**FSGW CONCERTS**

**REV. ROBERT B. JONES, SR. AND SPARKY AND RHONDA RUCKER**

**ONLINE • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**7 PM; CONCERT STARTS AT 7:30 PM**

Join us on Sunday, December 5, for an evening of song and story, as our featured guests Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr, and Sparky and Rhonda Rucker give us a wide-angle look at the history, ballads, blues, religious songs, and all kinds of connections to an African-American heritage that formed the soundtrack of much of the American experience.

Blues guitar master, ordained minister, educator, and inspirational storyteller Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr. is a living encyclopedia of blues history. Jones, a self-taught multi-instrumentalist who plays guitar, mandolin, harmonica, cane fife, and fiddle, is considered by some to be the best roots and blues educator in the world. He is also the co-founder of a non-profit organization called “Common Chords,” a program that seeks to build bridges between communities using music, storytelling, and art. You can learn more about him at his website, https://www.revrobertjones.com/ and view videos here: https://www.revrobertjones.com/music

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker are storytellers, historians, folklorists, educators, social activists, and roots and blues performers.

Sparky plays banjo, spoons, and guitar, both fingerpicking and slide. He is an expert in styles that range from blues and Appalachian folk songs to civil rights songs. His wife, Rhonda, is a professional musician, author, and storyteller who is adept at playing piano, guitar, harmonica, clawhammer banjo and bones. You can learn more about them at their website, https://sparkyandrhonda.com/home. You can view their videos at https://sparkyandrhonda.com/video-links. After the concert expect interactions with contributions from our featured guests and from the audience.

Register at https://www.fsgw.org/concerts or https://www.fsgw.org/event-4472166 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.
Online dances are scheduled for each Wednesday in December on Zoom. Stay tuned to [https://fsgw.org/english-country-dance](https://fsgw.org/english-country-dance) for up-to-date information about each week's dance, including information about the Zoom dance and any changes resulting from a return to in-person dances if conditions improve.

**Info:** [fsgw.org/english-country-dance](https://fsgw.org/english-country-dance)

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**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 to 30 dances, which should approximate the number of dances normally done at 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](mailto:j_srobinson@verizon.net)

[https://www.facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/](https://www.facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/)

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**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 to 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=QWVyVEc1cm9uWTNqTkwrYTdPWlRrdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVyVEc1cm9uWTNqTkwrYTdPWlRrdz09)

Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 Password: 14

If you click on the link, you may not need to enter a password.

**Info:** dancingplanet@erols.com
FSGW SINGS

FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 7:30 PM

The December Open Sing host Don Chauls will be our social leader for the December Online Open Sing. Topic: “Musical instruments or any other non-living items.”

***Only those wishing to sing need to submit their name.***

Signup at: https://forms.gle/waZwvMGvfvH4zrg8

Reminder: Registration will be open till Noon on 12/3/21. Zoom link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List. If you’re not a member of the Open Sing Mailing List, join at https://groups.io/g/FSGWOpenSings

Info: vince@vincewilding.com

FSGW SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE
ONLINE • THIRD WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 15 • 1 – 3 PM

Everyone, regardless of age or talent, is welcome to participate in the Schweinhaut Song Circle. It’s an opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. We’ll meet on Zoom and, if Covid-19 conditions permit, also at the Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Wendy Lanxner will be a song leader and guitar accompanist. As we go around the room, everyone has a chance to sing, request a song, or just pass.

Bring or request your favorite songs of celebration, or any other songs!

To help the singing keep moving along, please send your requests in advance using the form in the registration link below. The Zoom link will be sent Wednesday morning to those who have previously attended the Song Circle using Zoom. If you are new to the Song Circle, please register at https://forms.gle/jr4sR9tmu6VRMBdN8 by Tuesday, December 14, to receive the Zoom link on Wednesday morning. For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see:

Info: fsgw.org/event-4561435

OPEN DANCES

FND CONTRA VIRTUALLY • ONLINE
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT • 8 PM

Friday Night Dancers have partnered with other groups (Atlanta, Toronto, Mt. Airy) to bring you great music and calling on the first four Saturdays of every month. Full schedule at www.allhandsin.dance or just log in at 8 pm ET at www.contradance.link/allhandsin.

FND organizes the 3rd Saturday dances. Details at www.Fridaynightdance.com Y’all come!

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS • ONLINE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:30 PM POTLUCK, 7:30 PM MUSIC/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 7:30 listen/dance/watch as guest Mira Dickey and our Sonia White alternate sets on their magical Norwegian Hardanger fiddles and Swedish nyckelharpa. Then some folks will stay for the afterparty, with more chat and BYO dessert/snacks (at home!), as others drift offline.

Info: http://MAND.fanitull.org

SWING DANCE WITH JOSH CHRISTINA
GLEN ECHO, MD • DECEMBER 4
LESSON 8:30 – 9 PM; DANCE 9 PM

Every artist has their influences, but JOSH CHRISTINA is one of the few who can say he’s won a seal of approval from the peers of his heroes. The throwback phenomenon is leading a rock n’ roll revival that’s been praised by some of the genre’s founding members. In 2015, Christina caught the ear of famed producer Kent Wells (Dolly Parton), and his sophomore project Good Old Love—featuring the radio charting single “Kayla Ann”—served as his official introduction to Nashville. Following the release, Josh Christina toured overseas and made his international television debut on Ireland’s Late Late Show. Josh Christina ended 2019 with more than 130 tour dates under his belt and kicked off 2020 with the release of his single and video “Rockstar,” available now on all platforms. You won’t want to miss this incredible talent for a night of great dancing.


THE NOT-SO-FINE PRINT:

• All attendees must be fully-vaccinated (no exceptions).
• Attendees are required to present ID and proof of vaccination at the door.
• Face coverings must be worn.
• Tickets are pre-sales only. Payment via credit card at time of purchase, online only. Pre-sales ends at 11:59 pm on Thursday, December 9.
• All ticket sales are final; no refunds, no credits.

AFTERNOON WALTZ
GLEN ECHO, MD
DECEMBER 5 AND 19 • 2:45

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! Take our beginner waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm and enjoy dancing from 3:30 until 6 pm. No partner required. Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Admission is $15, $5 for full-time students with ID.

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222. Masks and proof of full vax status are required.
December

5  Evening Star with Steve Hickman (fiddle, harmonica), John Devine (guitar), David Crandall (sax, flute, french horn), John Bryant (bass)
19  Rose by the Door with Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Marty Taylor (recorders, concertina), Liz Donaldson (piano)

### SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND LUCIAFEST
**COLLEGE PARK, MD**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
8:00 – 10:30 PM

At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, 20742. Music by Peascods Gathering. Basic teaching by Dan Kahn, 7:30 to 8:00. 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)

### CRAZY 2021 HOLIDAY SWING DANCE WITH THE FABULETTES
**COLVIN RUN, MD**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**LESSON 8:30 – 9 PM; DANCE 9 PM**

Sue and Gary combine their usual holiday-season dances (Sparkling 1920s, Tacky Santa Dance) into one big dance complete with decorations, Santa, Elves, (who may look suspiciously like The Fabulettes?), holiday snacks, mistletoe (draw lips on your mask?) and lots of silly holiday fun! Wear your favorite holiday attire–sparkling, silly, pretty, tacky, handsome, cute, funny . . . your choice! Admission $20/person. Advanced ticket sales only; pre-sales ends at 11:59 pm on Thursday, December 9. All ticket sales are final; no refunds or credits. Attendance limited to 100.  
**THE NOT-SO-FINE PRINT:**  
- All attendees must be fully-vaccinated (no exceptions).

### ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
**SILVER SPRING, MD**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
8 – 10:45 PM

Todd Harding calls to the music of Peascods Gathering. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins 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).

### SCANDIA DC DANCE • ONLINE
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 8 PM**

Scandia DC will be holding its 19th monthly virtual dance/music event on Zoom in December. 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. More information will be available at ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation email closer to the event.  
**Info:** Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get on the list to receive an invitation if you are not already on the list.

### NEW YEAR’S EVE WITH GUNHILD CARLING BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**BEGINNER SWING LESSON 8-9 PM; DANCE 9 PM – 12:30 AM**

Gunhild Carling, Swedish jazz star, multi-instrumentalist, singer, band leader, dancer, composer, vintage fashionista and all around force of nature, brings her band to the Spanish Ballroom to help us welcome the new year in grand style. Not just an extremely talented musician, Gunhild is also an amazing entertainer. Check out the many videos on her Facebook page and you’ll understand just
how unique this entertainer is. The Ballroom will be decorated in festive black and gold, and everyone is invited (but not required) to dress festively. Let’s celebrate the end of 2021 and welcome 2022 with lots of fun! Tickets $40; advanced ticket sales only. ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL; no refunds or credits.

**Tickets and Info:**
[https://campscui.active.com/orgs/GottaswingLLC?season=30804378&session=5365137](https://campscui.active.com/orgs/GottaswingLLC?season=30804378&session=5365137)

**THE NOT-SO-FINE PRINT:**
- All attendees must be fully-vaccinated (no exceptions).
- Attendees who are attending their first Gottaswing dance this year are required to present ID and proof of vaccination at the door.
- Attendees who have attended Gottaswing dances this year and whose vaccination status is verified in our database are not required to provide proof at the door.
- Mask policy: we are requiring masks at our dances at the Spanish Ballroom through December 4; however, we may revisit this policy as we approach NYE. All should expect masks to be required, but understand we may go to a mask-optional policy if conditions continue to improve. You should be comfortable with both masks-only and mask-optional before purchasing tickets; no refunds will be made if the mask policy changes. Tickets are pre-sales only. Payment via credit card at time of purchase, online sales only. All ticket sales are final.

**Open Concerts, Sings, and Performing Arts**

**Carpe Diem Arts**

**Daily Antidote of Song Online • Daily • 12 Noon (ET)**

Daily at noon, 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:** [https://www.carpediemarts.org/daily-antidote-of-song](https://www.carpediemarts.org/daily-antidote-of-song)

**The Christmas Revels**

**Glen Echo, MD & Online**

**8 In-Person Performances:**

**December 10 – 12 and 17 – 19**

**Watch-on-Demand:**

**December 21 – January 6**

This holiday, Washington Revels invites you to an American celebration of the Winter Solstice. It is December 1870 in Washington, DC, and in the elegant parlor of Senator Hiram Rhodes Revels, the first African American to serve in the U.S. Congress, the household is throwing a party! Joyous carols, traditional melodies, heartfelt spirituals and toe-tapping dances are brought to life by the Washington Revels Chorus, guest folk musicians, the Washington Revels Brass and the Washington Revels Jubilee Voices. Welcome Yule! In-person at The Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 20812; and Online. Tickets $20-55.

**Info:** [info@revelsdc.org, 301-587-3835](mailto:info@revelsdc.org, 301-587-3835) [revelsdc.org/christmas-revels](https://revelsdc.org/christmas-revels)

**Rock Creek Morris Women**

**Kensington, MD**

**Sundays • 9:15 – 10:45 AM**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. No dance experience necessary! Email to double check location. White Flint Park, 11525 Rokeby Ave, Kensington, MD 20895 (for now)

**Info:** [rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com](mailto:rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com) [rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com](http://rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com)

**Open Mic at The Spring with Jillian Matundan**

**Sandy Spring, MD**

**Tuesday, December 7 • 7:00 PM**

Dave Eisner & Rob Hinkal of Institute of Musical Traditions host and webcast open mic from the Sandy Spring Museum every Tuesday evening. Tonight with featured artist Jillian Matundan, “...a multi-instrumentalist with a talent and intuitive grasp of songwriting, with catchy riffs, cool poignant melodies and a presence that’s at once genuine, earnest and charming. Her songs are personal, yet universal, clever yet sometimes disarming.” — Guitar International Magazine
Free to attend but registration required in advance | webcast Live on Facebook & YouTube at imtfolk | Sandy Spring Museum | 17901 Bentley Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860 | Info: signup and registration at robsopenmics.ilyaimy.com | Info: Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

**ANNUAL CELTIC HOLIDAY SHOW**
**ROBIN BULLOCK, KEN KLOODNER & ELKE BAKER • ROCKVILLE, MD**
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:00 PM**

A Celtic celebration of the holidays, an annual IMT tradition, back in-person again! Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door, available at www.imtfolk.org | Saint Mark Presbyterian Church | 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD | Info: Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

**OPEN MIC AT THE SPRING WITH**
**LUKE ROBERTS • SANDY SPRING, MD**
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7:00 PM**

Dave Eisner & Rob Hinkal of Institute of Musical Traditions host and webcast open mic from the Sandy Spring Museum every Tuesday evening. Tonight with featured artist Luke Roberts. Free to attend but registration required in advance | webcast Live on Facebook & YouTube at imtfolk | Sandy Spring Museum | 17901 Bentley Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860 | Info: signup and registration at robsopenmics.ilyaimy.com | Info: Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

**OPEN MIC AT THE SPRING WITH**
**PETRICHORD • SANDY SPRING, MD**
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 7:00 PM**

Dave Eisner & Rob Hinkal of Institute of Musical Traditions host and webcast open mic from the Sandy Spring Museum every Tuesday evening. Tonight with featured artist Petrichord. Free to attend but registration required in advance | webcast Live on Facebook & YouTube at imtfolk | Sandy Spring Museum | 17901 Bentley Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860 | Info: signup and registration at robsopenmics.ilyaimy.com | Info: Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org
Open Mic at the Spring with Sense of Wonder
Sandy Spring, MD
Tuesday, December 28 • 7:00 PM

Dave Eisner & Rob Hinkal of Institute of Musical Traditions host and webcast open mic from the Sandy Spring Museum every Tuesday evening. Tonight with featured artist Sense of Wonder. Free to attend but registration required in advance | webcast Live on Facebook & YouTube at imtfolk | Sandy Spring Museum | 17901 Bentley Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860 | Info: signup and registration at robopenmics.ilvaimy.com | Info: Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

FocusMusic announces the creation of and seeks applications for the Rising Artist Award to be presented at the Reba Heyman Tribute Concert on March 19, 2022 in Olney, Maryland.

Reba and her husband Vic were more than “ultimate folk music fans”. For decades, they attended concerts and festivals across the nation, supporting artists with their energy as well as financially, earning them the affectionate title of “folk angels”. After Vic’s passing in 2009, Reba remained a respected and beloved figure in the folk community. Her generosity in things both tangible and intangible was career changing for many artists, especially those early in their careers.

In their spirit, this annual award will recognize and support a rising individual or group in the folk community. Eligibility includes performers that have one initial release* and have not previously won or placed in a national music competition. Applications must include two You Tube links of a live performance and a statement from the artist summarizing their background and vision of themselves as it relates to folk music. Winner will be invited to perform at the Reba Heyman Tribute Concert and receive a $1000 award to be used towards an upcoming recording with a planned release within one year of the concert. Please submit applications by December 10, 2021 at: https://www.focusmusic.org/Rising-Artist-Award or contact RisingArtist@Focusmusic.org

*For the purposes of this award, FocusMusic considers a “release” to be either a physical or digital body of work of at least 30 minutes in length released as a single product.

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, orfeiaovocalensemble@gmail.com, orfeia.wordpress.com, facebook.com/orfeiamusic/
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