**The Great American Square Dance Revival • Washington, DC**

**Saturday, December 7 • Doors 8 pm, Dance 8:30 - 11:30 pm**

The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating EIGHT wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! This month caller Dave Hauver shows you how it’s done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time. The Band is Old Reliables: Jenny Monfore (fiddle), Larry Unger (guitar), Riley Baugus (banjo), Alex Lacquement (bass). Come see what it’s all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin’ Saturday night. All are welcome – young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta the loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. Location: Saint Stephen’s Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington DC, near the Columbia Heights Metro. $5 at the door. Info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com

**Carpe Diem! Contra Dance • Silver Spring, MD**

**Thursday, December 12 • 7:30-10 pm • (Free intro workshop 7-7:30 pm)**

Sonya Kaufman calls with Eloise & Company. Come to the Great Hall in the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, 20910 and enjoy the Second Thursday Silver Spring Contra Dance, presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW, Washington Revels and Takoma Radio; with additional support from Montgomery County Department of Recreation. Free parking in the Ellsworth garage. $8 for FSGW/BFMS/CDSS/Revels members. $10 for non-members, $5 for students, and free for first-timers. Info: Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net or BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org, 301-466-0183.

**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 Dunrobin Dr, 20816. $7.

Info: Jamie, dancingplanet@erols.com, dancingplanetproductions.com/folkdance.htm.

**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. $7/3.50 students and seniors/first-timers free. Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com, larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm. No Dances on December 27 and January 3.
FSGW Sings and Storytelling

FSGW OPEN SING • SILVER SPRING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:30 PM
The monthly FSGW Open Sing is at Ingrid Gorman’s house. The theme is Getting Ready for Solstice: Songs of the Sun, Moon, Druids, Fairies. We go around the room giving everyone a chance to lead a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets are OK. Everyone is welcome! The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or maybe put the polish back on some old ones. Don’t worry if you can’t think of a song on-topic—come join in the fun anyway! Info: ingridgorman@gmail.com 301-351-2451.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON DC
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 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 dishes 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 Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog in Washington DC. The U Street Metro Stop is nearby. Info/directions: email landcommentary@gmail.com or call 202-797-9259.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:
CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD
TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 3 & 17 • 11 AM
Usually on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Co-sponsored by FSGW and the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington. 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! 55 lunch available afterwards.’(followed by venue and Info text) At Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. Info: Frieda Enoch, fenoch@jccgw.org or Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:
SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD
THIRD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 1 TO 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, co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of group 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! Free! Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Info: Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

STORYTELLING

FSGW-COSPONSORED:
THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC
DECEMBER 11 • 7:30 PM
The Grapevine Storytelling Series at Busboys and Poets in Takoma Park, with featured tellers Motoko and Mitch Capel. Hosted by Noa Baum, Renée Brachfeld, and Tim Livengood, the Grapevine features storytelling in any style or tradition, true or fictional. Come early to try for one of three open-mic spots. Open-mic starts at 7:30PM, before the featured tellers. $15 donation or what you can afford. Dinner service during show. BB&P at 235 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC. Info: https://www.facebook.com/GrapevineStorytelling/.

FSGW STORYSWAP • WASHINGTON DC
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7:30 PM
Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Barbara and Andy Effron for an evening of shared tales and potluck snacks. Free. Info: storytimeexpress@hotmail.com or 703-323-1783 for RSVPs and directions.

FSGW’s On Social Media

Check Us Out!
Facebook: facebook.com/DCFolklore/
Twitter: twitter.com/DCFolklore
Instagram: instagram.com/dcfolklore?

Deadline January 2020 Newsletter: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
**classes**

**Scottish Country Dance Class • Bethesda, MD**
**Monday Evenings • 7:30 - 9:30 PM**
Learn Scottish Country Dancing - Have fun while getting good exercise and challenging your brain! Classes at Building T-39 Aerobics Facility, National Institutes of Health, at Wisconsin Ave. & South Drive, Bethesda, MD. $5/class, membership available. [Info](mailto:michelle.fannon@nih.gov) Michelle Fannon, 301-460-4751, Susan Keyes, 240-426-1899, Joan MacLeod, 301-622-5945 rscds-greaterdc.org

**Scandinavian Dance Classes • Bethesda, MD**
**Tuesdays, December 3, 10, and 17th. NOT 24th or 31st • 7:30 PM**
Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polskas, springers, 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](mailto:lisa@hambo.dance) Lynn Walker at 301-834-4020 (please leave a message for a return call), lisa@hambo.dance, or Hambodc.org.

**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. 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](mailto:chris.kalte@verizon.net) Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net. https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/

**Set and Ceili Dance Classes • Silver Spring, MD**
**Thursdays • 7-9:30 PM**
The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) holds weekly Irish set & ceilidh dance classes (adult & ages 12 & up) in a friendly, relaxed environment, year-round on Thursday evenings in Silver Spring. The fall season will run September 12 - December 19; 7-8pm for new dancers/basics, 8-9:30pm for advanced classes, the 8pm class will include the Sidmouth and Old Mill Lancers Sets. 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 (instead of the advanced class) with live music & open to all, 9/19, 10/24, 11/21, 12/19 (a small donation is requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. $50/season, register and pay at class, first class free. [Info](mailto:info@gwcc-online.org) Instructor P. O’Donnell, 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, gwcc-online.org.

**Strum For the Holidays (Ukulele)**
**W/Maureen Andary • Takoma DC**
**Saturday, December 7th • 1-2:30PM**
Learn holiday tunes & arrangements. For uke players who already know 3-4 chords & basic strums. $30. Held at private home in Takoma DC, close to House of Musical Traditions. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, [Info](mailto:House of Musical Traditions at 301-270-9090)

**Old-Time Jam Drop-In Class • Takoma Park, MD**
**Every Thursday • 7:30-8:30PM**
Weekly drop-in class with Noah Bowman for adults who can play their instrument but need some guidance on what to do in an old-time jam. $12/session. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, [Info](mailto:School of Musical Traditions at 240-690-1910)

**Jamming With Others Drop-In Class**
**Rockville, MD**
**Every Thursday • 8-9 PM**
Weekly drop-in class with Justin Heath at School of Musical Traditions in Rockville, MD. Learn how to follow a chord structure and play along to lyrics. All instrumentalists welcome. $12/session. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, [Info](mailto:School of Musical Traditions at 240-690-1910)

**Beginner Ukulele Class • Rockville, MD**
**Thursdays • 7-7:45PM**
Adult beginner uke class with Justin Heath at School of Musical Traditions in Rockville, MD. 6 sessions; $70. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, [Info](mailto:School of Musical Traditions at 240-690-1910)

**Ukulele Classes w/Maureen Andary • Takoma, DC**
**Saturdays • 1PM**
Beginner 1 (for new beginners, adults & kids age 10+) and Beginner 2 (strumming techniques for those who know a few chords; 2-3pm). 6 sessions, $159. Held at private home in Takoma DC. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, [Info](mailto:House of Musical Traditions at 301-270-9090)

**Ukulele & Tenor Guitar Classes**
**W/Marcy Marxer • Silver Spring, MD**
**December 10 • 8:35 PM**
Intermediate/Advanced Ukulele (focusing on Hapa Haole songs) at 7:30pm. Tenor Banjo class (CGDA tuning) at 8:35pm. 6 sessions, $240 (or take both classes for $450). Private home in Silver Spring, MD. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, [Info](mailto:House of Musical Traditions at 301-270-9090)

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**Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 2**
A list of folk and folk-related performances is maintained by Mary Cliff, at her website: http://marycliff.net/whoswhere.php.

**Monday**

ROBIN BULLOCK, KEN KOLODNER & ELKE BAKER  
ROCKVILLE, MD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30PM

Robin Bullock (guitar) returns for our annual Celtic holiday concert, with Ken Kolodner (hammered dulcimer, fiddle) and fiddler Elke Baker! St. Mark Presbyterian Church | 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD, 20852, Tickets: $20 adv, $25 door / Children & Students w ID: $15 adv, $20 door. Info: contact Institute of Musical Traditions, 301 960-3655, imtfolk.org

A SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS • ROCKVILLE, MD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 @ 7:30PM

The Institute of Musical Traditions is proud to present a Scandinavian Holiday show! Andrea Hoag & Melissa Running (elegant, intricate, and heart lifting traditional music of Sweden on fiddle and nyckelharpa), Loretta Kelley (foremost American performer of the hardingfele – an intricately decorated fiddle Native to Norway) and Charlie Pilzer (Grammy award-winning musician devoted to Celtic, folk and Scandinavian music since 1978). St. Mark Presbyterian Church | 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD, 20852, Tickets: $20 adv, $25 door / Children & Students w ID: $20 adv, $25 door. Info: contact Institute of Musical Traditions, 301 960-3655, imtfolk.org

**Tuesday**

GAYE ADEGBALOLA • HERNDON, VA  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 7:15 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

Blues singer Gaye Adegbalola is an alumna of the renowned feminist blues posse Saffire keeps her hit list current. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, 20170. Info: 703-435-2402, RestonHerndonFolkClub.com

**Thursday**

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS  
SILVER SPRING, MD  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT AT EL GOLFO  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 5:45 PM  
AND 6:45 PM (TWO 25-MINUTE SHOWS)

Featuring Eric Marring. Location: El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts, with sponsors Finn Family Group, Washington Revels, El Golfo, Takoma Radio. Each ticket is good for one FREE margarita or ice cream! Tickets: children free; $5 adults; percent of restaurant proceeds benefit early learning programs. Info: www.carpediemarts.org/family-fun-night / 301-466-0183.

**Saturday**

THE 2019 CHRISTMAS REVELS • WASHINGTON, DC  
WEEKENDS, DECEMBER 7-15 • MATINÉE & EVENING SHOWS

Washington Revels presents the 37th annual Christmas Revels: “Celestial Fools.” Magic is just around the corner in a rustic village in Europe! As the Winter days grow short, three wandering performers from far-off lands weave music, dance and stories from their cultures into an enchanting and dramatic tale of the Winter Solstice. But when the sun finally sets on the longest night — and darkness seems to stretch on without end — these “Celestial Fools” lead us on a journey into the heavens to reclaim the light and restore its warmth to the world. Sing along on beloved carols and dance through the aisles with our cast of over 100, ages 9-90, tradition bearers Karim Nagi (Arabic drumming & dance), Shizumi Shigeto Manale (Japanese dance & theater) & Mark Novak (Jewish song), and renowned Klezmer and world music instrumentalists Seth Kibel, Vladimir Fridman, & Bob Abbott. GW Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street NW, 20052. Tickets required. Info: 301-587-3835 or info@revelsdc.org; revelsdc.org/shows-events/christmas-revels/.

### Karim Nagi in Concert • Venue TBD

**Thursday, December 12 • 7-8 PM**

Washington Revels presents internationally renowned Arab drumming and dance specialist Karim Nagi in an engaging solo-performance concert featuring music, dance and culture for all ages. Karim is a crossover artist whose music unites the Arab tradition with the global contemporary world. In addition to this performance, he is also appearing locally as a featured tradition bearer in the 2019 Christmas Revels (Dec. 7-15). Venue TBD. $15 adults; $10 youth (18 and under). Info: 301-587-3835 or info@revelsdc.org

### Friday

**Crys Matthews • Takoma, DC**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:30-9:30PM**

Crys Matthews, an award winning songwriter, blends Americana, folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass and funk into a bold, complex performance steeped in traditional melodies and punctuated by honest, original lyrics. Carroll Cafe welcomes all who love and support roots music! Crys Matthews on guitar. Seekers Church 276 Carroll St NW, Wash., DC $18 / adv., $20 / door. Info: Sandra 240.350.1769 carrollcafe.org

**Twisted Pine • York PA**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:30**

Stringband praised by NPR for their “upbeat, poppy vibe; energetic, driving rhythms.” Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 S. George St, York, PA 17403. $25 General, $10 Students. Info: www.sfmsfolk.org

### Saturday

**The 2019 Christmas Revels • Washington, DC**

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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
D.C. LABOR CHORUS • WASHINGTON, DC
Saturday, December 7 • 7:30 P.M.
Want to lift your spirits and strengthen your resolve? Come to this family-friendly concert and hear the D.C. Labor Chorus sing some of our favorite songs—with a social-justice twist. You’ll leave inspired! The Chorus is a collective of labor and community activists who love to sing for peace, for joy, and in solidarity with all working people. Join us at Wesley United Methodist Church, 5312 Connecticut Ave. NW, 20015. Free! (Donations gratefully accepted.) Info: Facebook.com/DCLaborChorus.

BAL FOLK WITH ELOISE & CO. • WASHINGTON, DC
Saturday, December 14 • Doors 6:30 p.m.
Lesson 7 p.m., Music 8 p.m.
Come dance, listen, and chill to the amazing music of Eloise & Co. for an evening of French trad dancing at the Public Option! No prior experience necessary; you’ll catch on right away to these simple, beautiful dances. Doors open for delicious house-brewed drinks and company at 7 p.m., with a brief primer on the few couples dances that are part of the bal folk canon. Rachel Bell (accordion), Becky Tracy (fiddle), Owen Morrison (guitar). The Public Option, 1601 Rhode Island Avenue NE. Suggested donation $10-$20. Info: info@bal-dc.org or visit facebook.com/balfolkdc.

BIG WIDE GRIN • GAITHERSBURG, MD
Sunday, December 22 • 7-9:30 p.m.
Big Wide Grin, the bi-coastal duo of Elaine Dempsey & Karl Werne, from California and Virginia, bring diverse backgrounds of experience & music together to form a rich, soulful blend of character and deep harmony. Island Pride Oasis Restaurant 617 S Frederick Ave., 20877. $20 door/$18 adv (or FocusMusic members) Info: Jay Keating 301.221.9000 or www.FocusMusic.org.

Concerts continued

ELOISE AND CO. • TAKOMA PARK, MD
Sunday, December 15 • 3 p.m.-5 p.m
Eloise & Co. are three of the country’s most sought-after acoustic folk musicians. Their repertoire ranges from driving Celtic reels to groove-infused French village dance tunes to heartfelt vocals. Becky Tracy (fiddle, octave fiddle, vocals); Rachel Bell (accordion, piano, vocals); Owen Morrison (guitar, piano, foot percussion). Suggested donation $15. Resident cat. Info: Stephanie Kaufman at kaufmansl@gmail.com or 202-316-8776; soundcloud.com/rachel-bell-46/sets/eloise-co
dances

Blues

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.

Contra

Wednesdays

BFMS Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD
Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm


December

4 TBA calls to Contre Temps - Andrew Tomlinson (flute), Mark Vidor (piano), and McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle). Caller terminology: TBA
11 TBA calls to Backstep Cindy - Sandy Hofferth (fiddle), Howard Zane (banjo), and Joe Langley (guitar).
18 TBA calls to The Baltimore Open Band.
25 No Dance Tonight!

Fridays

Friday Night Dancers • Glen Echo, MD
Fridays • 8:30–11:30 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, usually in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (SB) and occasionally in the Bumper Car Pavilion (BCP). At Glen Echo Park. $10 per person; $5 for 17 and under. (17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: FridayNightDance.org or check the Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.

December

5 Caroline Barnes calls to Frog Hammer with Andrew Marcus (accordion), Jim Besser (concertina), Dave Casserly (sax), Michael Ferguson (trombone), Bob Collins (drums), and Glyn Collinson (bouzouki and guitar)
13 Andrea Nettleton calls to The Glen Echo Open Band
20 Rick Mohr calls to Stanistreet, Ball, and Smith-Savedoff with Cedar Stanistreet (fiddle), Jesse Ball (guitar, piano), and Ness Smith-Savedoff (percussion)
27 Sue Rosen calls to Rosen and DeZarn with Bruce Rosen (piano) and Joe DeZarn (fiddle)

Saturdays

Baltimore Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD
Saturday, December 14 • 8 pm (Workshop 7:30)

Andrea Nettleton calls to Elke Baker & Paul Oorts
Bringing a snack and bring a friend. Info: bfms.org or email satdance at bfms.org. This Dance is FREE and partially sponsored by Free FreeFall Baltimore. At the Church of the Nativity & Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, 21212

Annapolis Contra Dance • Annapolis, MD
Saturday, December 21 • 7–10 pm (Intro Lesson at 6:30)

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

Lancaster Contra Dance • Lancaster, PA
Saturday, December 21 • 7–10 pm (New Dancers Workshop • 6:15 PM)

Caroline Barnes calls to Sleigh for Four with Steve Epstein (clarinet & sax), Laura Alexander (cello), Carol Carpenter (flute), and Adlai Waksman (piano). St. John’s Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St. 17603. $10 adults/$5 students. Children 15 and under free. Info: Karen 717-951-4317 or www.lancastercontra.org.

Frederick Contra Dance • Frederick, MD
Fourth Saturdays • 8–11 pm

Shane Knudson will call to Carl Friedman (fiddle/Irish flute), Jim Besser (Anglo concertina), and Francine Krasowska (piano). Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. $10/$5 students. Info: Boe Walker, 301-694-6794, contradancers.com

Square/Contra Dance • Shepherdstown, WV
Saturday, December 7 • 8 pm

Help us celebrate 40 years of music and dancing in Shepherdstown! This holiday season marks a significant anniversary for us, and we decided to bring in our favorite West Virginia band for our holiday potluck and contra party! Susan Taylor calls contra and squares to the lively old-time tunes of the Critton Hollow String Band with Joe Herrmann (Fiddle), Sam Herrmann (Hammered Dulcimer and Mandolin), Joe Fallon (Bass and Banjo), and Pete Gordon (Guitar). The Shepherdstown Contra dance is held at the War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St., Shepherdstown, WV 25443. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. Free introductory workshop at 7:30. $12; SMAD members $8; $5 under 12. Info: John at 301-542-3272 or smad.us.
**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE**

**Mondays**

BFMS ENGLISH DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD  
MONDAYS • 8–10:30 PM (NEW DANCER’S WORKSHOP 7:45)

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 for non-members; $9 BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members; $6 student non-members; $4 student members. Info: Emily Aubrey, 410-433-4419, engdance@bfms.org

December  
2 Sharon McKinley calling to Emily Aubrey (violin), Steve Epstein (winds), and Ben Hobbs (piano)  
9 Ann Fallon calling to Jeff Steinberg (violin), Dave Crandall (winds), and Jonathan Jensen (piano)  
16 Diane Schmit calling to Elke Baker (violin), Robin Wilson (flute and concertina), and Janina O’Brien (piano)  
23 Kappy Laning calling to Andrea Hoag (violin), Marty Taylor (winds and concertina), and Judy Meyers (piano)

30 NO DANCE DECEMBER 30 but see you at the NYE ECD!

**Tuesdays**

GALA NEW YEAR’S EVE ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE  
BALTIMORE, MD  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 6:30 RECEPTION, 7:30 POT-LUCK Supper; 8:30 PM DANCING

Come and dance your way into the New Year with a potluck and English Country Dancing. Tom Spilsbury & Ann Fallon will call; Elegant Echoes (Colleen Reed, Becky Ross, and Liz Donaldson) provides the music. Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd. 21212. Info: Sign-up online at http://www.bfms.org/nyeGala.php

**Thursdays**

CHALLENGING ENGLISH • ADELPHI, MD  
3RD THURSDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

A monthly ECD series at Ballroom Blum. December 19, Kappy Laning calls to music by Francine Krasowska (piano), Andrea Hoag (violin), and Ralph Gordon (cello). Suggested donation $8 per person/$15 couple. Info: 301-422-0292 or jerryandaprill@aol.com. 8300 Osage Ter, Adelphi MD 20783.

**Saturdays**

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 8 – 10:45 PM

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

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**The Leesburg Assembly • Herndon, VA**

**Saturday December 14 • 2 PM – 6 PM**

Join us for our Holiday Party and dance! Festive attire or period dress welcome. Tom Spilsbury calls to music by Catherine Chapman, Liz Donaldson, and Jeff Steinberg. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a dish to share. We will be having a sit-down meal. $15; Students, $10. Self-Trail Mansion, 13222 Loyalty Rd, 20170

**International**

**Mondays**

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. S7. Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle.com.

**Diamond Dance Circle International Folk Dance Holiday Party • College Park, MD**

**Monday December 16 • 8-11:30 PM**

Please join us on the wonderful wood floor at the Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, 20740, for a great evening of classic and recent International Folk Dance favorites (maybe some swing and ballroom) hosted by DJ Brandon Diamond, who will take requests. Bring your favorite Holiday goodies to share for our Annual Holiday reunion for all of our Folk Dance Group Villages party. Folk Costumes encouraged. No partner necessary. Beginners and Newcomers are welcome. $10. This special party celebrates 55 years of our Bethesda International Folk Dance class, which meets most Monday nights at the Jane Lawton Center, 4301 Willow Lane in Bethesda. That class will not meet on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. Class will resume on Jan. 6. (See Dance Listings). Info: Phyllis or Brandon Diamond 301-871-8788 or diamonddancecircle@comcast.net.

**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. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. 58/56 students. Info: Mike Fox, 240-424-0805 or markidmike.com.

**Thursdays**

ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA  
THURSDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

Lovely group of folk dancers of all ages enjoys dances from Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Greece, Israel, Armenia, Turkey, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, France and many other countries. Donation of $5.00 suggested. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Contact: Eileen Shropshire, eileenshropshire@gmail.com, phone 703-971-2341. NO MEETING 26 DECEMBER!
dances continued

**IRISH**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD**
*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020 • 4 - 8 PM*

GWCC will again dance in the New Year with a ceilidh on Wednesday, January 1, 4-8pm. Live music by Ellis Island (Dave Abe, Myron Bretholz, Peter Fitzgerald, Martin McCann & Andy Thurston). There will be raffle & 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. $20/Members, $25/Non-members. Ages 11-20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org

**KLEZMER**

**DC KLEZMER WORKSHOP DANCE PARTY • WASHINGTON DC**
*SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 • 1 - 4 PM*

Come learn Yiddish Dance with internationally acclaimed dance leader Steve Weintraub. Come join the DC Klezmer Workshop Orchestra and learn to play for dancing with trumpeter Howard Ungar and Mrs. Toretsky’s Nightmare. At Adas Israel Congregation 2850 Quebec St. 20008. Info: Howard Ungar howard_ungar@gmail.com Suggested Donation: $20 / $5 for students and seniors

**SCANDINAVIAN**

**SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND LUCIAFEST • COLLEGE PARK, MD**
*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 8-10:30 PM*

At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, 20740. Music by Peascods Gathering. Basic teaching by Dan Kahn, 7:30-8. Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles, and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners, experienced, all welcome. $10. Info: Lorraine Silsbee 301.585.1130, Carl Minkus 301.493.6281 (cminkus@verizon.net).

**NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE • TAKOMA PARK, MD**
*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 • POTLUCK NOON, DANCING 1:30PM*

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see HFAAA.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. At Loretta & Tony’s this time; last minute calls 301-270-4925. Info: MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pj@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

**SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**
*SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7 - 10 PM*

Scandia DC sponsors a Holiday Dance Party - this month on the 2nd Saturday instead of the 3rd due to the center schedule. The evening will feature live fiddle music by grammy nominees Andrea Hoag and Loretta Kelley, and the Scandia DC Speilmannslag. No partners necessary. Dancing starts at 7, no teaching this month, but there will be short talk throughs of most dances. Wear a costume if you have one, bring finger food to share if you can, but most important, bring yourself. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. 20770. Info: Linda Brooks, 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org or ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather call 301-474-0646.

**SCOTTISH**

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

Dance all year round at Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. 20770. Info: Richard Valentich 301-768-0287 or rvalentich180@gmail.com

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA**
*WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 PM – 9:45 PM*

Learn and Practice Scottish Country Dancing! General Class/Dances held year-round in Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., 22314; Drop-in $8; Info: Anne Dempsey; Email: info@rscds-greaterdc.org

**WALTZ AND COUPLES DANCES**

**AFTERNOON WALZ • GLEN ECHO, MD**
*1ST AND 3RD SUNNYS • 3:30–6 PM*

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing, with an introductory lesson from 2:45-3:30. 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, 20812. $13/$5 students with ID. Cash or check accepted. Info: WaltzTimeDances.org, 301-634-2222

December

1. Jaquelles with Larry Unger (fiddle), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Henry Koretsky (mandolin, guitar), Ralph Gordon (bass)
15. Honeytrickle Rose with Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Paul Oorts (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), Liz Donaldson (piano)
29. Dance du Jour with Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Ralph Gordon (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano)

**VIENNESE CHRISTMAS BALL • WASHINGTON DC**
*FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:00 PM*


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Jams

**Sundays**

**ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD**

**SUNDAYS • 9:30–11:45 AM**

Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401. **Info**: richardaelliot773@gmail.com.

**BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA**

**1ST AND 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 AND 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, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. **Info**: 301-834-7178.

**BLUES JAM WITH THE DC BLUES SOCIETY**

**SILVER SPRING, MD**

**1ST SUNDAYS • 4–8 PM**

Musicians of all levels are welcome. Bring family, friends, and your dancin’ shoes for a fun-filled afternoon and evening. Affordable cash bar, outside food permitted. At Cissel-Saxon American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo Ave, 20910. Entrance on Fenton Street near public parking garage (free on Sundays). Free. **Info**: dcblues.org or 202-413-3609.

**CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA**

**2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2–6 PM**

Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds bimonthly jams. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. Slow Jam, 2–3 pm; Regular Jam continues until 6 pm. **Info**: Don, 703-522-1696, caboma.org.

**EARLY COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**2ND SUNDAYS • 2–5 PM**

The Sunday jam welcomes all to come have fun singing and playing early country and gospel music on their acoustic instruments. For complex songs, chord charts highly encouraged. Takoma Park VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912. **Info**: swopes123@aol.com.

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION • WASHINGTON, DC**

**1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS • 11–2 PM**

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). **Info**: Facebook at DCBU Dupont Circle Bluegrass Jam, Jason Orfanon, jorfanon@gmail.com, or Malcolm Versel, mversel@aol.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**: 804-353-7445.

**OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD**

**1ST AND 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, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. **Info**: oldtimefrederick.org.

**Mondays**

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**1ST AND 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.

**TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**3RD MONDAYS • 7:30–9 PM**

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

**Tuesdays**

**OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD**

**ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 7–10:30 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. At Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404. **Info**: bluegrassmusicalliance.org/local-area-jams/.

**OLD-TIME JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**3RD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–10:30 PM**

Slow jam 7:30–8:30, followed by fast jam. All ages/skill levels welcome. Bring your guitars, fiddles, banjos, tubas, flutes, pennywhistles, flat feet, singing voices, and listening ears. Come early and grab dinner. At Takoma BevCo, 6917 Laurel Ave, 20912. **Info**: Join the Facebook group (Takoma Park Old Time Jam) to stay in touch.

**CAJUN JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD**

**4TH WEDNESDAYS • 7–9:30 PM**


**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 Grassly Ridge Band. All are welcome to join in. At Beans in the Belfry. 122 W. Potomac St, 21716. **Info**: 301-834-7178.
Jams continued

**Saturdays**

**Archie Edwards Blues Heritage • Hyattsville, MD**

**Saturdays • 1–5 PM**

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie’s Barbershop), 4502 Hamilton Street, 20781. Free, but donations welcome. Info: 301-396-3054, acousticblues.com.

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**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/.

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**Tuesdays**

**Reston–Herndon Folk Club • Herndon, VA**

**Tuesdays • 7:15 PM (Doors open at 6 PM)**


**Gypsy Sally’s Open Mic • Washington, DC**

**Most Tuesdays • 8 PM**

Upstairs in Vinyl Lounge at Gypsy Sally’s. 3401 K St., NW 20007 Free. Info: http://www.gypsysallys.com/listing/open-mic/

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**Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic • Greenbelt, MD**

**First Tuesdays • 7 PM**

Hosted by Lynn Hollyfield. At 8 pm, a new featured artist performs, followed by more open mic 8:45–10 pm. Sign-ups at 6:30 pm. Info: Amethyst Dwyer, 301-474-5642.

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**Patriot’s Open Mic • Fairfax, VA**

**Tuesdays • 7:30–10 PM**

Hosted by Nancy Triplett. Signups start at 7:00; music runs from 7:30 - 10:00. Patriot’s Bar and Grill, 10560 Main Street, 22030. Info: NancyKatzTriplett@me.com or nancykatztriplett.com/.

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**Wednesdays**

**JV’s Open Mic • Falls Church, VA**

**Most Wednesdays • 8 PM**

6666 Arlington Blvd 22042 Info: 703-241-9504, jvsrest@aol.com, jvsrestaurant.com

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**Thursdays**

**Acoustic Open Mic • Hyattsville, MD**

**1st Thursdays • 7:30–10 PM**

At Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop, 4502 Hamilton Street, 20781.. Info: acousticblues.com/events/events.html.

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The 200+ events we sponsor each year rely on membership fees but it’s not enough to cover expenses. Please help us by donating this month.
### Participatory Performing Groups

#### 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*: bighramm99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris.

#### Mondays

**Indonesian Embassy Gamelan Ensemble** • Monday and 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.

**Orfeia Vocal Ensemble** • Bethesda, MD  
**Mondays** • 7–9 PM  
*Orfeia* is 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  
*SING FOR THE HOLIDAYS* with the Capital Accord Chorus — an all-women’s a cappella group which sings in the barbershop style. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, from 7:30–9 pm. We will have one more rehearsal before our first SingOut at the US Botanical Gardens on Thursday, December 5. If you love to sing, join us on the risers. We meet at Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901.  
*Info*: (www.capitalaccord.org), sample our singing (https://www.capitalaccord.org/sample-our-singing) or call us at 301-392-SONG (7664).

**Mosaic Harmony—Interfaith Gospel Choir** • Oakton, VA  
**Alternate Tuesdays** 7:30 – 9:30 PM  
We welcome new singers! *Mosaic Harmony* is a diverse, inclusive choir presenting music of world harmony in the gospel tradition. Open to all.  
*David North*, Director. Rehearsals: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) 2709 Hunter Mill Road, 22124. See us on Facebook for video of our performances.  
*Info*: Lisa Wysocki 703-356-0910 or email wysockil@aol.com.

#### Wednesdays

**Rocks Creek Morris Women** • Silver Spring, MD  
**Wednesdays** • 7:30–9:30 PM  
We welcome new dancers and musicians! Our practices are at Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road 20910.  
*Info*: rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com or rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com.

**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, 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** • 8–10 PM  
Join the Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC’s premier men’s morris team! Learn and perform dances from the English Cotswold and become a member of a vibrant, international community. No experience necessary. We practice at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow Ave, Takoma Park.  
*Info*: Alan Peel, squire@fibmm.org, http://fb.com/foggybottom

**Maryland Youth Pipe Band** • Rockville, MD  
**Thursdays** • 7-9 PM  
*Maryland Youth Pipe Band* provides free lessons in piping and in tenor, bass, and snare drumming for students (typically ages 10-16). We perform in the greater DMV area and have a 58-year history of excellence. We practice at the Washington Rockville Elks Lodge 15, 5 Taft Ct, 10850.  
*Info*: Lisa Frazier, 301-946-0211, info@mypipeband.org

**Indonesian Embassy Gamelan Ensemble** • Monday and Thursday evenings  
See Monday’s listing.
Participatory Performing Groups

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 pages 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.

Sundays

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.

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

DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC
3RD TUESDAYS • 7–9:30 PM
We sing from both Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony. Loaner books 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, dcs Honote.squarespace.com.

Wednesdays

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • BALTIMORE MD
2ND WEDNESDAYS • 8–10 PM
The Ship’s Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings in Baltimore on the second Wednesday of each month. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org.

Thursdays

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • CABIN JOHN, MD
1ST THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM
The chantey sing formerly held at Paddy Barry’s moved to Lahinch Tavern on the first Thursday of each month. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly a cappella but instruments welcome. Lahinch Tavern and Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Ln, 20854. Info: Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org

Saturdays

WASHINGTON’S SPELMANSLAG • KENSINGTON, MD
2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS • 2:30–4:30 PM
Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info: JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com.

FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD
3RD THURSDAYS • 8–10 PM
Join local musician John Durant, Jr., every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a 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.

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 dcs Honote.squarespace.com/nsv/.

HOLIDAY OPEN MIC & SING-ALONG
TAKOMA PARK, MD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7–8:30 PM
Held at The House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD. Two-song performance slots with holiday music encouraged. Holiday sing/play-along after the open mic, time permitting. Info: Sign-up/RSVP in advance at hmtrad.com or call 301-270-9090.

CARPE DIEM-REVELS COMMUNITY FAMILY SING
TAKOMA, DC
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 6:30–8 PM
SOCIAL TIME 8–8:30 PM
Celebrating Annual Winter Solstice Celebration & Caroling -- in the Seekers Church neighborhood. Feel free to bring instruments, songs, and refreshments to share. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels with in-kind media support from Takoma Radio. Contact: BusyGraham@carpediemsarts.org/301-466-0183 or jrasi@revelsdc.org. Info: www.carpediemsarts.org/sing-with-us/ or www.revelsdc.org. S 5–10 donation requested to help cover rent and guest song leader honoraria. At the Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW DC (across from Takoma metro)

THE BEATLES SING ALONG • LEESBURG, VA
2ND SATURDAYS • 7–9:30 PM
Come sing and play along with the great music of The Beatles. Lawrence Brand leads the singing, which starts with singing an album. All levels of musicianship are welcome. Acoustic and electric guitars okay. Songbooks are provided. United Methodist Church, 107 W Market St, 20176 ( Plenty of free parking). Free. Info/R SVP: Lawrence Brand, 301-639-7608, Lawrence@RLBrand.com, or meetup.com/The-Beatles-Sing-Along.

Deadline January 2020 Newsletter: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
**weekends**

**Terpsichore's Holiday • Frederick MD**  
**December 27, 2019 3 PM – January 1, 2020 10 AM**  
Intergenerational Music and Dance Camp at Claggett Retreat  
Center Adamstown MD 21710  
**Info:** www.danceholiday.net

**Bal DC • Dupont Circle, Washington, DC**  
**Saturday-Sunday January 4-5, 2020**  
A weekend of French bal folk workshops, dancing, and jamming.  
Saturday and Sunday, 4-5 January 2020. The bal folk phenomenon sweeping dance camps and contra weekends across the East Coast comes to DC! Bal DC offers an entire weekend of dancing and music for dancers and musicians of all skill levels. Bal folk is a flourishing tradition in Western Europe, combining engaging partner and group dances with beautiful, playful, and driving music. We’re lucky to have Nova and Eloise & Co. as our star performers—acclaimed contra bands whose passion for bal folk has been kept a secret for too long. Renowned dance instructor Jeremy Carter-Gordon will lead our headline dance workshops. In our music workshops, musicians can learn bal folk tunes and techniques from our talent. Invaluable local performers include our very own Lynn Baumeister covering irregular waltzes and Leslie Barr teaching fiddle tunes from central France. Friendly to dancers of all ages (yes, including kids!), the building is accessible, in Dupont Circle just two blocks from the Metro. Don't miss this amazing experience! Pay what you can: $80-$215 full weekend ticket, à la carte pricing for Saturday evening concert and dance.  
**Info:** bal-dc.org

**Ski-Dance Weekend • Laurel Highlands PA**  
**February 14-17, 2020**  
Cross-country ski in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania during the day and contra dance at night! Janine Smith and Bob Mathis will have you moving to the music of Dave Wiesler and Mat Clark. Lots of fun and prices range from $95 to $300 depending on your accommodations.  
**Info:** www.skidance.com or call Bob Mathis at 301-589-7539.

**American Banjo Fraternity • Newark, NY**  
**Thursday-Saturday, May 28-30, 2020**  
Banjo players and listeners are invited to attend the spring American Banjo Fraternity event. 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. Neither bluegrass nor clawhammer, most of the music dates from 1880 - 1920, and is played on 5-string banjos of various sizes, using nylon strings, with bare fingers (no picks). (Check You Tube under the title "Classic Banjo"). Newark Garden Hotel, 125 N. Main St., Newark, NY, 14513. 315-331-9500. The event is free, except for food and lodging.  
**Info:** about ABF, contact Joel Hooks at joelhooks@me.com.  
**Info:** and updates about the event, www.banjofraternity.org.

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Applications are now being accepted for  
**The 40th Anniversary Washington Folk Festival**  
**Saturday May 30, & Sunday, May 31, 2020**

**Attention Washington DC metro area performers!**

We are now accepting applications to perform at the 40th anniversary Washington Folk Festival 2020, to be held across two days on May 30 and 31. Filling out the application is especially beneficial if you have never performed at the festival and the programming committee may not know what talents you have to offer! Visit washingtonfolkfestival.org or visit us on Facebook/washingtonfolkfestival/ for details.
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 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.

HOW TO SUBMIT A LISTING TO THE FSGW NEWSLETTER
1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy by email, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. 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 (no parentheses in phone numbers) email/website.
   - NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat them in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code—it goes right after the street address. Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org

FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy
The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws:
“The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people.”
   - All copy must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
   - All listings must be submitted in the format set out in the “How to Submit” Box above. The format is also on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on Newsletter and look for a paragraph in green.
   - The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.
Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4” x 4.5” or 7.25” x 2.5”): $65 for one month, $120 for two. Commercial business: $8 for 10 words. Noncommercial and individual: $4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 11 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline. Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818.

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FSGW Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 3 - 8 PM
Monthly FSGW Board meeting are held in Classroom 201 of the Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. Meetings are open to all FSGW members. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or Charlie Pilzer at president@fsgw.org, at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.
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- City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: __________
- Email: ____________________________@_________
- Preferred Phone: __________-__________-_________
- Mobile Phone: ____________-__________-_________
- [ ] I would like to receive the weekly e-blast about FSGW events.

**Directory Listing:** We will list your name in our Membership Directory (visible only to FSGW Members who are logged into the FSGW website). May we also list the above information?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] Yes, but do not list my:
  - Address
  - Preferred Phone
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Send form and check made payable to FSGW to:

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