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Bill Ochs Jan. 10 Program

The Irish uillean pipes or union pipes are one of the world's rarest and most beautiful wind instruments. Part of the bagpipe family, the uillean pipes have a soft voice suited to a variety of styles. Bill Ochs is one of a small group of virtuoso pipers performing today and has performed throughout the U.S. and Ireland. Bill has also done extensive research on the history and lore of the pipes in Ireland and under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has written arranged, and performed for Broadway and public television. Bill will bring his pipes to the FSGW monthly program on Jan. 10 at 8:30 p.m. at the WES Auditorium 7750 l6th St. N.W. Don't miss this program of music. songs, stories, and piping lore. This is an opportunity to hear a lovely and complex instrument played by an expert. Admission is free to FSGW members, and \$4.00 to non-members.

KanKouran Special Event Jan. 18

Among the Mandingo of Senegal, West Africa, during a young man's initiation rite, a spirit called "KanKouran" emerges to teach the way of life. The spirit embodied in the KanKouran West African Dance Co. visits FSGW for a Special Event on the stage of Hoover Auditorium, Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8:30 p.m.



Kankouran is a non-profit organization in D.C. with the purpose of providing the community with historical presentations of traditional dance, music, storytelling and musical instruments. The company features dancers from Africa, the Caribbean, and the U.S., and is remembered for its incredible set at 1985's Washington Folk Festival.

The Hoover Auditorium is on the first floor of the main Dept. of Commerce building on 14th St. between Pennsylvania and Constitution Aves. N.W. (entrance on 14th St.) Admission is \$6.00 for FSGW members and \$8.00 for non-members.

Inside: MINI-FEST News!! See page 3 for info!!

FSGW House Concert News

There will be two house concerts this month! The first will be Lucy Simpson, a wonderful singer from New York. Many of you might know of her from her singing on the Sharon Mountain Harmony gospel album, with D.C.'s own Rock Creek. The concert will take place at Helen Schneyer's house in Kensington at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11. Admission is \$4.00. For directions call Helen at 949-4552.

On Friday, Jan. 31, Boston guitar-picker Larry Unger will perform at the home of Mike Rivers in Falls Church. Larry plays blues and rags and assorted other treasures, and is not to be missed. This concert is at 8:30~p.m., and admission is \$4.00. Call Mike for directions at 241-7445.

More FSGW News

OPEN SING

Tom McHenry knows that everyone will be too busy during the Holidays to learn new songs for the Jan. Open Sing, so he says he wants to hear all the old, mossy, done-to-death songs in "Oh, No! NOT AGAIN!" on Friday, Jan. 3 at the WES auditorium, 7750 16th St. N.W. The singing starts at 8:30 p.m., and the \$2.00 admission fee includes light refreshments.

Feb.'s Open Sing will be led by Tim Slattery on the topic of "Western Songs, Songs of the West." Be prepared, pardner.

GOSPEL SING

The Gospel Sing for Jan. will be on Jan. 12 at the home of Peggy and Hunter Jones in Potomac, MD. Come at 4:00 p.m. with a covered dish contribution for dinner. Call 762-6343 for directions. Volunteers are needed to host the Sing in future months.

STORYTELLERS

Storytelling and goody swap will be on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Cay Wiant in Falls Church. Please don't wait until the 18th to call 533-3831 for directions.

Correction!!!

The Washington Folk Festival is May 31 and June 1 this year. Due to a misunderstanding with Glen Echo Park, the WFF was mistakenly announced as being held on June 7 & 8 in last month's Newsletter. Please correct your calendars. The first planning meeting is still Jan. 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Glen Echo Park Office. See you there.

SACRED HARP SING

One way to beat the winter "blahs" is to come to the Sacred Harp Sing, on Sunday, Jan. 26, at the home of Dottie Hurley in Aspen Hill, MD. Call 871-7652 for directions, and please bring something for the pot-luck dinner.

ENGLISH DANCE WORKSHOPS

The Spring Series of English Dance Workshops will be held on the third Tuesday of each month through June. The first workshop will be on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Church Parish Hall, 3116 0 St. N.W. in Georgetown. Series subscriptions are \$18.00, admission to individual workshops is \$3.50 for FSGW members and \$5.00 for non-members. Musicians interested in playing for Playford and 18th Century dances should contact Elizabeth Donaldson at 986-1291. For other information call Peter Fricke at 565-9530.

BOARD MEETING

The next FSGW Board meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Past President Kathy Hickerson in Takoma Park. For directions call Kathy at 270-1107

EDITORIAL NOTE

Every effort is made to include all notices submitted by the deadline to the FSGW Newsletter. However, in some instances it is impossible to print an announcement in full due to space considerations. When space is tight, FSGW newsreceives top priority, followed by local non-FSGW news, with last priority given to out-of-town non-FSGW news.

The Editor

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Saturday, January 25th Annual Mini-Fes



Once again, as the dead of winter makes the months following the holidays dreary, the Folklore Society's annual Mini-Festival arrives to brighten the scene. This year's event, on Saturday, January 25th, at Takoma Park Jr. High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., features a full afternoon of workshops and mini-concerts, dance events, crafts and food starting at 12 noon, and an evening devoted to dance (with the fine New England band Swallowtail; photo at right), and a sampler concert (with Helen Schneyer, Dave Olive, Bruce Hutton & Craig Johnson, and Anne Sheldon).

The afternoon starts with the Rock Creek Morris Women driving Evil Winter away. Other events included workshops and Mini-Concerts with Ed Trickett, Bob Hitchcock, Eric & Linda

Rice-Johnson, Reuben Musgrave, Sweet Accord, Rock Creek, Joe Glazer, Mary Cliff, Karen Ashbrook, Craig Johnson, Joe Hickerson, Wendy Morrison, Janice Cole, Tom McHenry, K.C. King, Helen Schneyer, Chris Romaine, Bob Clayton and Kathy Westra Hickerson,

The dance workshop leaders include members of Swallowtail, the special guests for the evening dance, as well as the best

local dance callers and teachers.

Admission to either the day or evening sessions is \$5. (FSGW members) or \$7. (non-members), or a combained all-day ticket can be purchased for \$8. (FSGW) or \$10. (non-members). Children 14 and under are half-price, (2 & under free) and senior citizens a dollar less then the regular prices.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need help, especially with food preparation (before noon) and serving (12-6). Call Bob or Jennifer at 528-8537.



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NOON -- Drive away Evil Winter with the Rock Creek Morris Women 12:30 Mini-Concert Free-Reed Mini-Concert Basic Squares God Songs Mini-Concert Mini-Concert Dance Band Hammer 1:30 Waltzes Playing* Dulcimer River Songs Mini-Concert Sounds of the 60's Mini-Concert Dulcimer Songs of Jitterbug* 2:30. the Celtic Music British Isles Mini-Concert Kids' Songs 3 pm. Sea Songs Mini-Concert Short Songs Hombo & Banjo 3:30 Scandinavian Polks Fiddle Parodies American Dance Storytelling 4 pm -Ballads Calling* Mini-Concert Labor Playford & 4:30-& Work Carter Family Songs of Apted Mini-Concert Robert Burns Songs Blues 5 pm Jingles, Ads & TV Themes Mini-Concert Victorian Challenging Drinking 5:30-Parlor Songs Songs Contras* Mini-Concert Mini-Concert 6 pm

8 pm -- DANCE with SWALLOWTAIL 8:30 pm-- SAMPLER CONCERT -- with HELEN SCHNEYER, DAVE OLIVE, BRUCE HUTTON & CRAIG JOHNSON, plus storyteller ANNE SHELDON

Takoma Park Jr. High



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the Feb. Newsletter is Wednesday, Jan. 15. All copy must be received by that date. Please include name and phone number for information. Send copy to:

> Juli Musgrave 1635 Belvedere Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20902

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met on Dec. 4. Last year's Nominating Committee recommended developing strategies to address the shortage of visible well-qualified people for Board positions, including expanding the informal use of committees to support many Board functions. The Board decided to appeal to FSGW members now for suggestions about who might serve on the Nominating Committee, and who might run for the Board this Spring. Please call Dwain Winters with ideas at (202) 382-7407.

Other Board decisions include inaugurating a senior citizen discount for all concert and dance events excepting house concerts, and the FSGW will no longer share its mailing list under any circumstances with any other groups.

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SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

Sunday night dances continue at Takoma Park Jr High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. These are not beginners dances, but all are welcome. Admission is \$3.50 for FSGW members and \$5.00 for non-members. Dances begin at 8:00 p.m. Jan.'s schedule is:

- Bob Dalsmer, calling contras and squares to the music of Tracy Swarz on fiddle and Peter on piano.
- 12 Papa Lou Shapiro, with Fiddlestyx, contras and squares.
- 19. Mark Elliott, with Alan Block, Chris Romaine, and Marc Glickman, squares and contras.
- 26 Swallowtail

CLASSIFIED ADS

CLASSIFIED AD POLICY: FSGW members only may place ads. Lost & Found ads are free; all others are \$1.00. Limit 15 words (three typed lines), which includes phone number with area code. Limit three ads per issue and three issues per year. Deadline is the same as that for regular Newsletter copy. Ads <u>must</u> be relevant to FSGW's stated purpose.

Freelance contra pianist: Available for jobs or jams. Experienced. Alice Markham (703) 437-1209

Cathedral Ave. Cacaphony: One hour tape cassette features Laura Laning & Janice Cole. Call Peter Sailer 244-9161

Hootenany: In your own home, 60's style; lead by folksinger. Very reasonable. Lisa Ruthberg (301) 572-7458

Experienced Musician: String bass/tuba. N. Orleans old-style jazz. Must read/improvise. Jack (301) 340-1713

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Experienced Piano Player: N. Orleans old-style jazz, blues, folk music 1890-1920. Read/ improvise. Jack (301) 340-1713

Guitar Lessons: Folk, classical, rock. Lessons planned for your interest. John Benaglia 234-1837

Recorder Lessons: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque music. Beginning lessons to advanced. John Benaglia 234-1837

Piano Lessons: Classical, contemporary keyboard, rock synthesizer, harpsichord. John Benaglia 234-1837

Non-FSGW News

Pete Seeger Honors Martin Luther King jr.

Pete Seeger joins the Urban Philharmonic Society in celebrating America's first National observance of Martin Luther King jr.'s holiday on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, 1518 M Street N.W. D.C. The acclaimed Washington Philharmonic, under the direction of Darrold Hunt, will perform spirituals, hymms and folk songs featuring Pete Seeger in rembrance of Dr. King. Ticket prices are \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$25.00, and may be ordered by calling 699-5440.

HMT Concert Series

HMT continues its Monday night concerts at the Takoma Cafe. Concerts are at 8:00 p.m. and admission is \$4.00 Refreshments are available. For more information call 270-1711.

Jan.'s schedule is:

- 6 Tracy Schwartz cajun & old-time
- 13 Ed Trickett, Cathy Barton & Dave Para
- 20 Alan Block fiddle
- 27 Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer folk/bluegrass

HMT Workshops

Tracy Schwarz will perform workshops on Jan. 4 from 2 to 6:00 p.m. and Jan. 5 from 1 to 5: p.m. on fiddle, accordian, guitar and vocals. Each workshop is \$20.00.

Alan Block will perform a fiddle workshop on Jan. 19 from 2 to 4:00 p.m. including dance styles, blues, and old time for intermediate level fiddlers. Admission is \$15.00 Call 270-9090 for more information and registration.

Smithsonian Concerts

The Smithsonian Museum will sponsor the following events in conjunction with the new exhibit, After the Revolution. Jeff Warner & Jeff Davis will perform in the Philadelphia Tavern area on Jan. 16 at 12 noon, and Swallowtail will present a program of New England Country dance music at the Hall of musical Instruments on Jan. 18 at 2:00 p.m. Both programs are free, and for more information call 357-4180 or 4184.

Cathy Fink at the Birchmere

Come enjoy an evening with Cathy Fink, Helen Schneyer and Craig Johnson at the Birchmere on Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 This is a concert in a series that Cathy will be presenting at the Birchmere.

Storytelling Series

Portraits in Motion at the National Portrait Gallery at 8th and F St.s N.W. will sponsor a storytelling series in Jan. with Jon Spellman and friends. The series is for adults and families, admission is free. For more information call 357-2700.

Jazz at Col. Brooks

The Pochartrain Causeway New Orleans Jazz Band (Preservation Hall Style) is currently playing at Col. Brooks Tavern on alternate Tuesdays. Col. Brooks is at 901 Monroe St. N.E. For more information call 529-4002.

FOLK ARCHIVE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Archive of Folk Culture at the Library of Congress needs volunteers to help with typing, filing, searching, etc. If you are free a few hours a week (on weekdays) and would like to help with this exciting and interesting work, call Joe Hickerson or Gerry Parsons at 287-5510.

CABOMA OPEN JAMS

The Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association (CABOMA) holds open jam sessions on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at the Lyon Park Community Center, North Fillmore St. at Pershing Dr., Arlington, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. For information call (703) 451-4785.

Takoma Cafe Concerts

The Takoma Cafe continues its music series at 1 Columbia Ave. Takoma Park. Admission is \$3.00. Call 270-2440 for more information. Jan.'s schedule is:

- 3/11 Open Mikes
- 4 <u>Kevin Jones singer/songwriter</u>
- 10 Robin Bullock folk
- ll <u>Side by Side</u> folk
- 18 Granny Crowe Bluegrass, blues
- 24 Red Toad Road Bluegrass
- 25 <u>Lilo</u>, Joann & Joe folk
- 31 <u>Steppin Out</u> Bluegrass

Bruce Hutton Concerts

Bruce Hutton will perform a family concert Sunday, Jan. 19 at 3:00 p.m. at Strathmore Hall, 10701 Rockville Pike in Rockville MD. Hutton will also perform children's concerts Feb. 15 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. at the National Theatre in Washington.

Dick Cerri Concert

A folk concert honoring WLTT's Dick Cerri and benefitting the World Folk Music Association will be held at GWU's Lisner Auditorium on Jan. 25 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 or \$25.00 for admission to the concert and a reception with Cerri and guest artists following the concert. Tickets are available by mail order only, by sending a check and SASE to World Folk Music Assoc. P.O. Box 40553 Washington, D.C. 20016.

Dance Events

Swing Dance Doings

The Swing Dance Committee invites you to a very special dance event on Jan. 4 at the Church of the Ascension Hall, 630 Silver Spring Ave. in Silver Spring, MD. They will be presenting Doc. Scantlin and his Imperial Palm Orchestra featuring vocalist Miss Rosey Pink. Fundamentals of Foxtrot workshop begins at 8:00 p.m. and the dance begins at 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00, and both couples and singles are welcome. For more information call Anne at 229-5845 eve.s or Leslie 226-7644 days.

Square Dances at the Barns

Square dances are scheduled at the Barns of Wolf Trap in Vienna, VA. on the first Saturday of each month. They will begin at 8:00 p.m. and admission is \$7.00. Tickets are available from Ticket Center outlets and at the Barns Box Office. Performers for Jan. will be Kate Charles, Marcy Marxer and Friends.

Reston Dance

Contras and squares will be called by Bob Hirsch and friends to the music of the June Apple String Band on Friday, Jan. 10 at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd. Beginners instruction is at 8:00 p.m., dance at 8:30. Admission is \$3.00. For more information call Alice Markham h. 437-1209 or w. 247-7711



Scottish Dance Classes

St. Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group will start a new beginner dance class on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 8:00 p.m. in Westbrook Elementary School, 5110 Allan Terrace, Bethesda, MD. Admission is \$1.00. Partners are not necessary, and beginners are welcome. Social dancing follows the classes. For more information call Meredith Morrison at 241-8940.

Arlington Square Dance

The Arlington Square Dance is held every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Beginners are welcome and a partner is not necessary. The Dance is held at Arlington Forest United Methodist Church at the corner of Rte. 50 & N. Henderson. Live music is provided. The Dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and for more information call1 Tom Hinds at 425-4275.

Friday Night Dance

The Dance Committee (not FSGW sponsored) sponsors squares and contras every Friday night at National Cathedral School at Woodley Rd. and Wisconsin Ave. in N.W. Washington. Enter from 36th Street between Woodley Rd and Lowell St.)ances begin at 8:30 p.m. and admission is \$4.00 fan.'s schedule is:

- 3 Rythm Ranch with Kate Charles
- 10 Hobotoe with Mark Elliott
- 17 Celtic Thunder with Fred Breunig
- 24 Swallowtail (at Takoma Park Jr. High)
- 31 Open Band with Bill Trautman For details call Mary K. Friday at 543-0355.

There will be an evening of dance to Western music on Jan. 25 at 8:00 p.m. The music is provided by Pokeweed Orchestra. Admission is \$6.00, dress is Western or casual. Call Herb Fredricksen at 840-2056 for more information.

SNURRDANSARNA

Learn the old pair dances of Scandinavia (polka, vals, schottis, mazurka, pols, hambo, hambo-polkett, släng polskas, etc.) Tuesdays 8-11 pm at the Takoma Park Junior High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Recorded music. \$2.00. For more information call Bill Warren at (301) 585-7916.

Mark the last weekend in April on your calendar for the 4th Chesapeake Spring Dance Weekend. We will be back at Camp Letts April 25-27 to enjoy great music, dancing, and fine Spring weather. The program will feature the usual assortment of outstanding musicians and callers. Watch for registration materials and more information in Feb.'s Newsletter. The camp is an annual sell-out, so plan to register early!

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