

THE SHORT SISTERS DEC.6

If you love to sing along on choruses, and if you love good singing, mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6, when **The Short Sisters** make their FSGW concert debut. Fay Baird, Kate Seeger, and Kim Wallach will perform at 8:30 pm at the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. Admission (tickets <u>ONLY</u> at the door) is \$5. for FSGW members and \$7. for nonmembers, with a \$1. discount for senior citizens. Plenty of free parking is available at the church.

Kim, Kate, and Fay are not sisters, nor are they particularly short. (Their short first names give the group its name.) They have been singing together since 1979. A typical Short Sisters performance includes rounds, ballads, a

variety of distinctive <u>a cappella</u> music ranging from American <u>Sacred Harp</u> songs to English drinking songs, and contemporary songs with a traditional flavor. The trio is known for its striking vocal harmonies and warm, humorous stage presence. They accompany themselves on banjo, autoharp, mandolin, and guitars. (Continued on Page 2)

JAMES STEWART FAITH GOSPEL SINGERS Monthly Program Friday, December 12

The December program will present one of our nearby resources, a fine group from Loudon County, Virginia. The **James Stewart Faith Gospel Singers** are organized around the Stewart family and their love for the spirited, harmonious religious music sung at Sunday services. Although they performed at the Washington Folk Festival a few years ago, this is their first full concert for FSGW.

The younger generation takes the lead in this evangelical choir, and James' piano playing provides the inspiration for much wonderful singing. The group performs regularly for several congregations of several denominations in Northern Virginia. The gospel spirit is very much alive as it grew up in Black, rural Appalachian churches. But it's not a museum piece, and we can expect to hear new gospel from the group's repertoire of more than 120 selections.

Join us in enjoying the traditional Black Gospel sounds of the James Stewart Faith Gospel Singers, Friday, December 12, at the WES Auditorium, 7750 16th St, NW (at Kalmia Rd.) in Washington. Admission to the 8:30 pm concert is FREE to FSGW members, \$4. to non-members, with a \$1 reduction for senior citizens, at the door.

INSIDE: Dances, Mini Festival, & More

Short Sisters Saturday, December 6

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Kim Wallach is well known to FSGW audiences as a fine solo performer and songwriter. Kate Seeger began singing and performing in family concerts, and met Kim at Wesleyan University, where both were students of Scottish singer Jean Redpath. Fay Baird learned traditional music playing banjo at contradances and singing with friends. Despite summer sabbaticals, master's degrees, solo musical careers, and the occasional wedding, the women have continued singing together since their first performance as a trio seven years ago. Be there December 6 and you'll know why!

SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

The Sunday Night Dances will continue at Takoma Park Junior High , 7611 Piney Branch Road (2 blocks or so north of Philadelphia Ave., [410, E-W Hwy]). The dances start at 8 pm and go until 11 pm. Admission is \$3.50 for FSGW Hembers, \$5. for nonmembers. Dancing is geared toward the intermediate to advanced dancer -- meaning little teaching, short walk throughs and lots of dance and music. December's schedule is:

- Dec. 7- Our own RODNEY SUTTON will supply the calls with THE HEARTBEATS to provide some powerful music. The Heartbeats include some of the best old-timey musicians around: Tara Nevins, Rose Sinclair, June Drucker, and Bev Smith. We don't hear them enough so don't miss this chance.
- Dec. 14- A Washington homecoming for Boston's (?) BRIDGET EDWARDS. Bridget's popular blend of squares and contras will be powered by the WILDCATS (Rafe Stefanini, Stefan Senders, and Carol Elizabeth Jones Reynolds). This is an all-star night not to be missed.
- Dec. 21- JANET PETERS from Princeton will call contras to the music of COLONEL MIKE'S DANCE BAND. This

collection of "special" Philadelphia musicians includes Bob Stein, Bob Pasquarello, and John Krum(!). Good dancing this night.

- Dec. 28- Finish the year with the hometown bunch. LOU SHAPIRO will lead us into the new year with squares, contras, and maybe some special dances. Music by THE FULL TILT BAND featuring Joe Meadows. If you've listened to more than half an hour of bluegrass music, you've probably heard Joe in one of his many stints with the best in the business.
- Jan. 4- The timely return of the ever popular SVALLOVTAIL. (No schedule snafus this time) Prepare for a tantalizing evening of your favorite New England contras...need we say more?

15th Annual Mini Festival set for January 24

The 15th Annual FSGW Mini Festival has been set for Saturday, January 24, 1987 at Takoma Park Jr. High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Takoma Park, MD, and features food prepared by singer, instrumentalist, and cook extraordinaire Debby McClatchy and her "Trail's End Kitchens" catering service. Details of the noon to 11 pm Festival are lacking at this time, but the event is typically one of the more enjoyable in the FSGW season.

NEEDED: People willing to help run the many workshops in music, song, crafts and dance, plus an evening dance and concert. There are many tasks necessary to make the event a success, and volunteers get to see this kind of event "from the inside." If you can help, or know someone who can, call Debbie Hutton at 270-2217 at the first opportunity.

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OPEN SING

Sondra Stigen will lead the December Open Sing Friday, December 5th, with the topic "'tis The Season," songs of the seasons, not necessarily Christmas. Singing starts at 8:30 pm, at the Washington Ethical Society Auditorium, 7750 16th St., NW (near Kalmia). \$2 Admission includes light refreshments.

Carly Gewirz asks everyone at the January Open Sing, Friday, January 2, to say, "Hello ... Goodbye" in song, and particularly desires ones which have good singable choruses. So remember all those songs of meeting and of parting, and come ready to share them.

Kyle Terrell leads the February Open Sing, topic TBA.

STORYTELLING MEETING

An informal meeting to swap stories and nibbles will be held Saturday, December 27 at 7:30 pm at the home of Anne Sheldon in Silver Spring. Call 588-5516 for directions. 123n4p3

GOSPEL SING

The Gospel Singers had a healthy turnout of melodious singers in November and will try to repeat that success in December. Come to Russ Scarato's house in College Park, MD at 4 pm, December 14. Call him at 345-7978 for directions. Bring something to share for dinner. All are welcome.

SACRED HARP SING

The Sacred Harp Sing will be held Sunday, December 28th, at 4 pm, in the home of Janine Smith in Bethesda, MD. She can be reached at 656-6338 or 670-8436 for directions. Please bring something for the potluck supper. Extra books are available and new singers are always welcome. Be there!

FSGV ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE WORKSHOPS

The next English Dance Workshop in the Fall Series will be held on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:30 pm in Christ Church Georgetown Parish Hall, 3116 "O" St., N.W. Guest leader will be Pat Talbot, CDSS teacher from Chicago. This is not a beginners' workshop, but all are welcome. Admission is \$3.50 for FSGW members; \$5. for nonmembers. Music will be by Liz Donaldson and Marty Taylor. For more information call Peter Fricke at (301)565-9530.

FSGU NEW YEAR'S DANCE

FSGW dancers and musicians will be celebrating New Year's Eve with a dress-up affair at historic Adelphi Mill. In the granary, contras and English country dances will be called by Tuppence Blackwell to the music of "Devil Among the Taylors" from 8 pm to 1 am; on the millstone floor there will be a potluck supper (7 pm-8 pm), a potluck dessert collation (10 pm), and carolling; in the mill-wheel room, musicians who wish to play and sing will be found. Tickets, available <u>IN ADVANCE ONLY</u>, are \$11. for FSGW members, \$13.50 for nonmembers. Space is limited, so get your ticket early. Look for flyers at the FSGW dances and concerts. For further information call Jo Ann Farley at (301)649-5497 or Peter Fricke at (301)565-9530.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The FSGW Executive Board will meet at the home of Publicity Chair Sondra Stigen in Silver Spring, MD on Wednesday, December 3rd at 8 pm. Any FSGW member may attend. Those with questions and/or agenda items for the Board should call President Dwain Winters [(301)229-5845] or Secretary David Paynter [(703)644-6669] prior to the meeting so the items can be added to the meeting agenda. For more information or directions call Sondra at (301)565-2395.

The January Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7 at the home of Treasurer Joel Bluestein on Capitol Hill.

Due to the FSGW's secretary's marriage in early November, there are no Board meeting highlights this month. Both December and November will be covered in the next issue of this Newsletter.



FSGW DANCE CHAIR RESIGNATION

Trina Royer, FSGW's dance chair for 1986-87, resigned as of November 10, due to the fact that she has been accepted as a member of the Green Grass Cloggers out of Asheville, North Carolina. Since she is moving to North Carolina she felt she couldn't continue as Dance Chair for FSGW. Currently, Dance events are being taken care of by Vice President Dave Eisner, Treasurer Joel Bluestein, and Member-at-Large Jim Spirer. The Board is looking for a replacement and hopes to appoint a new chair at the December Board Meeting. If you have any suggestions for a Dance Chair, or are interested in the position yourself, call either Dave Eisner at 270-9090 or Joel Bluestein at 544-7512.

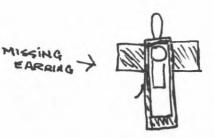
GETAWAY LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The following items are still looking for their owners, having been left at the 1986 FSGW Getaway:

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• a plaid shirt • a pair of glasses If any of these is yours, call Dolores Nichols at 938-4564 or leave a message on the FSGW Hotline (703) 281-2228.

LOST at the GETAVAY: One woman's earring, a silver circle with copper and brass rectangles hanging from it. If found, call Carly Gewirz at (703) 631-9655.



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DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE!

The deadline for the January issue of this <u>Newsletter</u> is Monday, December 15th. All copy is due at the home of editor Jennifer Woods, **NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, Monday, December 15th.** No copy will be accepted over the telephone. Please include a phone number where you can be reached in case the editor has any questions concerning your copy.

The January issue of this <u>Newsletter</u> will probably not reached people's homes until after the first weekend of January, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays which play havoc with both the Post Office and the printer. The editor feels she can't guarantee the January issue getting out early enough to cover events that weekend.

Send all copy for January to:

Jennifer Voods, FSGW Newsletter 1220 N. Vermont St., Arlington, VA 22201

For those who are new, or have lost the number, and have questions or need directions to hand-deliver copy, call (703) 528-8537.

ADVANCE WARNING: EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

Due to the fact that February is such a short month the deadline for the March issue will be Tuesday, February 10th in order to give the editor enough time to get the <u>Newsletter</u> typed and pasted-up so everyone will have the March issue in time for March events. The editor thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

FSGW EDITORIAL POLICY

We try to print all copy that is relevant to FSGW's purpose, and membership [Quote from the FSGW Bylaws: "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."] However, in most instances, it is simply impossible to print announcements in full. When space is tight, FSGW news receives top priority, followed by local non-FSGW news, followed by listings of out-of-town, Non-FSGW events.



GENERAL CONCERT POLICIES

Unless announced otherwise, FSGW <u>DOES NOT SELL ADVANCE</u> <u>TICKETS TO ANY EVENT!!!!</u> When advance tickets are available, information on purchase will be published in the <u>Newsletter</u> well in advance of the event. (1-3 months in advance) Admission prices announced in the <u>Newsletter</u> are the prices that are charged at the door for members and nonmembers. (Children under 12 are admitted for half the adult price; senior citizens receive a \$1. discount.)

The doors generally open at around 7:45 for an 8:30 concert, although audience members may have to wait to be seated until all sound checks are completed.

Other general rules-of-thumb include: [1] NO private taping of any FSGW concert; [2] NO flash photography of any FSGW concert without the expressed permission of (a) the FSGW person in charge, and (b) the performer; [3] NO smoking, eating, or drinking in the concert halls.

FSGW TAPING POLICY

When FSGW schedules concerts, the Society assures the performers that only an official, archival recording will be made--with their permission, of course--of their performance. It is FSGW's policy to allow <u>ABSOLUTELY NO</u> <u>TAPING</u> of any Society concert by individuals. In many cases, performers allow FSGW to make listening copies of official concert tapes for members. When this is allowed, a member pays: 1) a fee for the recording engineer's time, 2) the cost of cassette tape(s), <u>AND</u> 3) a royalty fee for the performer. For more information on obtaining material from FSGW's tape archive, contact our tape archivist, Mike Rivers at (703)241-7445,



CONING UP IN THE NEXT FEV NONTHS!

As a service to our members we will try and list what is coming up in the next months or so, so you can mark your calendars early and not miss something you really want to hear.

In January:

January 9- Louis Killan, traditional songs of Tyneside region of England, Monthly Program (WES)

January 17- Debby McClatchy-traditional folk, dulcimer & banio. Location TBA

January 24- 15th Annual Mini Festival Takoma Park Jr. High.

In February:

February 7- Orrin Starr-bluegrass guitar

February 13- Monthly Program, TBA

February 14- Ian MacGregor (of the Stewarts of Blair) House Concert

February 28- Our own Ed Trickett

Non-FSGW Events

HOUSE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS FALL CONCERT SERIES

The House of Musical Traditions fall concert series continues this month at 8 pm Mondays at the Takoma Cafe, No. 1 Columbia Ave., Takoma Park, MD. Admission is \$5, and drinks and snacks available. For information: HMT, 270-9090. This month schedule:

- Dec. 1 Pratie Heads: "More or less traditional Celtic music and songs.
- Dec. 8 The Heartbeats: All-female traditional string band.
- Dec. 15 Rafe Stefanini, Stefan Senders, and Carol Elizabeth Jones Reynolds: old-time songs and instrumentals.
- Dec. 22 Joe and Kathy Westra Hickerson, good vocal harmonies on seasonal songs.
- Dec. 29 Sodabread: traditional Irish dance music and songs.

RECORD SIGING PARTY AT HHT

Two new records by FSGW members Magpie and Marcy Marxer will be spotlighted at a Record Signing Party, as part of the Open House on Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 5 pm at the House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD. The new releases are "If It Ain't Love" (Magpie), and "Jump, Children," (Marcy) both on the Philo-Rounder label.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT HMT

The House of Musical Traditions, 7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD, announces an Open House -- part of the Old Town Takoma Holiday Open House celebration -- Friday through Sunday, December 5, 6, and 7. A special feature this year is a dual Record Signing Party, on Sunday featuring Magpie and Marcy Marxer.

The Open House hours are noon to 9 pm Friday, noon to 7 pm Saturday, and noon to 5 pm Sunday. Refreshments will be served all three days. Call 270-9090 for details.

CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER KIDS CONCERT DECEMBER 14TH

Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer will perform in a community concert for children on Sunday, December 14 at 2 pm, at the Elstad Theatre, 800 Florida Ave., N.E., on the Gallaudet University campus. The theatre seats 750 and is wholly accessible for the handicapped. Cathy and Marcy will be joined by sign language interpreter, Jean Lindquist. THERE WILL BE NO TICKET CHARGE. The concert is FREE but they request that people bring a NEW TOY for TOYS FOR TOTS. One toy per family or group is requested. For more information about this event call Community Music (301)270-3873.



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 (202)287-5510.

KATE WOLF BENEFIT AT BIRCHMERE DECEMBER 2

As this <u>Newsletter</u> goes to press, we are told that the tickets for the Kate Wolf Benefit concert on Tuesday, December 2nd at 8 pm at the Birchmere, 3901 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA are still available. Kate Wolf is a wonderful West Coast singer/songwriter who is ill with leukemia. Performers include the Seldom Scene, Tony Rice, Jonathan Edwards, Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer, Pete Kennedy, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and John Jennings. Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available at the House of Musical Traditions and the Birchmere. For more information call (301)270-3873.

VINTER TALES--SEASONAL STORIES WITH VOICES IN THE GLEN

On Friday, December 12 at 8:30 pm, Voices in the Glen will present <u>Winter Tales</u>, a program of seasonal stories from many traditions--NOT a Christmas program. This program is co-sponsored by the Reston Community Center and will be held in their theater. Tickets are \$3., reservations can be made in person at the Reston Community Center from 9 am to 9 pm, or with credit card by phone 24-hours at (703)476-1111. Storytellers for this program are Al Booth, Margaret Chatham, Ralph Chatham, Lawanda Randall, Bob Rovinsky and Anne Sheldon.

THE HOLLY & THE IVY, CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM VOICES IN THE GLEN, DECEMBER 20

On Saturday, December 20 at 8 pm, Voices in the Glen will present <u>The Holly and the Ivy</u>, a program of Christmas stories, unabashed and sentimental, told by Al Booth, Sharon Butler, Ralph Chatham, Anne Sheldon and Kay White. This concert is a benefit for the House of Ruth, a local shelter for homeless women (suggested donation \$4.) and will be held at the Writer's Center, Takoma Park, 6925 Willow Ave., 3 blocks from the Takoma Metro. Space is limited, call 588-5516 for reservations.

SHAKER LECTURE AT HIRSCHHORN

"Order is the Creation of Beauty", a lecture on Shaker culture and aesthetics takes place at 8 pm, Tuesday, January 13, at the Hirschhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Constitution Ave. at 7th St., S.W. Admission is \$7.50 to the public, \$6. to Smithsonian Associates.

SUGARLOAF CRAFTS FESTIVAL

The ninth annual Sugarloaf Winter Crafts Festival takes place December 12, 13, and 14 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, MD. Call (301)831-9191 before December 8 for details.

ROUNDHOUSE THEATER CONCERTS

A series of free concerts at the Roundhouse Theater, 12210 Bushey Dr., Silver Spring, Md. is sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. The 7:30 pm Sunday concerts spotlight: December 7, the Federal Jazz Commission (New Orleans sytle jazz).; December 14, Telltale (Diane Walder, Bruce Salan, and Keith Fletcher) country, folk and Western Swing; and Bob Clayton, old-time and mainstream folk with guitar, banjo and vocals. The Theater is near Randolph and Viers Mill Rds. (look for signs.)

CELTIC CHRISTMAS

The Dumbarton Concert Series ushers in the holiday season with an evening of music and verse from the chill world of Dylan Thomas and W.B. Yeats, Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 at 8 pm, at the Dumbarton Church, 3133 Dumbarton Ave., N.W. (Georgetown). The lute duo of Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton heads up a troupe of musicians including Celtic harpist Susan Richards, Irish drummer Myron Bretholz and Irish tin whistler Wendy Morrison.

Enjoy the Concert Cafe offering a pre-concert supper buffet, and Concert gallery, exhibiting works of artist Judith Briggs, from 6:30 pm.

Concert tickets are \$10 and are available in advance or at the door; students are half-price; senior citizens and children free. For tickets and further information call 965-2000.

SCOTTISH AND AMERICAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Scottish, English and colonial American music are featured at a concert entitled "The Babe of Bethlehem," at 8 pm, Saturday, December 6, at Gaston hall, Healy Building, on the campus of Georgetown University. Featured are Hesperus, early-music-ensemble-in-residence at Georgetown, Jubilo, Melissa Weaver-Dunning's shape-note-singing chorus from Charlottesville, and Linda Rice-Johnston.

Tickets are \$9 (\$5 students and senior citizens) at the door or by calling 525-7550.

MILL RUN DULCIMER BAND IN CONCERT

The Mill Run Dulcimer Band will appear in a special holiday concert at Colvin Run Mill Park on Saturday, December 6 from 7 to 9 pm. The Mill is located on Route 7 five miles west of Tyson's Corner.



TAKOMA CAFE CONCERTS

The Takoma Cafe, at Number One Columbia Ave. in Takoma Park, Md. offers concerts on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and some Sundays. Thursday and Sunday concerts are at 9:30 pm, Friday and Saturday's at 9:45, Call 270-2440 for further information. Suggested donation \$3. The schedule for this month is:

Thurs.	Dec.	4:	Bob Mulderig Original folk
Fri.	Dec.	5:	Open Mike
Sat.	Dec.	6:	Phyllis Alden & Ron Renninger
			Contemporary & original folk
Thurs.	Dec.	11:	Geoff King orig. country and folk
Fri.	Dec.	12:	d.a.r. Adulterated oldies
Sat.	Dec.	13:	Chance Shiver & Terry Harrison
			country and folk
Thurs.	Dec.	18:	Schaefer & Wendell Thirties Jazz
Fri.	Dec.	19:	<u>Open Nike</u>
Sat.	Dec.	20:	Red Toad Road bluegrass
Fri.	Dec.	26:	Bern Smith Contemporary Country origs.
Sat.	Dec.	27:	Side By Side Contemporary folk.
Fri.	Jan.	2:	Open Mike
Sat.	Jan.	3:	Lisa Walker blues & country
Every	Sunda	ay a	t 11 am Ed Schaefer will perform.

GRAZZ MATAZZ IN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Grazz Matazz will be featured in a Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon, December 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Walter Johnson High School Auditorium in Bethesda, MD. Grazz Matazz offers an exciting blend of bluegrass, blues and the new acoustic sound. This concert is a free gift to the community. The concert is a benefit to raise money for 3rd Base which is a support group for the unemployed. The City Church is sponsoring this special concert with Grazz Matazz. For more information call 258-7553.

9TH ANNUAL JEVISH FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

The 9th Annual Jewish Folk Arts Festival will be held Sunday, December 7 from noon to 6:30 pm at Montgomery Blair High School, Wayne Ave. and Dale Dr. in Silver Spring. All day there will be live music, song, dance, exhibits, workshops, food, children's activities, and more. General admission \$5., \$3. students and seniors, \$1 children 12 and under. Call (301)230-1369 for more information.

GALA HANUKAH CONCERT DECEMBER 27

The Jewish Folk Arts Society presents a gala Hanukah concert featuring Joe Glazer, Robyn Helzner and Company, Itzqueye, Flory Jagoda, King David's Harp, and Alan Oresky, plus a multimedia presentation on the American immigrant experience. It will be held on Saturday night, December 27, 8 pm at Blair High School (corner of Wayne Ave. and Dale Dr., near the Silver Spring Metro). Advance tickets are \$6., \$4. for students, seniors, and children under 12 and are available at the House of Musical Traditions, Common Concerns, and Abe's, Lisbon's book stores in Wheaton. Admission is \$1. more at the door. Call 585-4777 for more information.

CABOHA JAM SESSIONS

The Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association (CABONA) will hold open "jam sessions" on the second and fourth Sundays from 2 pm to 6 pm at the Lyon Park Community Center at the corner of N. Filmore St. and Pershing Dr. in Arlington, Virginia. These jams are held every month, all year RAIN or shine. For more information call (703)691-0727.

MUSICA ANTIQUA NOELS

The Embassy of France will sponsor an evening of 16th Century Noels from Savoie and Lyon on Wednesday evening, December 10, at La Maison Francaise, Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Rd., N.W., D.C. The performers, Musica Antiqua, feature voice, lute, viola de gamba and Renaissance woodwinds. Tickets to the 8 pm concert are \$8. at the door, or from Ticketplace. For reservations call 644-6045. Free parking is available.

SIDE BY SIDE APPEARANCES THIS NONTH

December appearance by Side by Side (Doris Justis and Sean McGhee) include: Dec. 1, WFMA Showcase at Ireland's Four Provinces; Dec. 2 at the Kate Wolf Benefit at the Birchmere; Dec. 6, Amnesty International (1 pm, place TBA) 544-0200.; Dec. 7, 11 am, Washington Ethical Socity.

Side By Side also run an Open Mike at Flanagan's in Bethesda on the 2nd Monday of each month starting at 9 pm.

BELIZAIRE THE CAJUN

A new film, featuring Armand Assante (acting) and Michael Doucet and Beausoloil (music), opened November 21 at the Key Theatre, 1222 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. Georgetown. Belizaire, the Cajun is set in pre-Civil War Louisiana, and is a murder mystery, quasi-cowboy tragedy romance comedy.



Dance Events

EDITORIAL POLICY FOR DANCE EVENTS

Because so many dancers seek dances with live musicians, all dance events articles submitted should state whether the music is live or recorded. We do this as a service to our members. No dance copy will be used unless it so states.

MONTHLY SVING DANCE DECEMBER 6th

On Saturday, December 6, the Washington Swing Dance Committee will present **Big Night Out** at their monthly dance. This Philadelphia - based 6-piece band plays the swinging dance music of the 40's, 50's and 60's and features three exciting vocalists with Andrews Sisters-like harmonies.

A basic jitterbug workshop begins at 8 pm, and the dance at 9 pm. The admission is \$6./person. This will take place at Northwood High School Gymnasium, 919 University Blvd. W, between Dennis Ave. and Lorain Ave. in Silver Spring, MD. The Gym is in the rear of the building and there is plenty of parking. There is a huge <u>wooden</u> floor so please wear soft soled shoes. For more information call Mary Pat Cooney at 588-5267.

CLOGGING AT CAPTAIN WHITE'S

Old time music for free style clogging on Thursdays, at Captain White's Oyster Bar and Clog Palace, 8123 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. 2 miles inside the Beltway on Georgia. Specially constructed wooden dance floor, revolving disco ball, and reflected lights. Free lessons. \$4. admission. For more information call (301)933-4493. The bands this month:

- Dec. 4: Fiddlestyx Dec. 11: Hambone Sweets String Band Dec. 18: Roustabout Dec. 25: No dance
- Jan. 1: No dance
- Jan. 8: Double Decker Stringband

TUESDAY NIGHT ADVANCED CONTRADANCE

This is a weekly contradance for experienced dancers at the Kennedy Warren Ballroom, 3133 Connecticut Ave., N.W. The Kennedy Warren has a wooden floor and is a fine art deco style hall. This dance is for dancers with substantial experience who feel comfortable with complex contras. There will be NO instruction. 8 pm to 11 pm. Admission is \$4. The dance is sponsored by the Dance Committee.

- Dec. 2: Claudio Buchwald with Evening Star (Steve Hickman, David Crandall, John Devine & June Drucker) with David McSpadden calling
- Dec. 9: Ken Haltenhoff with Sweet Potatoes
- Dec. 16: Caledonia
- Dec. 23: Bill Trautman with the Contra Doctors
- Dec. 30: Swallowtail
- Jan. 6: Laurie Andres and Claudio Buchwald

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

The Dance Committee -- a group of dancers NOT connected with FSGW -- sponsors squares and contras every Friday night. The dances are held at National Cathedral School at Woodley Road and Wisconsin Ave., in NW Washington. As long as we bring soft-soled shoes to change into and don't track in outside dirt, we will be able to dance in the large upstairs hall. Dances begin at 8:30 pm and admission is \$4. * unless otherwise noted. For further details, call the DC Dance HOTLINE -- 270-1678.

- Dec. 5: Fiddlestyx with Kate Charles calling
- Dec. 12: Open Band -- with Steve Hickman and calls by Bridget Edwards
- Dec. 19: Special Christmas Dance with music by the Blarney Stones and the "Caroling Calls" of Bob Dalsemer
- Dec. 26: NO DANCE
- Jan. 2: Laurie Andres and Friends with Claudio Buchwald calling

RESTON CONTRA & SQUARE DANCE

There will be contra and square dancing on Friday, December 5, at 8 pm at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, VA. Dances will be called by Bob Hirsch to the live music of the June Apple String band. All dances will be taught, and all levels of dancers are welcome. Admission is \$3. For information call Alice Markham (703)437-1209.

ARLINGTON SQUARE DANCE

Dances are held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at the Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, Rt. 50 and N. Henderson St. Beginners are welcome, and a partner is not necessary. Starting time is 8 pm. Admission is \$4. For more information call Tom 425-4275. The schedule for this month:

- Dec. 13 Tom Hinds with Andy Porter and Bruce Salan
- Dec. 27 Tom Hinds and Megaera Esmond calling. Music by Allen Leader and friends.

THE GREATER VASHINGTON CEILI CLUB MONTHLY DANCE

The Greater Washington Ceili Club will hold its monthly ceili on Sunday, December 28 from 5:30-9:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church auditorium, Connecticut Ave and Everett St., NW (at 36th St.) in DC (this is a new location as of last month). Featuring music by Celtic Thunder. Admission is \$6. nonmembers, \$5. Ceili Club members, children free. Parking at adjacent Murch school. Beginners and singles welcome! Potluck optional as usual. For more details, 924-2503 or 543-4474.

SANTA LUCIA GAMALDANS PARTY

A Gamaldans Party (Scandinavian couple turning dances), and candlelight celebration of upcoming Santa Lucia Day, with music by Peascods Gathering, will be held Saturday, December 6, 8:15-11 pm, at the Takoma Park Jr. High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. All welcome, beginner or advanced, single or paired. Admission is \$3. For more information call Carl Minkus (301)493-6281, Dick Atlee (703)522-2769, or Faith Coddington (301)762-4541.

18TH CENTURY DANCE PROGRAMS AT SHITHSONIAN

Jim Morrison will be in residence at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History for three weeks in December to conduct a series of programs on early American social dance as a part of the series "American Sampler: Musical Life in America, 1780-1800." Jim will lead dance workshops on December 6, 13, & 20 from 1 to 3 pm in the Mall of Musical Instruments with the able assistance of fiddler Steve Hickman. On Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18 Jim and Steve will present a program called Tunes and Anecdotes, using material from tune books and diaries of the period. These will take place in the Philadelphia Tavern on the Museum's second floor at noon and 1 pm. At 3 pm on those Thursdays there will be panel discussions on topics related to 18th century dance with Smithsonian and guest scholars, with Jim Morrison as moderator. All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is recommended for the dance workshops. For registration and information call Howard Bass, 357-4182.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CHRISTMAS PARTY

An English country dance Christmas party under candlelight, with music by Peascods Gathering, will be held on Saturday, December 13, 8:15 -11 pm, at Takoma Park Jr. High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd. Beginners and singles welcome. Admission is \$3. For more information call Carl Minkus (301)493-6281, Dick Atlee (703)522-2769, Bob Holloway (301)577-8241, or Faith Coddington (301)762-4541.

IRISH DANCING--PEGGY O'NEILL CEILI

Saturday, December 13th, 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. St. John's Auditorium, 5700 Sargent Rd., Chillum, MD. With the Ellis Island Ceili Band. Tickets are \$6. in advance, \$7. at the door, children under twelve free. Door Prizes, Raffle, Spot Dances. For more information call (703)241-1978 or 565-9169.

COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE

There will be a Community Square Dance on Friday, December 19, from 8 pm to 10 pm at Christ Congregational Church, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Live band (open band) with Bruce Strand calling. Dances will be traditional contras and squares. All dances will be taught.

NO DANCE AT THE GREAT FALLS GRANGE IN DECEMBER

There will be no dances at the Great Falls (VA) Grange in December. The next 8-week course (which probably will then become a regular dance) will be on Tuesday from 8-10 pm, starting January 6. Call Lou Shapiro (301)589-0217 for more information.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY DANCE, INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS OF BETHESDA

On Monday, December 15, the International Folk Dancers of Bethesda will hold their Annual Christmas-Channukah party at the Bethesda Community Recreation Center, 4506 Walsh St., Bethesda, Md. 652-2249. Dancing from 8 pm - 11:30. Admission \$3.50. No charge for children under 8. Music for dancing will be provided by the Peascods Gathering and BAMCO-The Brass Band of Washington. There will be a Pinata for children under 8. Parents must supervise their children. Contributions of your favorite ethnic recipe will be appreciated. Refreshments served. For more information, call Mel or Phyllis Diamond (301)871-6233. Wear your favorite ethnic folk dance costume.

SNURRDANSARNA

SNURRDANSARNA (Couple-Turning Dancers of Washington, D.C.) meet Tuesday evenings at the Takoma Park Jr. High, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., from 8-11 pm. Enjoy learning and doing couple-turning dances from Scandinavia (polka, vals, schottish, mazurka, pols, hambo, fynbo, etc.). Much of the recorded music is by ethnic musicians using their native styles. Admission \$2. For more information call Bill Warren at (301)585-7916.

INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCING IN BETHESDA

International Folkdancing, with Mel and Phyllis Diamond, Bethesda Community Recreation Center, 4506 Walsh St., Bethesda, Md., 652-2249. Monday evenings, except on some holidays (especially Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends). Instruction, 8:30-9:30, requests 9:30-10:30. The music is usually recorded. \$2.50 admission. For more information call Mel or Phyllis at (301)871-6233.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Bill Carter and Charlie Toxey teach international folk dancing Thursdays and Fridays (respectively) from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the D.C. Chevy Chase Recreation Center, Connecticut Ave., and McKinley St., N.W. Admission is free; recorded music. For further information call Roland Forbes (572-4215) about Thursday night dances, or Charlie Toxey (229-0455) about the Friday night dances.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE IN FOGGY BOTTOM

International folkdancing every Thursday. Beginners class 7:30 pm, no experience necessary, 2 left-footers welcome. International/advanced class 8:30 pm. Requests 9:30-10:45 pm. All ages, no partner necessary. St. Mary's Church, 730 23rd St., NW (between G & H Sts.) one block from Foggy Bottom Metro (Orange Line). Mostly recorded music, occasional parties and special workshops. Call Jamie for more information 547-6419.

ARLINGTON FOLK DANCE

The 19th year of Arlington International Folk Dancing with Sam & Sarah Stulberg meets at Key Elementary School, Key Blvd between Adams & Veitch, 3 blocks from Courthouse Metro, on Tuesdays, 8-10 pm. Non-stop dancing, instruction, recorded music, requests honored, refreshments, all ages, levels. Admission \$1.50. 527-8998 for information.

Out-Of-Town Events

FREDERICK COUNTY DANCES

The Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council and the Frederick City Dept. of Recreation sponsor squares, contras and waltzes every fourth Saturday of the month. Dances are held at the Frederick City Recreation Center, 2d & Bentz Sts. Our GALA CHRISTMAS COTILLION December 20, features Steve Hickman calling to the music of the Capitol Quicksteps. (NOTE SPECIAL TIME!! THIS DANCE IS ON THE THIRD SATURDAY. THERE IS NO FOURTH SATURDAY DANCE IN DECEMBER.) Wear your festive holiday finery !! A free dance workshop begins at 7 pm, with dancing from 8 to 11. Admission is \$5. for MMFAC, BFMS, and FSGW members; \$6. for nonmembers. Refreshments will be available. For directions or further information call Boe's Strings (301)662-0750. Membership to the Mid-Maryland Folk Arts Council is \$5. for individual or \$8. for family per year. Write MMFAC, P.O. Box 3603, Frederick, MD 21701. Hope to see you there.



BLUENONT VINTER BALL

The Bluemont Concert Series will be sponsoring the annual Bluemont Winter Ball on Saturday, December 20, beginning at 8 pm. The dance will be preceded by the traditional potluck supper at 6:30. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a dish to share. Music for the dance will be provided by the high and Mighty Possums (Joe DeZarn, fiddle and mandolin; Tabby Finch, piano, accordion, hammer dulcimer; Bob Melby, guitar, sax; Dave Melby, drums). The caller will be Howard Bass, calling New England and English contras and country dances. And there will be the annual sighting of the Bluemont Mummers to help raise the tone of the evening. The dance will be held at the Old Bluemont Schoolhouse. For information and directions call 703-955-2244 or 703-777-0574.

VINTER AUGUSTA

Spend a week with Jean Ritchie, Hazel Dickens, Mike Doucet, John Roberts in music classes and Caledonia, Larry Edelman, Ira Bernstein and more dancing. Winter Augusta, January 5-9, 12-16, Festival 16 and 17. For more information call Augusta 304-636-1902 Monday thru Friday, 9-5.

SHEPHERDSTOWN COUNTRY DANCE

Claudio Buchwald will call lively contras to the music of Steve Hickman and David Crandall on Saturday, December 6 at the Western Maryland Folklore Society's monthly dance in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The dances begin at 8 pm at the Men's Club on the corner of German and King Sts. Apple cider and pot luck snacks. For further information and directions call 304-876-2762 or 301-432-5745.

TRAPEZOID IN CONCERT IN BALTIMORE, DECEMBER 5

The World Folk Music Association presents Trapezoid in concert, on Friday, December 5th, at 8 pm at the College of Notre Dame. The concert will be held in LeClerc Hall at 4701 Charles Street. Tickets are \$7. in advance and \$9. at the door. To purchase tickets send a check and a stamped-selfaddressed envelope to the World Folk Music Association, 3 Greenwood Pl. Suite 307, Pikesville, MD. 21208. Anne Louise White, a local artist, will be opening for Trapezoid. For further information call 486-2077.

NETAMORA IN CONCERT IN BALTIMORE

Saturday, December 13, at 8 pm, a Winter Solstice Concert with Metamora (Malcolm Dalglish, Grey Larsen & Pete Sutherland) and special guests Ken Kolodner and Chris Norman at the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore, 5603 N. Charles (just north of Northern Parkway). Admission is \$8. For more information call 589-4920 in Silver Spring, or (301)578-1118 in Baltimore.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE IN BALTIMORE

New Year's Eve Dance in downtown Baltimore, MD featuring Swallowtail, Fiddlestyx, and Bob Dalsemer. 9 pm to 3 am. Cost: \$13 per person, advance sales only (last year was a sellout), cash bar. For tickets, write Bill O'Connor, 2916 Montebello Terrace, Baltimore, MD. 21214. For more information call (301)426-2844.

THE FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

The First Night Celebration (New Year's Eve) in downtown Charlottesville, VA. Fiddle Feet performs between 7 and 12 pm along with 49 other acts by dancers, musicians, and other entertainers. \$3. fee. (804)296-8269 or (804)973-7586.

DANCE FEST AT ASHOKAN

The New Years Winter Dance Fest at Ashokan, Wednesday, December 31 to Sunday, January 4, features an abundance of workshops, classes, and evening dances, plus bed and board, for \$195.00 per person (less if sleeping elsewhere). Write Fiddle and Dance Winter Fest, RD1, Box 489, West Hurley, NY 12491 for details, or call (914)338-2996.



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