Join us via Zoom for the new FSGW concerts season, kicking off with two of this country’s greatest delvers and interpreters of traditional music, John Roberts and Jeff Warner.

John Roberts was born in Worcestershire, England, but came to the United States to go to graduate school at Cornell, where he met his long-time musical partner Tony Barrand. Their love of music making enticed John away from his academic field, and he became one of the great finders and singers of traditional music from both Britain and America.

Sometimes a cappella, or accompanying himself with the anglo concertina or banjo, his encyclopedic knowledge of songs is second only to his skill at making memorable performances.
Jeff Warner comes by his performing and interpreting of American traditional music from his upbringing as the son of Frank and Anne Warner, two of America’s most renowned folksong collectors. He plays concertina, banjo, guitar and several “pocket” instruments, including bones and spoons. His songs from the lumber camps, fishing villages, and tops of America connect 21st century audiences with the everyday lives—and artistry—of 19th century Americans. Not only does he inhabit his songs, but he sets them into historical and social context, a habit learned in his youth.

Each of these two artists will have a chance to play off the ideas and performances of the other. Expect a sing-around afterward, and we’ve invited our performers to join us. Register at https://www.fsgw.org/Concerts, to get the Zoom link.

Cost to register: Free; Suggested donation: $20 per listener. (If you feel generous and can afford it, a higher amount will help support the performers.)

Info: Charlie Baum, cbaum@fsgw.org.

Open Dances

Co-sponsored Glen Echo International Folk Dancers • Glen Echo MD & Online • Wednesdays • 8 pm

Until further notice, the in-person dances are private, invitation-only, and limited to those who have been fully vaccinated. Everyone will need to show proof of vaccination and provide their name, email address, and phone number for contact tracing. No exceptions. Masking is optional. These dances are instruction-oriented from 8-9 pm with open request dancing after 9 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Jamie at dancingplanet@erols.com before attending.

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom. You can enter by clicking onto the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVVVtEccmqWTNqTkwyY1dPWlRd00 Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 Password: 145 If you click on the link, you may not need to enter a password.

Info: dancingplanet@erols.com

Co-sponsored Greenbelt International Folk Dance • Online

Fridays • 7:30 pm

Friday night Greenbelt International Folk Dancing has gone “virtual”.

As we all practice good social distancing, many in our folk dance community are feeling the absence of our usually scheduled local dances. In response, please join us for the Greenbelt Virtual Folk Dance Session.

Let’s keep dancing!

• Connect and dance in our own homes
• Watch hosts leading familiar dances
• See each other; listen and dance to our favorites

How: We will be using the ZOOM video conferencing app to share music and live videos of the leaders and each other. This can be used on a desktop, laptop, or smartphone.

What to Expect: Your hosts are Linda Mansdorf, Vita Hollander, Ben Hole, and John Robinson. Collectively they will play 25-30 dances, which should approximate the number of dances normally done on a Friday night in-person event. The hosts will do a quick teaching or demonstration of the steps to some of the dances that may be less familiar to you or just as a refresher, but the session is not designed as a workshop, so the majority of the evening will be spent playing dances that many of us already know and love to do.

How To Join Us: Each week we will send an email with the Zoom Meeting link ID. Make sure John Robinson knows you would like to receive this email with the link. John’s email address for Info: j.srobinson@verizon.net, https://www.facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/

English Country Dance

Silver Spring, MD • Saturday, October 9 • 8 – 10:45 pm

Bob Farrall calls to music by Peascods Gathering. 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).

Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers • Online Saturday, October 2 6:30 pm Potluck, 7:30 pm Dancing

Our Monthly Zoom potluck & music/dancing with MAND (Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers). In lieu of our famous traditional cozy potluck socials, let’s take potluck from our own fridges/pantries and chat while eating. Then at 6:30 listen/dance/watch as our Loretta Kelley and Sonia White alternate sets on their magical Norwegian Hardanger fiddles and Swedish nyckelharpa, plus often a guest Hardanger fiddler. Then some folks will stay for the afterparty, with more chat and BYO dessert/snacks, as others drift off.

Info: https://MAND.fanitull.org

Scandia DC Dance • Online Saturday October 16 • 8 pm

Scandia DC will be holding it’s 16th monthly virtual dance/music event on Zoom in October. The evening will feature 1/2 hour of dance teaching to recorded music followed by three live music sets for dancing. The first music set will allow musicians to play along (on mute) with the lead musician. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the evening.

Info: Email Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get on the list to receive an invitation if you are not already on the list.

More information will be available at ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation email closer to the event.
GWCC resumes weekly Irish set & ceili dance classes (adults & ages 12 & up) in a friendly, relaxed environment, year-round on Thursday evenings in Montgomery County. Two important points: 1 - We will be meeting at a different location for our summer classes (see below) 2 - Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required for all participants. This summer session runs 8 weeks, July 8 - Aug 26, 2021; 7:8pm for new dancers/basics, 8-9:30pm for advanced dances. No experience or partner needed; wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there will be 2 mini-ceilis (8-10pm, instead of the advanced class) on July 29 and August 26 with live music & open to all (a small donation is requested for musicians). Pilgrim Hill Local Park, 1615 E. Randolph Rd, Colesville, MD 20904 (an indoor, air-conditioned space). $32/season, register and pay at class, first class free.

Info: Instructor P. O’Donnell, 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, or gwcc-online.org.

**OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS, AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**WASHINGTON REVELS & CARPE DIEM ARTS DAILY ANTIDOTE OF SONG • ONLINE DAILY 12 NOON (ET)**

Daily at noon, Washington Revels and Carpe Diem Arts offer “notes of hope” as a song leader from our roster of OVER ONE HUNDRED local, national and international guest artists shares a song online. Watch our website for announcements about specially-themed weeks. Great for all ages! Attend in the virtual concert room or sing along on Facebook Live; see our website for participation instructions. Free; donations to the “Antidote Fund” are encouraged and support the artists.

Info: revelsdc.org/daily-song/
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Orfeia Ensemble Sing Online • Mondays • 7 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 but during the shutdown, we’ve been rehearsing on Zoom (it works – it really does!). No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155, orfeiavocalensemble@gmail.com, orfeia.wordpress.com, facebook.com/orfeiamusic/

FESTIVALS

Greater Washington Ceili Club Fall Fling • Rehoboth DE October 15 – 17

Sponsored by the Greater Washington Ceili Club, Fall Fling is one of America’s premier Irish set dancing weekends, featuring world class set dance instruction, two ceilis with live music, and a Saturday Social Hour & Session with the Band, all at the beautiful Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center; right on the beach in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Info: https://www.gwccfallfiling.com/

After canceling our 2020 event, some modifications from previous years are necessary for us to gather safely. For 2021 all events will comply with current CDC guidelines. For us, this means all participants (full events package registrants AND those who participate a la carte) must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination for access to the ballroom. Additionally, every participant agrees to abide by the rules & regulations of the event, which are subject to change as conditions warrant.

FSGW Getaway Weekend
Online • Friday, October 8 – Monday, October 11

Once again, FSGW will gather on-line instead of in real life for the Getaway, its annual singing weekend, from Friday noon on October 8 through Monday evening October 11. A combination of the ongoing COVID-epidemic plus the ease of joining friends from all over the world who have no travel hassles has convinced us to stay on the Zoom platform.

Register for the weekend at http://www.fsgw.org/Getaway — it’s easy—we only need your name, e-mail address and how to contact you. We’ll also ask where you’re from, because lots of folks dwell in other time zones. A complete schedule can be found there in many formats, although the schedule is always subject to change, right up to the end of the weekend. A few sessions will require an additional registration—there are concerts on Saturday and Sunday evenings, and you can sign up for a performance slot in advance. There are two special workshops—a vocal clinic with Ken Schatz and a slide-guitar techniques masterclass with Elly Wininger—and if you’d like to volunteer to be worked with, you should sign up in advance for those; there is no need to sign up in advance if you just want to learn by watching. Lastly, we have an exciting event designed for children called Summerquest, led by George Rathbone, and you’ll want to sign up in advance for that, including your snail-mail address so we can send you a packet of real-life stuff to use for the quest.

Expect an extravaganza of participatory singaround sessions, mini-concerts, instructional workshops, storytelling, children’s activities, evening sing-up concerts, and presentations on topics of interest – all coming to you on Zoom! If you’re insecure about Zoom, rest easy – we have an exciting event designed for children called Summerquest, led by George Rathbone, and you’ll want to sign up in advance for that, including your snail-mail address so we can send you a packet of real-life stuff to use for the quest.

Here are just a few program highlights:

• A presentation on the History of the Blues, with Pete Kraemer and Phil Wiggins. There will also be a blues singaround, led by Eleanor Ellis and Mike Rocke; a “What Makes It the Blues?” guitar workshop with Elly Wininger; and a mini-concert by Rick Franklin.
• A session of harmony singing – Duets, Trios, and Beyond, hosted Darriel and Jocelyn Day. Since Zoom doesn’t do well with long-distance harmonizing, we’re hoping those of you who can gather in one room to sing together will come and satisfy our hunger for harmony.
• A singaround session of Maritime Songs – chanties, forebitters and more – led by Geoff Kaufman and Deirdre Murtha; a presentation on the Multicultural Roots of Sea Chanties, with the expertise of Bob Walser, Bonnie Milner, and Stephen Sanfilippo. And Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee (Castlebay) will bring us a selection of songs from Julia’s new book of Maine sea songs.
• A whole Saturday afternoon of ballads, led by balladeers like Saro Lynch-Thomason, Lisa Null, Colleen Cleveland, Lorraine Van Buren, Tim Radford, Julie Henigan, and Sally Rogers, plus one more chance Monday afternoon, led my Michael and Carrie Kline.
• We'll get lots of laughs with singarounds on Parodies, led by Joe Hickerson and David Diamond, and Humorous Songs, led by Steven Levine and Murray Callahan.
• For kids, we'll have a session of Songs for Children, with Kim Wallach and Deirdre Murtha. In addition, there will be a kids’ treasure hunt, “Summerquest,” with Getaway favorite George Rathbone, consisting of three sessions on consecutive days. Young ones ages 6 and up should register in advance for this, so George can send them materials.
• Instrumentalists will enjoy several sessions: Rob Van Sante and Allan Carr will demonstrate and give pointers on that percussive guitar style typical of such British artists as Martin Carthy; and John Roberts and Bill Estler will help us all with tips on accompaniment in “How to Play Well with Others.”
• If you’re looking for help with singing, you’ll want to check out Ken Schatz’s Vocal Clinic. Ken will personally coach four pre-registered singers, and the rest of us can watch and learn.
• Devotees of Irish and Irish-American music will find a lot to love, with several singarounds, led by such wonderful singers as David Ingersoll, Amelia Hogan, Connie McKenna, Melissa Weaver Dunning, Peter Brice, and Brian O’Hearl. We’ll also have a mini-concert by Thomas McCarthy, and a presentation on the amazing variety of Irish musical styles by David Ingerson.
• For those interested in the spoken word, we have a lot to offer: a session led by Don Stallone where you can present poems, recitations, and other spoken pieces, plus a whole track of storytelling from artists who perform regularly with The Grapevine.
• In addition to those already mentioned, we’ll have mini-concerts by Andy Cohen, Ed Trickett, and the duo of Jane

Adventurous Children Wanted

Have you dreamed of going on a quest? Do it at this year’s Online Getaway!

SummerQuest is a virtual adventure with treasures, maps and group challenges. Played over the course of 3 days, SummerQuest is a free, fun and immersive activity for anyone who enjoys storytelling, role play, fantasy and magic (ages 6 to adult, younger with adult support).

Please register in advance to receive materials for three sessions on three consecutive days, Friday, October 8 - Sunday, October 10.

https://www.fsgw.org/event-4484084

Rothfield and Alan Carr, and presentations by Judy Cook, and Michael and Carrie Kline. Steve Winick and Jennifer Cutting will guide you in using the Library of Congress’s Online Folk Collections, and Nora Rodes will introduce you to Emma Dusenbury, a prime source of old songs from the Ozarks.
• If all of this makes you wonder how you will navigate through Zoom to catch the sessions you particularly want to see – and participate in! – you’ll definitely want to tune in to Casey Casebeer’s “Getting the Most Out of Zoom,” which will be presented a few days before the Getaway weekend, as well as early in the Getaway itself.

This is just a small sampling of the offerings available. There will be much more – Labor Songs, Gospel, Chorus Songs, Trades and Occupations, Classic Country, a Songwriters’ Showcase, Songs of Social Justice, Songs of the Supernatural, American History Songs, a Quiet Sing, Scottish Songs, Old-time, and a chance to show off your pandemic songs with “2020 Hindsight,” just to name a few. And there will be appearances by, among many others, Bruce Baker, Larry Hanks, Magpie, Janie Meneely, David Jones, Cecilia Eng, and Jeff Warner.

To top it all off, it's free! We’d love to receive donations to benefit our scholarship fund and FSGW’s programming, of course, but there’s no charge to register for the online weekend. Join us for a spectacular four days of music.

For further information, you can contact Charlie Baum, this year’s Getaway Chair, at chbaum@earthlink.net, or give him a call at 301-589-6855.

This undertaking will require a good deal of tech help to pull off; last year we were the first of the folk weekends to use Zoom, and folk societies and gatherings around the country and the world have refined our work. We’ll be using breakout rooms this year—they hadn’t yet been invented in time to use last year. We still need people to greet everyone in the main room, to help people with Zoom technical issues, or just to help session leaders keep track of who needs to sing next (which doesn’t require much expertise in Zoom at all). If you’d like to volunteer to be part of the tech staff that pulls this thing off, contact Charlie Baum at chbaum@earthlink.net, or give him a call at 301-589-6855.
A Message from the President

At its most recent Board Meetings, the Board discussed, adopted, and revised a policy regard COVID-19 and participation at in-person events. FSGW will not sponsor any in-person events until the community transmission rates for our local jurisdictions drops to the "low" as shown on the CDC COVID-19 Data Tracking Map (https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view).

From the policy:

"The goal is to keep all healthy and to enable all to feel safe. FSGW hopes that everyone will approach participating at in-person events from a “good neighbor” perspective. Each of us is essential to keeping the community healthy."

You may read the text of the current policy at https://www.fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

The board recognizes that the policy will evolve as the health situation in the DMV region changes.

Some events will be hybrid with in-person and streaming participation; other events may be streaming only. Planning is on-going for dances, concerts, the Mid Winter Festival and the Washington Folk Festival to be in-person events. Follow the weekly e-blast and FSGW.org to see which events will feature in-person participation. We look forward to seeing you in-person at an event soon.
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