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# NEWSLETTER

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## ■ FSGW CONCERT ■ Magpie SINGS SONGS OF RESISTANCE



This concert will be preceded by a brief **membership meeting** starting at 7:45 pm, followed immediately by the concert at 8 pm.

**Admission:** FREE to members

Non-members: \$25, but may join (or rejoin) at [fsgw.org/join](https://fsgw.org/join) or at the concert & get the member price.

We expect this concert to sell out, so **preregistration** is strongly recommended, including for members.

**Livestream—Details coming soon!**

See [fsgw.org/event-6513844](https://fsgw.org/event-6513844)

**Location:** Seekers Church,  
276 Carroll St. NW

**Questions?** [program@fsgw.org](mailto:program@fsgw.org)

**Latest info:**  
[fsgw.org/event-6513844](https://fsgw.org/event-6513844)

Washington DC & Livestream • Saturday February 21  
Doors: 7:30 pm | Membership Meeting: 7:45 pm | Concert: 8 pm

**Magpie**—**Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino**—will be joined by special guests: local favorite [Charlie Pilzer](#) (bass) and Pennsylvania guitarist [Rolly Brown](#).

When we learned that longtime DC folk favorite **Magpie** would no longer be performing at Millennium Stage, we were delighted to welcome them to our FSGW concert series. In the finest American tradition of folk songs, **Magpie** is planning an evening concert of hard-hitting songs of protest featuring the songs of Phil Ochs, interweaving them with songs written for the current times by Terry & Greg themselves, as well a song or two from other songwriters. It will be a night of songs that express outrage, sorrow, humor, hope and determination.

With a career that has spanned more than 40 years, **Magpie** has traveled the globe, bringing its unique sound and breathtaking versatility to audiences everywhere. From traditional songs to vintage blues, swing and country to folk classics to stirring original compositions, they cover a lot of musical ground. With their powerful voices and harmonies and their excellent instrumental arrangements on guitars, mandolin, harmonica, dulcimer and concertina, their sound is much bigger than just two people. Award-winning recording artists, songwriters, musical historians, and social activists, Terry and Greg always promise a presentation that is highly entertaining as well as provocative and deeply moving.

Terry grew up listening to the music in her family, both the Italian music played by her paternal grandfather, and the country and jazz sung by her mother's family. Her voice is a beautiful and impressive instrument.

Greg came up listening to folk on records, singing along all the while. The music of the folk revival caught his ear and imagination. More than 50 years later, Greg is an outstanding guitarist, whose finger-style approach owes a lot to a wide range of influences.

**More about Magpie:** [magpiemusic.com](http://magpiemusic.com)



## Recruiting New Board Members!!!

FSGW could not offer the hundreds of concerts, dances, festivals and other events each year without the many Society members who volunteer to make it all happen. The FSGW Board of Directors is recruiting Board members through our annual election process for a one-year term beginning on July 1. The Election Committee is compiling a slate of candidates for the May election for the 2026–2027 term and invites you to nominate candidates.

You may offer your nominations for the FSGW Board at the nomination meetings held during these FREE-to-members events:

**Silver Spring Contra Dance** • [fsgw.org/event-6490149](https://fsgw.org/event-6490149) • Thursday February 12

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30–10 pm | Membership Meeting: during the dance break  
Silver Spring Civic Center, 8525 Fenton St.

**Mini-Fest** • [fsgw.org/mini-fest](https://fsgw.org/mini-fest) • Saturday March 7 • 11 am – 6 pm | Membership Meeting: 12:15 pm

Browne Academy, 5917 Telegraph Rd. Alexandria VA

Nominations will be accepted from when we open the FSGW membership meeting at each event.

These events are official Folklore Society meetings for the purpose of receiving nominations for the Board from the membership.

Nominations can also be submitted directly to the Election Committee (prior to April 1) by petition signed by five current FSGW Members. You can contact the Election Committee at:

[elections@fsgw.org](mailto:elections@fsgw.org)



## VOLUNTEER!



### Help Keep FSGW Events Thriving!

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington depends on volunteers to make our concerts, dances, jams, festivals, retreats and other events possible.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with check-in at events, equipment load-in/load-out, room setup/breakdown, and more!

Volunteers often enjoy free or discounted admission to events as well as the satisfaction of being part of our vibrant folk community.

**Interested or have questions?**

Contact [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) to get involved!



### Technology Administration Assistance Needed

FSGW is looking for volunteers to assist with technology administration to help keep our events running smoothly.

Do you have experience with website development, event data tracking, Google suite management, or similar skills?

Do you have an interest in learning or strengthening any of these skills?

If so, we would love to have your assistance keeping our digital “house” organized! Please contact [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) to hear about how you can help.



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SAVE THE DATE!

# MINI-FEST

DANCING, PERFORMANCES,  
WORKSHOPS, JAM SESSIONS,  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AND MORE!

Calling folkies of all ages to mark your calendars.

Don't let the name fool you because this day-long FREE Folk Festival is anything but mini!

Check out the event page:

<https://www.fsgw.org/mini-fest>

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 7, 2026  
11 am – 6 pm**

BROWNE ACADEMY  
5917 TELEGRAPH ROAD  
ALEXANDRIA VA 22310

Parking is available on site at Lot #3  
(see [campus map](#) for details)

[View the 2025 schedule here](#) (Click to the second slide)

We are in need of **VOLUNTEERS!** If you are interested,  
please reach out to [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org)

Questions about **PERFORMING:** [office@fsgw.org](mailto:office@fsgw.org)

# Hashdance Weekend

Glen Echo Park MD, 7300 MacArthur Blvd.  
Saturday March 28, 10 am – Sunday March 29, 6 pm

**Hashdance Weekend** is an ultra-challenging urban dance weekend featuring mind-bending figures, non-gendered calling and phenomenal music. Two days of amazing workshops, dancing, community, fun and food in the fabulous Spanish Ballroom.



► River Rainbowface



► Qwill Duvall

## BANDS



► Eloise & Co.  
Rachel Bell,  
Becky Tracy &  
Bethany Waickman



► Northwoods  
Casey Murray,  
Molly Tucker  
& Sam Zakon-Anderson

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to help this event run!

We have a variety of crews to choose from and do our best to accommodate your schedule. Full-weekend volunteers will be assigned 3 hours of work. Partial-weekend volunteers will be assigned 1 hour of work.

**Registration:** [fsgw.org/event-6241806](http://fsgw.org/event-6241806)

**Info:** [fsgw.org/hashtag-dance-weekend](http://fsgw.org/hashtag-dance-weekend)

**Questions?** [hashdanceweekend@gmail.com](mailto:hashdanceweekend@gmail.com)



FSGW Co-Sponsored Festival

# Potomac RIVER Shape Note Singing Convention

Saturday: Silver Spring MD &  
Sunday: Arlington VA  
April 5–6 • 10:30 am – 4 pm



This gathering is a traditional and powerful singing of American shape-note hymns, fuguing tunes, and anthems in unaccompanied four-part harmony from [The Sacred Harp \(1991\)](#) and [The Shenandoah Harmony](#).

This gathering attracts singers from across the country for spirited singing. All are welcome: beginners, experienced singers, and listeners.

The convention is free and open to the public.

## Locations:

**Saturday April 11:** Church of the Ascension (parish hall), 633 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring MD

**Sunday April 12:** Outdoors! Lacey Woods Park (rear picnic shelter), 1200 N George Mason Dr., Alexandria VA

**Latest info:** [fsgw.org/shape-note-convention](http://fsgw.org/shape-note-convention)



Call for Volunteers!

~ 43RD ANNUAL ~

### WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Sun. Aug. 23 • 12–9 pm • Glen Echo Park MD

**The Washington Folk Festival returns  
on August 23!**

A one-day event, jam-packed roster with dancing, storytelling, and music ranging from American to International styles: bluegrass to Celtic, Klezmer to Americana, blues to Zydeco, we cover folk music from around the world! Five stages, hundreds of performers, and it's all free!

#### ~ Get Involved! ~

This is an all-volunteer event: everyone, including the performers, planners, technicians, and sound engineers, EVERYONE donates their services.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact [wff@fsgw.org](mailto:wff@fsgw.org).

**To volunteer**, email [wffvolunteers@fsgw.org](mailto:wffvolunteers@fsgw.org).

#### **DONATE TO SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL**

We rely on donations, large and small, to make this festival possible.

**Info:** [fsgw.org/washington-folk-festival](http://fsgw.org/washington-folk-festival)

### **Creative Alliance: 2026 Baltimore Crankie Festival**

**In person: Feb. 5 – 8**

**Virtual tickets available for Feb. 7 only**

Baltimore's beloved festival of scrolled panoramas, known as "crankies"

### **Ski-Dance Weekend**

Laurel Highlands PA • February 13–16

Cross-country and downhill ski in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania during the day and contra and English country dance at night!

#### **Do you have two left feet?**

—Bring both of them because **Janine Smith** and **Tom Spilsbury** will have you moving to the music of **Dave Wiesler** and **Mat Clark**.

Lots of fun! Prices range from \$95 to \$575 depending on your accommodations.

**Info / Registration:** [skidance.org](http://skidance.org)

[Bob Mathis](mailto:Bob.Mathis@scpro.org), 240-858-9341

Ski-Dance is sponsored by  
Sierra Club Potomac Region Outings (SCPRO).

### **Windmills International Folk Dance Festival**

Baltimore MD • Sat. Mar. 21 • 12–6 pm

Join us in Baltimore for a vibrant celebration of **culture, music, and traditional folk dance from around the world!** Held at the historic **Lithuanian Hall**, the Windmills Festival brings together talented dance ensembles from the Baltimore-Washington area and beyond.

Enjoy colorful performances, authentic costumes, and rhythms from many cultures — all in one place! Plus, savor **international foods**, visit the **cash bar**, and take part in a fun **folk dance workshop** where everyone is welcome to dance along.

**Location:** [Baltimore Lithuanian Hall](http://BaltimoreLithuanianHall.org), 851 Hollins St.

**Tickets:** available at the door / [online](#)

**Info:** [Facebook](#), [Lithuanian Hall Annual Events](#)

A family-friendly event celebrating diversity, tradition, and community — **don't miss it!**



Big news! Weekend passes are now on sale for the **7th Annual Baltimore Old Time Music Festival**—a joyous, interactive and inspiring celebration of where this wonderful style of music exists today. Join your festival hosts and beloved local roots musicians **Ken & Brad Kolodner** as they welcome you to the Baltimore Museum of Industry for a music celebration fun for all ages! Concerts, workshops, square dancing, jamming, programming for kids, and more on the gorgeous waterfront campus of the Baltimore Museum of Industry with stunning views of the Baltimore skyline.

Featured artists include **Rhiannon Giddens & Kristina Gaddy**; **Jerron Paxton**; **The Wild Shoats**; **Tessa McCoy & The State Birds**; **Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer & Chao Tian**; **Joseph Decosimo & Stephanie Coleman**; **Eddie Bond Trio**; **Golden Shoals**; **Stanley & The Ten Sleepless Knights**; **Mark Schatz & Bryan McDowell** and your festival curators and hosts **Ken & Brad Kolodner**. [More about the lineup.](#)

**Tickets:** Weekend passes are our most popular ticket option—they sold out last year. Early bird prices apply now through and including Feb. 1.

**Location:** Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway

**Info:** [baltimoreoldtimefest.com](http://baltimoreoldtimefest.com)

### Save the date for the next Dare to Be Square!

May 8-10 • Dumfries VA

The [DC Square Dance Collective](#) and our friends at the [Baltimore Square Dance](#) are excited to host another year of **Dare to Be Square DMV!** This is a fun, affordable, weekend-long gathering and getaway featuring sessions where you can square dance to your heart's content, learn to call your first dance, hone your calling skills (any and all levels), enjoy instrument and singing sessions, learn clogging/flatfooting, play lawn games (for real), or take advantage of oodles of opportunities to jam and just hang out!

#### Registration will open soon!

Everyone must register in advance because we cannot sell onsite registrations at the park.

We're thrilled to be welcoming back **Will Mentor** and introducing **Charmaine Slaven** as dance callers and instructors. We'll also have performances and workshops from an all-star lineup of musicians, including **Steam Machine** (Minneapolis) and **Big Cricket** (Baltimore). [Find out more](#) about these amazing and talented people.

**Location:** [Prince William Forest Park](#), Cabin Camp 4 - Pleasant 16675 Pleasant Rd.

**Stay tuned for further details!**  
[daretobesquaredmv.com](http://daretobesquaredmv.com)

# THE GRAPEVINE STORYTELLING

Takoma and Online  
Wed. Feb. 11 • 7:30 pm

Our featured tellers  
this month are  
**Chetter Galloway**  
and  
**Jessica Piscitelli Robinson!**

The Grapevine is spoken-word performance for adults and teens, celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers **Renée Brachfeld** and **Tim Livengood**.



**Chetter Galloway** grew up hearing his father tell stories on weekend road trips. His favorite was The Talking Skull, a West African cautionary tale where a man loses his head. Chetter graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Master of Arts degree in Storytelling and is an avid runner who enjoys creating stories while he's running!

[More about Chetter](#)

## Jessica Piscitelli Robinson

is the person behind the annual Women's Storytelling Festival. She has performed at Exchange Place at the National Storytelling Festival, on WGBH's "Stories from the Stage," has been featured in the Stone Soup, Florida, and Hampton Storytelling Festivals, and is a 2023 ORACLE Award recipient. Jessica is the author of the Guide to Personal Storytelling, for Story Crossroads, as well as Stages: My Life in Stories, a memoir in stories.



[More about Jessica](#)

Join us  
on Feb. 11  
at 7:30 pm live at  
Busboys and Poets  
Takoma and also  
via Zoom!

**Register** FOR FREE access to the live stream or to catch the recorded show later. You will get emails with reminders on the date, time and location, as well as Zoom information. No registration needed for in-person participation; but if you register you will have access to the live stream and the recorded show for later.

**We ask for donations** to support our tellers; suggested contribution is \$20 per person. Donations can be made online before, during or after the event.

**Location:** Busboys & Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

**Info:** [fsgw.org/grapevine](http://fsgw.org/grapevine)

### FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Glen Echo MD

Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Latest info: [fsgw.org/ecd](http://fsgw.org/ecd)

The FSGW weekly English Country Dance offers delightful dancing at Glen Echo Town Hall led by talented callers, accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a wide variety of instruments.

The crowd is friendly; new dancers are always welcome and can get an informal lesson if they arrive around 7:30.

No need to bring a partner, or dress up.

#### February lineup ...

- 4 April Blum calls while Elke Baker (fiddle), Paul Oorts (mandolin /accordion) & Jonathan Jensen (piano) make the music.
- 11 Dan Gillespie calls to the playing of Robin Wilson (flute), Mari Carlson (fiddle) & Bobby LaRose (piano).
- 18 Andrea Nettleton & Wendy Clarke lead the dancing while Tina Chancey (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute) & Liz Donaldson (piano) play the tunes.
- 25 Kappy Laning calls to the music of Carrie Rose (flute), Becky Ross (fiddle) & Owen Morrison (guitar).

Registration  
is open!

### 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 16 • Silver Spring MD

Come have a ball  
with us!



Learn the dances we will dance at the Spring Ball; beginners are welcome during Wednesday ECDs. Join us! Weekly beginner lesson at 7:30.

More info: [fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball](http://fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball)



Feb. 4 - April Blum



Feb. 11 - Dan Gillespie



Feb. 18 - Andrea Nettleton



Feb. 18 - Wendy Clarke



Feb. 25 - Kappy Laning



# FSGW Barn Dance

Bumper Car Pavilion • Glen Echo Park MD • 2nd Sunday February 8 • 1-3 pm

Kappy Laning will call to music by **The Pinky Pickers**

*Come join us at the barn dance!*

This fun-spirited dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels and features live music and calling. There will be circle dances, ceilidhs and a variety of mixers. This dance fits the bill for families with preschool children just as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun. **So grab a friend or your kids and come join us!**

**Info:** [fsgw.org/barn-dance](http://fsgw.org/barn-dance) / February Barn Dance



PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts



This dance is presented by FSGW and [Carpe Diem Arts](#) and is funded in part by Montgomery County Recreation, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and the Maryland State Arts Council, plus individual donors and dancers!

**FSGW Co-sponsored**

## **Silver Spring Contra Dance**

Silver Spring MD • 2nd Thursday February 12

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30-10 pm

**Membership Meeting**—during the dance break

Marshall Bradshaw & Luke Schoppert calling to the music of Katie Stahl & William Brauneis

This dance will include a brief

### **Membership Meeting**

for nominations to the FSGW Board.

**~ Admission is FREE for members of FSGW!**

Become a member ([fsgw.org/join](http://fsgw.org/join)) for \$25 and enjoy free or discounted admission to a variety of events throughout the year.

**Admission:** \$15 general admission

\$12 **FREE!** Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) members  
\$5 ages 21 & under / limited income

**Location:** The Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton St.

[More Info](#)

[Register here](#)

*Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.* —Martha Graham

## FSGW Co-sponsored **Glen Echo International Folk Dancers**

Glen Echo Park MD & Online  
Wednesdays • 7:30 pm

To register, please provide an email address for possible contact tracing. Masks and vaccinations are urged, but not required. These dances are instruction-oriented from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with open-request dancing after 8:30 pm. \$10 at the door. If you wish to attend, please contact [Jamie](#) to RSVP before attending.



**More info:** [Jamie, FSGW, Dancing Planet](#)

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom.

You can enter by clicking [here](#).

Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 , Password: 145  
If you click on the link, you might not need to enter a password.

## FSGW Co-sponsored **Greenbelt International Folk Dance**

Greenbelt MD & Online • Fridays • 8–9:30 pm

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others hybrid (in-person AND through Zoom). Occasionally, due to dance studio unavailability, some events will be Zoom only.



We do a variety of line, circle and couple dances, mostly from the Balkans, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. If you've ever wondered about music in odd rhythms—like 7, 9 and 11—come and get hooked on this wonderful music, which includes these great dance rhythms and more. The room where we dance has a beautiful sprung wood floor (please bring a clean change from your street shoes). We sometimes have special events, including dance workshops and live-music nights. Newcomers and beginners are welcome!

**Location:** Greenbelt Community Dance Studio,  
15 Crescent Rd.  
(Enter and depart the community center  
through the front door.)  
For the [Zoom link](#), contact [John Robinson](#).

**Admission:** \$5 (unless otherwise noted. 21 years old and younger and first-timers are free); Zoom is Free

**Info:** Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539  
or [John and Sheila Robinson](#), 410-715-9210

**More Info:** [FridayDance](#) or [Facebook](#)



**f S  
g W** Glen Echo Park MD  
Sunday February 22 • 3 – 6 pm  
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Bumper Car Pavilion



### Woo Hoo! It's Handspring:

**Alex Mitchell** (fiddle/mandolin/tenor banjo),  
**Owen Morrison** (guitar/feet) &  
**Carrie Rose** (flute/piccolo)  
rockin' the Bumper Car Pavilion, with caller  
**Janine Smith** in charge of the dance shenanigans.

**Location:** The Bumper Car Pavilion is a wonderful covered open-air space with a nice wooden floor. Heavy plastic side curtains and overhead radiant heaters keep us toasty warm throughout the winter months, no matter the weather.

**Admission:** \$15 cash or \$17 Venmo (to cover fees) at the door, no cards

**Info:** [dancingplanetproductions.com/contra/](http://dancingplanetproductions.com/contra/)

**Future 2026 dates:** 3/22: **Melissa Chatham** calling to **Owen Morrison, T J Crow & Ralph Gordon.**  
Then 4/19, 6/28, 9/13, 10/25 & 11/22

**Takoma Park Old-Time Jam**  
**Takoma DC**  
**3rd Wed. Feb. 18 • 7:30–9:45 pm**



We'll have a 30- to 40-minute slow jam to start. This jam is open to all skill levels and instruments. Please come with whatever you play and plan on supporting the restaurant that is generously hosting us!

**Our location:** Busboys and Poets,  
235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

**Info:** [fsgw.org/Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam](http://fsgw.org/Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam)  
[Jonathan Vocke](mailto:Jonathan.Vocke@busboysandpoets.com)

## NOTICE



The **FSGW Safety Policy** has been updated, viewable at [fsgw.org/safety-policy](http://fsgw.org/safety-policy).

Softly, deftly, music shall caress you.

Hear it, feel it, secretly possess you.

– Andrew Lloyd Webber

## FSGW Open Sing • Online

1st Fri. Feb. 6 • 7:30 pm

Thanks to **Sue Hengelsberg** for hosting the February Online Open Sing.

**Topic:** “Ground”  
(in any way, shape or form)

### Registration/Signup is here.

\*\*\*Only those wishing to sing need to register.\*\*\*

Registration will be open until noon 2/6/26.

[Singers List \(view only\) is here.](#)

**Zoom link** will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List; if you're not a member, sign up to [join the list here](#).

**Info:** [fsgw.org/event-6500648](http://fsgw.org/event-6500648)  
[Vince Wilding](#)

## FSGW Gospel Sing

Takoma Park MD

2nd Sun. Feb. 8 • 4–7 pm

The February 2026 Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Jean & Cavan Capps in Takoma Park. Group singing for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm, followed by a potluck dinner. Hymnals provided. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.

**RSVP/directions:** text or call Jean at 240-447-2423 or email [jean\\_capps@hotmail.com](mailto:jean_capps@hotmail.com).

**Latest info:** [fsgw.org/gospel-sings](http://fsgw.org/gospel-sings)

## FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD and Online • 2nd Fri. Feb. 13 • 1:30–3:30 pm



The monthly Song Circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy delightful songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Come for informal group singing or just to listen.

**In observance of Valentine's Day, please bring or request your favorite love songs, or any other songs!** To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance [using the form here](#).

**Elizabeth Rosenberg** and **Joe Whitesell** will lead songs with guitar accompaniment; any participant may lead any song, *a cappella* or self-accompanied.

The Song Circle will be held in person at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Participants should read and follow FSGW's [Policy Regarding Respiratory Viruses and In-Person Event Participation](#).

If you can't come in person, you can join us on Zoom or by phone. The Zoom link and phone number will be sent Friday morning to those who are on the Song Circle email list and to others who [register here](#) by Thursday, February 12.

**Info:** For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see [fsgw.org/event-6514763](http://fsgw.org/event-6514763).

## FSGW Open Sing • Silver Spring MD • 3rd Sat. Feb. 21 • 2–5 pm

**Fred Stollnitz** will host the February In-person Open Sing in the Kemp Mill neighborhood of Silver Spring.

**Topic:** U.S. Presidents

**RSVP / location info:** Please write or call to let Fred know you're coming and to get his address and directions: [fred@stollnitz.net](mailto:fred@stollnitz.net) or 301-681-5748.

**General questions?** Open Sing Coordinator [Vince Wilding](#) or [join the Open Sing Mailing List](#).

**Latest info:** [fsgw.org/event-6515695](http://fsgw.org/event-6515695)

## OPEN DANCES



Come dance with us!

### Bumper Car Squares

GLEN ECHO PARK MD

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

3-5:30 PM (LESSON 2:45)

Bumper Car Squares is now on the 1st Sunday afternoon of the month, every month in 2026!

Square dance intro session for all skill levels from 2:45 to 3 pm.

Then, caller **Becky Hill** leads a rousing square dance along with live music by **Cathy and Marcy's Old Time Coalition**:

**Cathy Fink** (banjo),  
**Marcy Marxe** (guitar/mandolin),  
**Rachel Eddy** (fiddle) &  
**Em Hammond** (bass).

Square dance from 3 to 5:30 pm. Short hydration break midway, but mostly FUN, lively square dancing the whole time. All ages welcome, no partner, prior dance experience, or special outfit needed.

**Admission:** \$15/adult, \$5/teen, FREE for ages 12 and under. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted at the door.

**Details / Discounted advanced tickets:** [glenechopark.org/dances](http://glenechopark.org/dances)

**Location:** Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park

**More info:** [facebook](#), [info@glenechopark.org](mailto:info@glenechopark.org) or 301-634-2222

**Upcoming 2026 dances:**  
March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7

Brought to you by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

### WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD

AFTERNOON WALTZ • SUN. FEB. 1 & 15  
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30-6 PM

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 until 6 pm. No partner required.

**February ...**

1 **Handspring** with **Carrie Rose** (flute), **Alexander Mitchell** (violin/viola) & **Owen Morrison** (guitar/piano)

15 **Waltzifiers** with **Bernard Solnik** (piano/vocals), **Dave Meyers** (lead vocals/guitar), **Tom Helf** (drums) & **Jim Crenca** (bass)

**Location:** 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

**Admission:** \$15, \$5 for full-time students with ID

**More info:** [WaltzTimeDances.org](http://WaltzTimeDances.org) or 301-634-2222

### BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

BALTIMORE MD

MONDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

English country dancing is joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through.

**February ...**

2 **Sharon McKinley** calling to music by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Mark Vidor** (accordion) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

9 **Christopher Field** calling to music by **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina/recorder), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) & **Carl Friedman** (piano)

16 **Kappy Laning** calling to music by **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (recorders/concertina) & **Janina O'Brien** (piano)

23 **Emily Aubrey** calling to music by **Jonathan Jensen** (piano), **Susan Brandt** (flute) & **Paul Oorts** (guitar/accordion)

**Admission:** \$10 members, \$15 non-members, under 21 and full-time students with IDs: free.

**Advance registration only**

**Location:** Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd. ([directions](#))

**Info:** [engdance@bfms.org](mailto:engdance@bfms.org) or [Janina O'Brien](mailto:Janina.O'Brien), 443-722-5805

### CAPITOL HILL CAJUN DANCE

WASHINGTON DC

1ST TUE. FEB. 3 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Laminate wood-like floor. Open Band.

**Admission:** free. Donations welcome.

**Location:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A St. SE; some parking available.

**Contact:** Joel Bailes, [rollingpiano@gmail.com](mailto:rollingpiano@gmail.com)

### BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD

WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

New dancer workshops at 7:30 pm  
Beginners always welcome!

**February ...**

4 **Greg Frock** calls to the music of **The Rhythmajigs**: **Patti Reum** (flutes/whistles), **Michael Giordano** (fiddle/mandolin) & **Jack Maus** (piano/accordion).

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Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.  
It's about learning to dance in the rain.

  
– Vivian Greene

► **BFMS CONTRA**  
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- 11 **Luke Schoppert** calls to the music of *Contra Intuitive*:  
**Peggy Kaiser** (piano),  
**Gina Faber** (mandolin/fiddle) &  
**Ryck Kaiser** (fiddle).
- 18 **Daniel Friedman** calls to the music of *Wombat Crossing*:  
**Carl Friedman** (fiddle),  
**Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina/sax) &  
**Charlie Pilzer** (piano).
- 25 **Perry Shafran** calls to the music of **Steve Epstein** (clarinet),  
**Janina O'Brien** (accordion/bodhran/whistle) &  
**Charlie Pilzer** (piano).

**Location:** Lovely Lane Church,  
2200 St. Paul St.

**Cost:** BFMS and FSGW members \$10,  
non-members \$15. Under 21 and  
students dance for free.

[Online payment only](#)

**Info:** [bfms.org](http://bfms.org) or [Hannah.Mueller@bfms.org](mailto:Hannah.Mueller@bfms.org)

**THE GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB: IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS, WINTER SESSION • SILVER SPRING MD**  
**THUR. FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26 • 7 PM**

GWCC sponsors, supports and encourages ceilis, dance classes, concerts, and other programs for the enjoyment of its members and the community at large.

**Thursdays Jan. 8 – Feb. 26:**

7 pm: basics; 8–9:30 pm: continuing

Any interested adult is welcome; no experience or partner needed.  
8 lessons / \$40 (either or both sessions), try your first class for free, register & pay at class! Wear comfortable clothes and smooth-soled shoes.



# Friday Night Dancers

**GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS FEB. 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**LESSON: 7:30 PM; DANCE: 8–11 PM**

Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, and Montgomery County, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom or the Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion.

**Location:** 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

**Tickets:** online or at the door, \$15

**Info:** [fridaynightdance.com](http://fridaynightdance.com) or [info@fridaynightdancers.org](mailto:info@fridaynightdancers.org)

**February ...**

- 6 **Rebecca Anger** calls to *Terpsichore*:  
**Elke Baker** (fiddle),  
**Liz Donaldson** (piano) &  
**Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 13 **Anna Rain** calls to the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*, led by **Bobby LaRose**
- 20 **Alex Deis-Lauby** calls to *Kingfisher*:  
**Jeff Kaufmann** (piano/mandolin/drums/synths) &  
**Cecilia Vacanti** (fiddle)
- 27 **Gabe Popkin** calls to *Joy Factor*:  
**Gianna Marzilli-Ericson** (fiddle),  
**Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle) &  
**Henry Yoshimura** (guitar)

**Location:** Pinecrest Local Park,  
301 St. Lawrence St.

**Info:** [gwcc-online.org](http://gwcc-online.org), [email](mailto:email)

**SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD**  
**SAT. FEB. 7, 14 & 28**  
**LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS**

**February ...**

- 7 **Flying Feet Enterprises** —*The Grandsons*
  - 14 **Gottaswing**—*Eyal Vilner Swing Band*
  - 28 **Gottaswing**—*Rock-A-Sonics* and *Brandon Wayne and His Lonesome Drifters*
- Info:** [glenechopark.org/events-calendar](http://glenechopark.org/events-calendar)

**MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS**  
**TAKOMA PARK • SAT. FEB. 8**  
**6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK,**  
**7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE**

**Loretta Kelley** on Hardanger fiddle and **Sonia White** on nyckelharpa plus other guest musicians will play Swedish and Norwegian tunes for dancing. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Please bring food to share and clean shoes to wear. Donations gratefully accepted.

**Location:** At Sonia's house (no pets); If you need address ask [snowwhite4468@mac.com](mailto:snowwhite4468@mac.com)

**More info:** [MAND.fanitull.org](http://MAND.fanitull.org)

## SMTMD CONTRA DANCE CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. FEB. 14 • 7 PM

See website for rescheduled or canceled events

The evening starts at 7 pm with a half-hour beginner's dance workshop followed by live music performed by the **SOMD Open Band**. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm. Check the [website calendar](#) for the lineup of dances and callers.

**Admission:** \$8 for members; \$12 for non-SMTMD members; children 17 and under (when accompanied by a paying adult) and band members are free.

**Info:** [smtmd2@gmail.com](mailto:smtmd2@gmail.com), [smtmd.org/new-events](http://smtmd.org/new-events)



PHOTO: GREG PENK

**Location:** Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall,  
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

## ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE SILVER SPRING MD 2ND SAT. FEB. 14 • 7:30–9:30 PM

**Bob Farrall** calls to music by *Peascods Gathering*.

Beginners and singles welcome.

**Admission:** \$5

**Location:** Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave. (Parking and entrance in rear.)

**Info:** [Carl.Minkus@Gmail.com](mailto:Carl.Minkus@Gmail.com), 301-493-6281 or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018

## BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE MD SAT. FEB. 14 • 7–9:30 PM (6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

**Greg Frock** calling to **Lovely Lane String Band**:  
Brenna Hogan (fiddle),  
Shane Knudsen (fiddle),  
Art Abrams (bass),  
John Sauer (guitar) &  
Jay White (banjo)

Potluck snacks at the break.

**Location:** Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd.

**Admission:** \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. People under 21 and students with ID: free.

[Online payment only](#)  
Pre-payment is encouraged.

**Contact:** [Carol.Fleishman@BFMS.org](mailto:Carol.Fleishman@BFMS.org)

## CAPITOL HILL SWING DANCE WASHINGTON DC 3RD THUR. FEB. 19 7:30–9:30 PM (LESSON 7 PM)

THE CAPITOL HILLBILLIES  
"THE SPIRIT OF NEW ORLEANS IN THE HEART OF DC"

Live music. Laminate wood-like floor.

**Admission:** \$10, teens \$5

**Location:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A St. SE; some parking available.

**Latest info:**  
[facebook.com/rollingpiano/events](https://facebook.com/rollingpiano/events)  
Joel Bailes, [rollingpiano@gmail.com](mailto:rollingpiano@gmail.com)

Upcoming events: 3/19, 4/16 & 5/21

## SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT GREENBELT MD

3RD SAT. FEB. 21 • 6:45–9:30 PM

The event will feature dance teaching at the beginning to recorded music followed by live music sets. The first music set will allow musicians to play along with the lead musician, **Sonia White**, after a practice session in a separate room during the dance teaching. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the event.

Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have been in recent contact with someone with COVID. More details will be in the invitation email.

**Location:**

Greenbelt Community Center,  
15 Crescent Rd.

**Info:** Email [Linda@ScandiaDC.org](mailto:Linda@ScandiaDC.org) to get on the list to receive the latest information on the event if you are not already on the list. More information will be available at [ScandiaDC.info](http://ScandiaDC.info) and in the invitation email closer to the event.

## ANNEAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. FEB. 21 7-9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM

Tom Spilsbury



calls to the  
music of

### Elegant Echoes:

Liz Donaldson (piano),  
Becky Ross (fiddle) &  
Colleen Reed (flute).



Pre-registration is not required but please email [aefallon@verizon.net](mailto:aefallon@verizon.net) to let us know if you can help with pre-dance setup and/or post-dance hall restoration. Such help is much appreciated!

Face masks are optional. Venue has windows and filter fans for circulation and ventilation. Please bring your own water bottle. Snacks to share are welcome if you bring napkins+appropriate paper goods+utensils and plan to clean up after snack time. No experience or partner required.

**Admission:** \$15; students \$5; children through 5 years old free

**Location:** Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

**Info:** [Ann Fallon](mailto:Ann.Fallon@verizon.net), 410-507-0934  
or [Jan Scopel](mailto:Jan.Scopel@verizon.net), 443-540-0867  
[Facebook](#)



## BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT MOBTOWN BALLROOM • SAT. FEB. 21 7:30-10:30 PM (DOORS 6:30 PM)

Shake those winter blues, dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a hilariously fun evening of square dancing, live music and plentiful silliness. **No experience or partner is needed.** There will be a dance caller walking you through all the moves. The bar will be open!

**Location:** Station North,  
30 W North Ave.

**Info / tickets:** [bmoreoldtime.com](http://bmoreoldtime.com)

Upcoming dances: 3/28, 4/18 (at  
Baltimore Old Time Music Festival)

## GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD SUN. FEB. 22 4-8 PM (3 PM WORKSHOP)

GWCC sponsors, supports and encourages céilís, dance classes, concerts and other programs for the enjoyment of its members and the community at large.

**Workshop:** Birr set

Single dancers and listeners welcome!

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper (1st break)

**Location:** The Lyceum,  
17801 Meeting House Rd.

**Admission:** \$25/GWCC members,  
\$30/non-members,  
ages 11-20 half-price, under 11 free

**Info:** [gwcc-online.org](http://gwcc-online.org)

## JUST IN TIME PERCUSSIVE DANCERS SILVER SPRING MD SUNDAYS OR MONDAYS • 4 PM

We are a performing dance company in the DC Metro area, specializing in Appalachian, Canadian, English and Irish step dance. We are recruiting new adult members!

Weekly rehearsals on Sundays or Mondays.

[More Info](#)

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GREENBELT MD

TUESDAYS • 7:30-9:30 PM

Dancing and instruction to recorded music. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. No partner required.

**Location:** Dance Studio,  
Greenbelt Community Center,  
15 Crescent Rd.

**Cost:** \$10 (first time free)

**Info:** [Anne Dempsey](mailto:Anne.Dempsey@verizon.net) or  
[Larry Wegehaupt](mailto:Larry.Wegehaupt@verizon.net), 240-645-2776

**Additional Scottish Country dances**  
in Arlington VA and in Silver Spring,  
Baltimore and Frederick MD

## NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON DC • SILVER SPRING MD • MOST WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:50 PM

The Nordic Dancers of Washington DC have in-person sessions at Highland View Elementary School. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

We welcome new dancers anytime, no prior experience or partner needed.

**Questions:** [NordicDancers@aol.com](mailto:NordicDancers@aol.com) or  
call 301-864-1596

**Info:** [sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/](http://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/)

**ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN  
TAKOMA PARK MD  
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 PM**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings and socializes together.

No dance experience necessary!  
Email if interested.

**Location:**

Takoma Park Middle School,  
7611 Piney Branch Rd.

**Info:** [email](#), [website](#)

**BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK  
DANCE GROUP  
THUR. FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26  
7-8:45 PM**

Join our friendly dancers for dances from around the world.

Masks are optional.

**Location:**

Church of the Redeemer,  
6201 Dunrobin Dr.

**Info:** [Carl Minkus](#) or 301-493-6281  
for info on our First Time Free  
policy and subscription policy  
(can't accept money on  
premises).

**FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN  
WASHINGTON DC  
SATURDAYS • 10 AM-12 PM**

Learn traditional English morris dances.  
Join our community that dances,  
socializes and sings.

It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

**Location:** Rotates throughout the DMV

**Info:** [fbmm.org](#)  
[Jud McIntire](#), [Nat Brown](#)



**DANCEINTIME CUBAN SALSA CLASS**

**CUBAN SALSA CLASS & SOCIAL DANCING  
WASHINGTON DC • SATURDAYS • 1:15 – 4 PM**

**Location:**

Chevy Chase Baptist Church  
5671 Western Ave. NW

**Details:** [danceintime.com/classes](#)

**Questions:**

[Barb@DanceInTime.com](mailto:Barb@DanceInTime.com)  
or call Barb: 443-773-2623

**GLEN ECHO PARK**

In addition to dances listed here and on the FSGW Dance pages, Glen Echo Park features dancing many nights in the week. For more information about blues, tango, ballroom and other styles of social dancing, look at the [Glen Echo Park calendar](#).

**OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS  
AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION DUPONT  
CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM  
WASHINGTON DC  
1ST & 3RD SUN. FEB. 1 & 15 • 1-4 PM**

This jam plays mainly bluegrass songs and tunes, and welcomes new beginners and experienced jammers.

**Location:** [The Mansion at O St.](#)  
2020 O St. NW

**Info:** [DCBU Facebook](#)

**WESTMINSTER MD JAMS**

**1ST & 3RD WED. FEB. 4 & 18 • 7-9 PM**

All ages, skill levels & listeners are welcome.

**Feb. 4**—3 separate jams:  
bluegrass/old-time, folk/blues & Celtic

**Location:** Carroll Arts Center,  
91 W. Main St.

**Feb. 18**—combined jam: bluegrass/  
old-time/folk/blues free-wheeling

**Location:** St. Paul's, 17 Bond St.

**Info:** [Website](#), [email](#) or 410-857-2771



**DAILY AT NOON, Carpe Diem Arts**  
offer “notes of hope” as a  
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specially-themed weeks.

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Attend in the virtual concert  
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Live; see our [website](#) for  
participation instructions.

Free; donations to the “Antidote  
Fund” are encouraged and  
support the artists.

**SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTEY MEN**

**THUR. FEB. 5: FAIRFAX VA**

**WED. FEB. 11: BALTIMORE MD**

**THUR. FEB. 19: WHEATON MD**

**8-10 PM**

**1st Thursdays** are at the Auld Shebeen

Irish Pub & Restaurant:

3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax VA

**2nd Wednesdays** (Baltimore)

are in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at  
Admiral Fell's Inn: 815 S. Broadway

**3rd Thursday** folk sings are hosted by

Johnny Strum at the Limerick Pub:  
11301 Elkin St., Wheaton MD

**Info:** [website](#), [Brad Graham](#),

Subscribe to Ship's Company  
Chanteys open Chanteysings  
events [newsletter](#)

**CONCERT: THE SELDOM SCENE**

**WESTMINSTER MD**

**SAT. FEB. 7 • 7:30 PM**

Fifty-three years into a legendary  
career, what's most important about  
**The Seldom Scene** hasn't changed: an  
undeniable knack for blending both old  
and new music and traditions without  
sacrificing what makes either potent  
and durable. The current iteration is a  
true blue lineup: guitarist and mandolin  
player **Lou Reid**, bassist

**Ronnie Simpkins**, banjoist and fiddler

**Ron Stewart**, dobro player

**Fred Travers**, and guitarist **Clay Hess**.

**Location:** Carroll Arts Center,  
91 W. Main St.

**Tickets:** \$40

**Info:** [commongroundonthehill.org/experience/concerts/all-concerts](#)

**FocusMusic PRESENTS ILYAIMY**  
**GAITHERSBURG MD**  
**SAT. FEB. 7 • 7:30 PM**

FocusMusic agreed to celebrate their  
Executive Director's birthday with  
a show!

“**rob Hinkal** is arguably the most  
important figure to local music in the  
Baltimore / DMV area. His legendary  
innovative band **ilyAIMY** continues to  
explore the finer points of rough house  
folk music that pulses with energy, wit  
and an iconoclastic irreverence. rob is  
also the resource and inspiration for so  
many local songwriters and musicians.”  
–Jay Keating, President of Songwriters  
Association of Washington ([saw.org](#))

**Location:** Island Pride Oasis  
617 S Frederick Ave.

**Admission:** Advance tickets \$25 /  
day-of and door \$30 (member /  
congregation as-applicable \$25 at  
the door).

**Info / tickets:** [focusmusic.org/sat-2-7-ilyaimy-gaithersburg](#)



**CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM**  
**ARLINGTON VA**

**2ND & 4TH SUN. FEB. 8 & 22**  
**2-6 PM**

We have three rooms for jamming.

**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd.

**Info:** [caboma.org](#)

**BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING**  
**2ND MON. FEB. 9,**  
**4TH TUE. FEB. 24**  
**7-9:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)**

Join us in America's oldest musical tradition! Experience the joy of singing *a cappella* choral music in four-part harmony. Shaped note heads aid sight reading. No experience needed and loaner books are available.

**Attendance is free.** All are welcome!

**Location:** Four Hour Day Lutherie  
4305 Harford Rd.

**Info:** [baltimoreshapenote.org](http://baltimoreshapenote.org)  
[facebook](#)

**BFMS SONG SWAP**

**BALTIMORE MD**  
**2ND TUES. FEB. 10 • 7:30-9:30 PM**

**We're delighted to be singing in person!**

Bring a favorite folk-genre song or two to share with our community of singers. Chorus songs or repeated refrains are encouraged. You can lead a song, sing along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space!

**REMEMBER:** If you are sick, not feeling well, etc., please stay home.

**Admission:**  
Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome)

**Location:** 4 Hour Day Lutherie in Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

**CONCERT: SKYE CONSORT & EMMA BJÖRLING • SILVER SPRING MD**  
**FRI. FEB. 13 • 7:30 PM**

Presented by  
**Institute of Musical Traditions** and  
**Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center**

**Skye Consort & Emma Björling** perform trans-Atlantic arrangements of songs and tunes from Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Scotland, England, Québec, Acadia, the USA, as well as original compositions. Each musician brings their own individual interpretation to these traditions to create this extraordinary collaboration, consisting of voices, fiddle, nyckelharpa, cello, bouzouki, banjo, and percussion. Collectively, the band presents an assortment of whirling polkas, groovy reels, passionate love songs, breathtaking hymns, and original compositions.

**Location:** Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center, Theater 2,  
7995 Georgia Ave.

**Tickets:** [tix.com/ticket-sales/mcpac/7088/event/1457195](http://tix.com/ticket-sales/mcpac/7088/event/1457195)  
\$5 for MC Students,  
\$10 for other students, and  
\$25 for general admission.

**Info:** [imtfolk.org/2-13-skye-consort-emma-bjorling](http://imtfolk.org/2-13-skye-consort-emma-bjorling)

**BRENTWOOD ARTS EXCHANGE**  
**CONCERT: PROVERBS REGGAE BAND**  
**BRENTWOOD MD**  
**FRI. FEB. 13 • 8-10 PM**

Kick off Valentine's Weekend with a night of roots, rhythm, and soul. Our Listening Room Concert Series continues with **Proverbs Reggae Band**, a D.C.-based group bringing the authentic

sound of Rasta Roots Reggae to an intimate live setting.

Known for rich grooves and powerful lyrics, **Proverbs Reggae Band** weaves messages of social consciousness and spiritual wisdom into every performance. Whether you are coming with a partner, friends, or flying solo, this is the perfect way to kick off a love-filled weekend with music that moves both the heart and the spirit.

**Location:** Brentwood Arts Exchange,  
3901 Rhode Island Ave., 301-277-2863

**Contact:** [Spencer.Dormitzer@Pgarks.com](mailto:Spencer.Dormitzer@Pgarks.com)

**Tickets / info:** \$20  
[pgarks.com/event\\_list/listening-room-presents-proverbs-reggae-band](http://pgarks.com/event_list/listening-room-presents-proverbs-reggae-band)

**WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG**

**KENSINGTON MD**  
**SAT. FEB. 14 & 28 • 2:30-4 PM**

**Rehearsals:** Come play Scandinavian music with us!

**Info:** [washingtonsspelmanslag.com](http://washingtonsspelmanslag.com)  
[dcspelmanslag@gmail.com](mailto:dcspelmanslag@gmail.com)  
Catherine Chapman, 240-461-9244

**CONCERT: KA/PO—KAREN ASHBROOK & PAUL OORTS**  
**• ANNANDALE VA**  
**SUN. FEB. 15 • 4 PM**

**KA/PO** will give a free one-hour concert of Celtic and European music as part of the *Muldoon Memorial Concert Series*. Their music features hammered dulcimer, harp guitar, cittern and accordion.

**Location:** St Alban's Episcopal Church,  
6800 Columbia Pike

**Contact:** Karen Ashbrook, 301-655-0103 or Adam Detzner, 703-256-2966 ext. 16

**Info:** [wearestalbans.org](http://wearestalbans.org)

## FocusMusic PRESENTS ANDREW MCKNIGHT AND BEYOND BORDERS STERLING VA • SAT. FEB. 21 • 7 PM

"harmony so tight you'd swear they were all related. Andrew's songs really shine, as does his amazing guitar work, from delicate fingerpicking on an acoustic, to hot swing on an electric. Arrangements go from bluegrass to country rock to jazz/blues.... 'Surveillance,' a little poke at the Patriot Act, featuring Andrew's right-on Jimmie Vaughan-style playing....Four very talented people. Very highly recommended." --Minor 7th

**Location:** The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Sterling  
22135 Davis Dr., Suite 104

**Admission:** Advance tickets \$25 / day-of and door \$30 (member / congregation as-applicable \$25 at the door). Webcast tickets are \$15.

**Info / tickets:** [focusmusic.org/sat-2-21-andrew-mcknight-beyond-borders-sterling-virtual](http://focusmusic.org/sat-2-21-andrew-mcknight-beyond-borders-sterling-virtual)

## MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM MONKTON MD 4TH SUN. FEB. 22 • 2:30–5:30 PM

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

**Questions:** [otj@manor-mill.com](mailto:otj@manor-mill.com)

**Info:** [manor-mill.com/otj](http://manor-mill.com/otj)

## CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC 3RD 4TH WED. FEB. 25 • 7–9 PM

Due to a conflict with Ash Wednesday, the singing will take place on

February 25. We will return to the 3rd Wednesday in March.

Shape note singing from the 2025 *Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony: a cappella* community singing in a style rooted in colonial America. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

**Location:** Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE

**Info:** [dcshapenote.squarespace.com](http://dcshapenote.squarespace.com)  
[silvermanalexa@gmail.com](mailto:silvermanalexa@gmail.com)

## SMTMD HOMESPUN COFFEEHOUSE HOLIDAY OPEN MIC • CHAPICO MD 4TH FRI. FEB. 27 • 7 PM



Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to perform their favorite tunes. Doors open at 7 pm with performances beginning promptly at 7:30 pm. Contact [Chris Dudley](mailto:Chris.Dudley@verizon.net) in advance to sign up as a performer.

**Admission:** \$8; under 17s (accompanied by a paying adult) & performers free

**Location:** Christ Church Parish Hall  
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

**Info:** [smtmd2@gmail.com](mailto:smtmd2@gmail.com),  
[smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night/](http://smtmd.org/#/open-mic-night/)

See website for rescheduled or canceled events.

## ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING CHEVY CHASE MD REHEARSALS: 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 Eastern Europe.

Orfeia's repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans. We are always seeking new members. No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

**Info:** Diane, 202-274-4155  
[email](mailto:email@orfeia.org), [orfeia.org](http://orfeia.org), [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/orfeia.org)

## TAKOMA SPARK OPEN MIC TAKOMA PARK MD & ONLINE TUESDAYS • 7 PM

A cauldron of creativity from local and not-so-local artists. You're invited to come and play, or just listen.

**Admission:** Free, but we DO solicit donations for our featured artists every week. Sign up at 6:30 pm, music at 7 pm, webcast live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch.

**Location:** School of Musical Traditions  
7112 Willow Ave.

**Info:** [imtfolk@imt.org](mailto:imtfolk@imt.org),  
[rob@ilyaimy.com](mailto:rob@ilyaimy.com), 301-910-2575

Presented by  
the Institute of Musical Traditions

## BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM BALTIMORE MD TUESDAYS • 7–10 PM

The weekly jam is held in The Green Room with wonderful acoustics. All are welcome to play along in the jam regardless of skill level or instrument. Even if you don't play, you can come to soak in the scene, listen to the music and grab a bite to eat.

Every other Tuesday, **Ken & Brad Kolodner** will lead the **Old Time Jam**. The first hour of the jam will be a "slow jam": anyone can play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the "fast jam."

On the other Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the **Bluegrass Jam** featuring songs and instrumentals.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

**Location:** 3600 Hickory Ave.

**Info:** [Facebook](#), [bmoreoldtime.com](#)

## TAKOMA MANDOLEERS ARLINGTON VA TUESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

The **Takoma Mandoleers** are a community orchestra playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar & string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 21st century.

**Info:** [Mandoleers.org](#)

## WASHINGTON BALALAIIKA SOCIETY (WBS) • ARLINGTON VA WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

We are a community-based orchestra of more than 50 volunteer musicians. The orchestra plays Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes and some Western percussion and wind instruments.

We are seeking musicians to join us to play domra, balalaika, accordion and percussion. We perform music from around the world, led by our conservatory-trained conductor, Svetlana Nikonova.

**Info:** [balalaika.org/](#)

## SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS CLASSES • TAKOMA PARK MD

The School of Musical Traditions offers many classes on various types of music-making, for adults and kids! These include: How to jam, Celtic music, bluegrass, old timey, jazz, songwriting, vocals and more. See their website for details and to sign up.

**Location:** School of Musical Traditions, 7112 Willow Ave.

**Info:** [Website](#)

## 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."

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FSGW's goal is to keep in-person event participants healthy and safe. FSGW requests that participants approach attendance at in-person events from a "community care" perspective, including respecting the personal choice to mask/not mask. Each of us plays an essential role in keeping the community healthy so thank you for your collaboration! A current version is posted on our website at [fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response](http://fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response)

Lucia Schaefer, FSGW President

## **FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) • 8 PM TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3**

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members; contact [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) or [webmaster@fsgw.org](mailto:webmaster@fsgw.org) for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or **Lucia Schaefer** at [president@fsgw.org](mailto:president@fsgw.org) at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2:45 Bumper Car Squares, GEP 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP	2 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	3 8 <b>FSGW Board Meeting</b> , online 7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Cajun Dance, DC 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	4 7 3 Jams, Westminster 7:30 <b>FSGW ECD</b> , Glen Echo 7:30 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , GEP 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.	5 2026 Baltimore Crankie Festival 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth. 7 GWCC Céilí class, SS 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax	6 2026 Baltimore Crankie Festival 7:30 <b>FSGW Open Sing</b> , online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , Gbelt	7 2026 Baltimore Crankie Festival 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 7:30 Concert: ilyAIMY, Gaithersburg 7:30 Concert: The Seldom Scene, Westminster 8 Swing dance, GEP
8 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 2026 Baltimore Crankie Festival 1 <b>FSGW Barn Dance</b> , GEP 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 4 <b>FSGW Gospel Sing</b> , TPark 6:30 MAND Norwegian Dance, TPark	9 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	10 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Song Swap, Balt. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	11 7:30 <b>FSGW ECD</b> , Glen Echo 7:30 <b>FSGW Grapevine</b> , Takoma & online 7:30 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , GEP 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt.	12 7 Brief <b>FSGW Membership &amp; Nominations Meeting</b> during: <b>FSGW/Carpe Diem Arts Silver Spring Contra</b> , —FREE to FSGW Members ( <a href="http://fsgw.org/join">fsgw.org/join</a> ) 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth. 7 GWCC Céilí class, SS	13 Ski-Dance Weekend, PA 1:30 <b>FSGW Song Circle</b> , SS & online 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 7:30 Concert: Skye Consort & Emma Björling, SS 8 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , Gbelt 8 Concert: Proverbs Reggae Band, Brentwood	14 Ski-Dance Weekend, PA 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2:30 Spelmanslag, Kensington 6:30 BFMS Contra, Balt. 7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico 7:30 ECD, SS 8 Swing dance, GEP
15 Ski-Dance Weekend, PA 1 Bluegrass Jam, DC 2:45 Waltz Time, GEP 4 Concert: KA/PO: Karen Ashbrook & Paul Oorts, Annandale	16 Ski-Dance Weekend, PA 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	17 7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	18 7 Combined Jam, Westminster 7:30 <b>Takoma Park Old-time Jam</b> 7:30 <b>FSGW ECD</b> , Glen Echo 7:30 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , GEP 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.	19 7 GWCC Céilí class, SS 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth. 7:30 Capitol Hill Swing Dance, DC 8 Folk Sing, Wheaton	20 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , Gbelt & online	21 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2 <b>FSGW Open Sing</b> , SS 6:45 Scandia DC Dance/music, Gbelt 7 Concert: Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders, Sterling 7 ECD, Ann.   7:30 Square Dance, Balt. 7:30 Brief <b>FSGW Membership Meeting</b> before: 7:45 <b>FSGW Concert: Magpie Sings Songs of Resistance</b> , DC & streaming online —FREE to Members ( <a href="http://fsgw.org/join">fsgw.org/join</a> ) 7:30 <b>FSGW/VITG Story Swap</b> , online
22 2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl. 2:30 <b>FSGW/DPP Contra</b> , GEP 2:30 Old-time Jam, Monkton 3 Contra, GEP 3 GWCC Céilí, Sandy Spring	23 7 Orfeia rehearsal, CC 8 BFMS ECD, Balt.	24 7 Old Time Jam, Balt. 7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic 7 Shape Note Singing, Balt. 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl. 7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt	25 7 Shape Note Singing, DC 7:30 <b>FSGW ECD</b> , Glen Echo 7:30 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , GEP 7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl. 7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS 7:30 Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark 7:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.	26 7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth. 7 GWCC Céilí class, SS	27 7 SMTMD Open Mic, Chaptico 7:30 FND Contra, GEP 8 <b>Int'l Folk Dance</b> , Gbelt & online	28 10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC 1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC 2:30 Spelmanslag, Kensington 8 Swing dance, GEP

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### KEY

**Bold text** — FSGW sponsorship

FSGW — [Folklore Society of Greater Washington](#)

FND — [Friday Night Dancers](#)

BFMS — [Baltimore Folk Music Society](#)

Contra — Contra Dance  
ECD — English Country Dance

Ann. — Annapolis MD

Arl. — Arlington VA

Balt. — Baltimore MD

Beth. — Bethesda MD

CC — Chevy Chase MD

GEP — Glen Echo Park MD

Gbelt — Greenbelt MD

Rock. — Rockville MD  
SS — Silver Spring MD  
TPark — Takoma Park MD  
CDA — Carpe Diem Arts  
DPP — Dancing Planet Productions  
GWCC — Greater Washington Céilí Club  
MAND — Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers  
SCC — Ship's Company Chanteyman  
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