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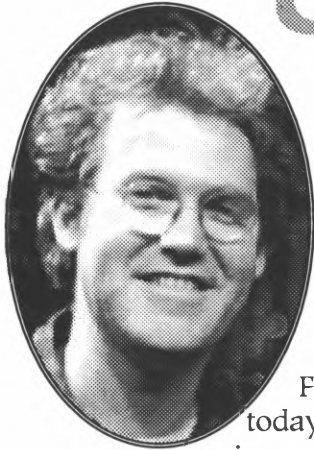
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January 2005

FSGW Special Event Concert

Glen Echo Town Hall

Brian Conway & Brendan Dolan



Irish music: Sligo-style fiddling

Saturday, January 8 • 8 pm

FSGW is proud to present **Brian Conway**, one of the finest fiddlers in Irish music today, joined by **Brendan Dolan**, a superb pianist, keyboardist, flutist, and whistle player in concert at **Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue, Glen Echo, MD.**

(Directions, page 14.)

Brian is a three-time All-Ireland champion with a new solo recording, *First Through the Gate*, on Smithsonian Folkways. Born in the Bronx to parents who had emigrated from County Tyrone, Brian is a New York fiddler whose playing comes straight from the Sligo tradition.

The Irish ethnic community in New York City kept alive and developed the traditions of the old country, and Brian received tunes and tutelage from the best of them. Brian's early mentors include **Martin Wynne** and **Andy McGann** who got their tunes right from **Michael Coleman**, **Paddy Killoran**, "**Professor Morrison**" and that crowd. His respect for the tradition caused some to label him a musical conservative, but he's really a musical conservationist, preserving and passing along the best of the past with the talent and imagination of the present, and making it his own music.

Brendan Dolan is the son of renowned Irish-traditional pianist **Felix Dolan**. He has worked with accordionist **John Whelan**, singer/songwriter **Cathie Ryan**, **Andy Statman**, **Itzhak Perlman**, and the group **Atlantic Bridge**. He frequently scores music for Cable TV companies, including MTV and The Discovery Channel, and in 1995 co-scored the Samuel Golden film "*Go Fish*."

FSGW Members, Irish Breakfast Band and afternoon workshop attendees: **\$12** Others: **\$15**. Residents of the Town of Glen Echo: Free. For further information, see the **FSGW website**, call the **FSGW hotline (202-546-2228)**. Or **Charlie Baum: special@fsgw.org or 301-587-2286**.

Mass transit: The closest bus is Ride-On Route 29, which connects from Friendship Heights Station on the Metro Red Line. The concert will end too late to catch a return bus, but talk to the FSGW people in charge when you arrive, and we'll arrange a ride back to the Metro, or perhaps even to home.

Brian and Brendan are also doing workshops for FSGW in Alexandria, VA. For full details on the workshop please see the article on the bottom of page 4.

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FSGW Sunday Night Dance**Glen Echo, MD**

FSGW Sunday Night Dance

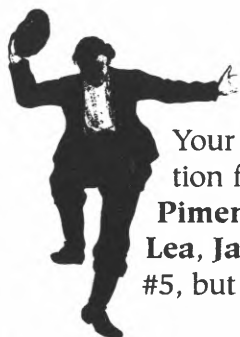
Contras & Squares

Sundays • 7:30 to 10:30 pm

In the Bumper Car Pavilion or the Spanish Ballroom (check dates) at Glen Echo Park (Directions, page 14). FSGW, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with awesome callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. **•••NEW! FREE WELCOME/ORIENTATION TO TRADITIONAL AMERICAN DANCE SESSION AT 7 PM. COME EARLY TO GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON ALL THIS STUFF, PERSONALIZED TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS! •••** Dances become more challenging later in the evening. **Admission \$8 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members; \$10 for the general public. Children 12 and under \$4.** Bring something to drink (no alcohol is permitted in the Park). If you use scented products, such as perfumes, please be considerate of those with allergies and use a gentle hand. **Info: Janine Smith at dance@fsgw.org or www.fsgw.org.**

January

- 2 Start the New Year out right (and left grand!) **Kathy Anderson** calls with **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar), **Kate Brett** (banjo), and **Kevin Enoch** (bass) playing some white hot, hard-driving tunes. *In the Ballroom.*
- 9 **TBA** calls with **Rose by the Door** playin' the hot tunz: **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Marty Taylor** (flute, piccolo, concertina), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). *In the Bumper Car Pavilion.*
- 16 Hey, ya don't gotta get up on Monday morning, do ya? No more lame excuses now, come out and experience **Notorious**: the phenomenal synergy of **Eden MacAdam-Somer** (fiddle) and **Larry Unger** (guitar, banjo, steel guitar). Caller **TBA**. *In the Ballroom.*
- 23 This band WOWED us last year and they're BAAAACK! **David Knight** (fiddle), **Hanneke Cassel** (fiddle), and **Dave Wiesler** (piano, guitar). Caller **TBA**. *In the Ballroom.*
- 30 Yep, you guessed it **TBA** is back to call with **TBA**. Always a great combination! *In the Ballroom.*

*From our Dance Chair:*

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

Your New Year's Resolutions: 1. Log onto www.fsgw.org. 2. Print Chesapeake registration form. 3. Send it in. 4. Mark on calendar: April 15-17, **Flapjack** with **Joseph Pimentel**, **Hoover Uprights** with **Beverly Smith**, English country dance with **Mary Lea**, **Jacqueline Schwab**, and **Brad Saylor**. 5. Cut carbs. Oh, lighten up, forget about #5, but 1-4 are CRITICAL to your dancing satisfaction in 2005.

Alan Jabbour & Ken Perlman



Appalachian & Down East Fiddle Tunes

Saturday, January 15 ■ 8 pm

Alan Jabbour and Ken Perlman will present the monthly FSGW program featuring Appalachian and Down East fiddle tunes, featuring most prominently the music Alan learned back in the 60s from his mentor, West Virginia fiddler **Henry Reed**. The interaction of fiddle and banjo in this duo is nothing short of extraordinary! Alan has a jaunty, lyrical fiddling style that is offset perfectly by Ken's inspired approach to clawhammer banjo, which features exploration of chord inversions, harmony lines, voice leading, note for note playing and counter-melody. History and anecdotes on the tunes, and on the lives of Reed and his contemporaries round out the presentation.

Alan says, "Ken and I met as instructors at Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp, high in the Colorado Rockies, and soon discovered that we enjoyed making music together. Under Ken's sway, I sallied into (and Southernized) a few Northern tunes. But mostly I tempted him back into the older Appalachian repertory he had originally explored a generation ago."

Alan Jabbour is not only a masterful fiddler, but also a widely respected folklorist whose collecting activities are a major factor behind the international revival of interest in Southern old-time music. Ken Perlman is a pioneer in the melodic clawhammer 5-string banjo style and master of fingerstyle guitar.

Ken and Alan play concerts, dances, and teach workshops on banjo, fiddle and old-time music history. Between them, they have been on the faculty at more than a score of prestigious acoustic music camps and teaching festivals.

The monthly program is **FREE** to FSGW members and **\$15** for non-members, though you're welcome to join FSGW at the door. It will be held at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., NW, Washington, DC. Directions to WES, page 14.

For more information, see www.fsgw.org or email **Charlie Pilzer** at program@fsgw.org.

General FSGW Concert Information

Unless specifically announced in the Newsletter, there are no advance tickets for FSGW events. All tickets are general admission, and are available at the door.

Doors generally open thirty minutes before the start of the concert.

Absolutely no audio recording or videotaping or photography is allowed at any FSGW concert without the express advance permission of **BOTH** the concert manager and the performer.



FSGW English Country Dances Wednesdays • 8 to 10:30 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the **Glen Echo Town Hall** (Directions, page 14). Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Talented callers are accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, harp, oboe, concertina, bassoon, and viola. Enjoy the welcoming crowd and light refreshments. Experienced and new dancers welcome, no partner needed.

Admission \$7 for FSGW members, \$9 for Non-members. Info: Norm Bernhardt at 301-320-2469; Stephanie Smith at 301-229-3577, or Roger Broseus at English@fsgw.org.

January

- 5 **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Harriet Kaplan** (cello) and **Julie Gorka** (piano)
- 12 **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Dan Gillespie** (recorders), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the music while **Rich Galloway** calls the dances
- 19 **Diane Schmit** leads the dance while **Paul Oorts** (mandolin), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) and **David Knight** (fiddle) make the music.
- 26 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the playing of **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Kendall Rogers** (piano), and **Howard Markham** (concertina)

FSGW Special Event Workshops

Alexandria, VA

WORKSHOPS with Brian Conway & Brendan Dolan

Sligo-style fiddling with Brian Conway

Irish-style flute (and/or piano accompaniment) with Brendan Dolan

Saturday, January 8 • 2-5 pm

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!!!!

Brian Conway will offer a workshop for intermediate to advanced students in the fine points of Sligo-style Irish fiddling, exploring the various techniques and nuances that give the Sligo style its inimitable lift and swing.

Brendan Dolan will offer a workshop in Irish flute (although if there is demand for Irish piano accompaniment, he will offer that workshop as well or instead), focusing on the nuances of Irish flute styles.

Workshop Fees: Members of FSGW or Irish Breakfast Band: \$30/Others: \$33.

At the home of **Sean Doherty** in the Del Ray section of Alexandria. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 15 students for each workshop. For reservations and directions, contact **Sean Doherty** at 703-548-3095 or mdoherty@erols.com.

FSGW Special Event House Concert**Laurel, MD**

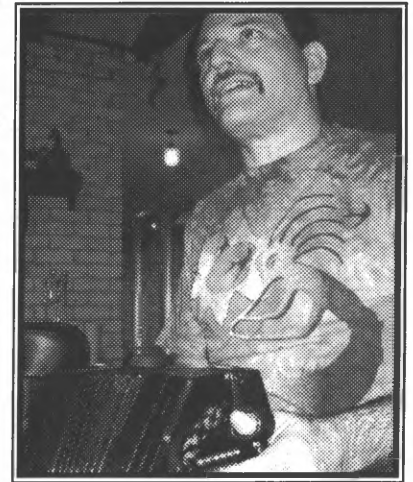
MARK GILSTON

Traditional music from all over the world

Wednesday, January 12 • 8 pm

Mark Gilston has been performing traditional folk music for over thirty years. His vast repertoire encompasses songs and instrumentals from North America and most of Europe, particularly the British Isles, Scandinavia, and the Balkans. His performances are laced with humor and tidbits of eclectic knowledge. Among the many instruments he plays are concertina, Appalachian dulcimer and Bulgarian bagpipes, just to name a few. He has given concerts at numerous colleges, clubs and coffee houses throughout the northeast US, as well as England and Canada; and he has been a featured performer and workshop leader for various folk music societies and at many folk festivals. Mark is currently performing music and living in Austin, Texas. He has a CD available on the CEI label. For further information, go to www.fsgw.org or call the FSGW hotline (202-546-2228). For further info and directions call Dennis or Judy Cook at 301-776-4314 or cooks@ceimd.com

Donation: FSGW Members: \$10 /Non-Members \$14. At the home of Dennis and Judy Cook in Laurel, MD. Sorry, not Metro accessible.

**FSGW Special Event House Concert and Sing-around • Takoma Park, MD**

MIKE AGRANOFF

"The very model of a modern folk musician."

Saturday, January 22 • 8 pm

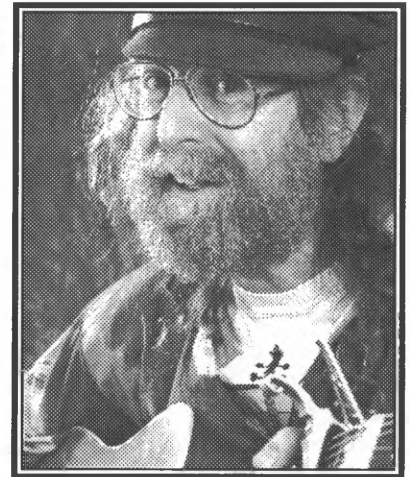
What Mike Agranoff does as a folk musician is a difficult to answer. He plays a superb fingerstyle guitar in idioms ranging from ancient harp tunes to obscure Tin-Pan-Alley compositions. His concertina arrangements of music by anyone from Bach to Berrymans may be haunting, complex, exciting, but are, above all, musical.

If you've been around the folk scene at all in the Northeast, you've probably seen him. He's that tall guy with the reddish beard going gray and funny hat with the light in it. And when the music starts, he's in the middle, adding to the chorus and probably knowing all the lines. His repertoire is not only varied, but vast.

Mike is not only a collector of songs and a master at arranging them, but is also a writer of songs and recitations. He has a keen ear for the best of the best, and this only enhances his own writing. Because one of the few things Mike likes to do more than sing is to get other people to share their songs, the concert portion of the evening will be followed by a sing-around. Bring songs to share!

Donation: FSGW Members: \$10/Non-Members \$14. For further information about the performer, contact Charlie Baum, FSGW Special Events Chair, at special@fsgw.org or 301-587-2286. At the home of Kathie Mack, Takoma Park, MD. Contact Kathie at 301-270-5367 or twizzles@starpower.net for directions.

Metro: A short three-block walk from the Takoma Station on the Red Line.



Other FSGW Events

FSGW New Year Sacred Harp Singing

• Arlington, VA

Saturday, January 1, 2005 • 3-8 pm

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. The annual New Year's Day Sacred Harp Singing begins an hour earlier than usual and attracts participation from a wide region. In addition to the 1991 *Sacred Harp* (loaner tunebooks available), we may also sing from the *American Christmas Harp*. Potluck at 6 pm followed by more singing. **Info: 301-229-8534.**

FSGW Open Sing • Kensington, MD

Friday, January 7 • 8:30 pm

Come to the FSGW Open Sing on the first Friday of each month. We take turns doing music that's connected (however vaguely) to a given topic. Sing, play, request a song, or just listen. People new to the Sing may present any song regardless of topic. Donations of refreshments are welcome, and singing usually lasts until around 11:45 pm. The January Sing will be held at the home of **Nancy King**. This month's topic is "Transitions." Well it's the New Year so out with the new and in with the old (or something like that). Can you believe we are already at the middle of the 00's? In honor of the middle of the decade we are focusing on "Transitions." Any kind of transitions would qualify — those in the natural world, in people's lives, in musical keys.... whatever. Remember, it's all in the rationale! So come join us and sing of change. Call **Nancy at 301-933-3073 for directions/info**. If you would like to receive monthly reminders of the Open Sings via e-mail please send a request to Jim Bunch at jabunch@umich.edu

FSGW Gospel Sing • Arlington, VA

Sunday, January 9 • 4-8 pm

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm with more singing after supper. Everyone is welcome! The January Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Debby Churchman** in Arlington, VA. **Info/directions: 703-532-2696.**

FSGW Monthly Sacred Harp Singing • Arlington, VA

Sunday, January 23 • 4- 8pm

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road. FSGW sponsors free group singings of early American hymns, anthems, and fugues in unaccompanied four-part harmony, monthly on the fourth Sunday. We sing from the 1991 *Sacred Harp* (loaner books

available) from 4 to 6, share a potluck supper, then sing some more. All are welcome. **Info: 301-229-8534.**

Directions: St. Peter's is one-half mile south of Chain Bridge, on the west side of Glebe Road (crossing from Washington, on your right; from Virginia, on your left). The church is not visible from Glebe Rd. Turn on Tazewell St. to reach the parking lot.

FSGW Storyswap

See www.fsgw.org for info on the January Storyswap.

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Glen Echo International Folkdancers • MD

Thursdays • 7:30-10:45 pm

The Glen Echo International Folkdancers meet Thursday nights at the Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive (next to the shopping center across the street from Glen Echo Park). Lesson at 7:30. Request dancing from 9-10:45. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary, but wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Admission \$5. Co-sponsored by FSGW. **Info: Jamie at 301-320-7099 or dancingplanet@erols.com.**

Family Dance • Glen Echo Town Hall

Sunday, January 9 • 3:30-5 pm

Bob Mathis will call to the music of **Andrea Hoag** and **Liz Donaldson**. Bob has been a leader of the family dance and other family programs for many years. He's also a fine caller. He'll be joined by Andrea (fiddle) and Liz (piano) for a high energy dance. Admission is still \$5 for the entire afternoon (age 4 and older). Bring your entire family, neighbors, church or synagogue group, birthday party, and girl or boy scout troop Produced by WMADI and cosponsored by FSGW. **For more information, www.dancingplanetproductions.com, or call Bob and Tali at 301-589-7539**

(Mostly Waltz) Dance Potpourri

• Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom

Sunday, January 23 • 3-6 pm

Dance the afternoon away with music provided by **Scotch Gambit**. The two Daves —**Dave Wiesler** (piano) and **David Knight** (fiddle) are joined by **Hanneke Cassell** (fiddle.) The name **Scotch Gambit** is a variation on an opening in chess in which the knight and the rook (or castle) sacrifice a pawn in order to establish a superior board position. There will be a lesson at 3 pm, followed by live music for waltz, tango, schottische, hambo, swing, and other couple dances. **For more information, call Jamie at 301-320-7099, or dancingplanet@erols.com.** Co-sponsored by FSGW and the World Music and Dance Institute. www.dancingplanetproductions.com.

FSGW Special Event House Concert

Washington, DC



*Ken
Waldman*
Alaska's Fiddling Poet

Old Time Music, Stories, and Poetry from Alaska

Wednesday, February 2 • 7:30 pm
(note early start time!)

Ken Waldman has drawn on his 18 years in Alaska to produce poems, stories and fiddle tunes, resulting in a unique performance that combines Alaskan tales and poetry with old-time Appalachian fiddle music.

A former college professor, Waldman has had more than 400 poems and stories published in national journals, and has worked full-time since 1994 as Alaska's Fiddling Poet, performing at some of the nation's leading clubs, bookstores, universities and arts festivals.

Waldman spent time teaching writing over the telephone at the Nome campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Then there was the 1996 plane crash that led locals to refer to him as "a walking dead man." He draws on his personal history and mixes it with observations on bush life to create a very Alaskan vision in his spoken works. His love of old-time fiddling has him to master the old tunes and occasionally compose new ones in the old style. Besides concert situations, he works regularly in classrooms (and will arrive that evening directly from teaching in a Montgomery County school.)

At the home of Doria Howe and Michael Stein in the Dupont Circle area of downtown DC. For further information, see www.fsgw.org or call the FSGW hotline (202-546-2228). Five blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro station on the Red Line. Street parking anywhere in the neighborhood, or the Universal building lot at Florida & 20th, NW. For travel instructions, precise directions, or reservations, contact them at doriah@aol.com or 202-986-0683. **Donation: FSGW Members: \$10/Non-Members \$12.** For further information about the performer, contact Charlie Baum, FSGW Special Events Chair, at special@fsgw.org or 301-587-2286.

Announcing...New FSGW Membership Dues!

NEW membership fees go into effect on February 6, 2005, at 12:01 am!!!

Renew now through February 5 (the day of the fabulous FSGW Mini Fest at the Takoma Park Middle School) and beat the rate hike! See back page of this newsletter for rate information and an application, or log on to www.fsgw.org, print a membership application and extend your membership before the new rates take effect.

NEW RATES

	Individual Memberships	Family Memberships
1 year	\$31	\$43
2 years	\$57	\$82
3 years	\$84	\$122
Lifetime	\$500	\$750

Student membership - \$22

Newsletter only - \$22 (Available ONLY to those living OUTSIDE the Greater Washington metro area)

Questions? Send an e-mail message to our Membership Chair at members@fsgw.org.

Mini-Fest — Update!

Are you an expert at the care and feeding of musicians? Good at math? Fond of rearranging furniture? Full of “sound” advice? Happiest when telling people where to go? Crafty? Then how about lending FSGW your skills on Saturday, February 5?

We need volunteer staff for:

- The hospitality room (including instrument wranglers)
- The FSGW membership table
- The admissions area (experience at keeping door sheets a plus).
- We need craftspeople to provide retail therapy.
- We need a few people to help with sound, and some fleet-footed “gophers” (appropriate so close to Groundhog Day).
- We need people who can come early, take notes (or digital photos) so that we can rearrange the chairs in the classrooms, but restore those classrooms to ready-for-school condition.
- We need people who can stay late (from 6-7:30), to help set up the concert and dance venues.
- We need people who can stay even later (after the concert and dance), to make sure that Takoma Park Middle School is at least as clean as it was when we started.

You'll still have plenty of time to sample the delights of the Mini-Fest — two hours of volunteer labor qualifies you for free admission.

If you can help, please email April and Jerry Blum at minifestival@fsgw.org, or call 703-978-2774.

CDSS Executive Committee Meeting in DC Metro Area • February 4-6

Members of the Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) Executive Committee will be holding a meeting in the D.C. area on February 5, and will also be participating in some local events, hosted by FSGW and the Friday Night Dancers, both CDSS affiliates. The CDSS Executive committee includes **Brad Foster**, CDSS Executive and Artistic Director; **Mary Devlin**, President; **Sandy Rotenberg**, Vice-President; **Rachel Winslow**, Treasurer; **Alisa Dodson**, Secretary; and at-large board members **Brooke Friendly**, **Bruce Hamilton**, **Craig Johnson**, **Joseph Pimentel**, **Mary Kay Schladweiler**, **Stephanie Smith**, and **Jane Srivastava**.

Executive Committee members will be attending and participating in the February 4 Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo, and in the FSGW Minifest evening dance on February 5 following the meeting. **Brooke Friendly** will be calling at the Baltimore English dance (January 31) and the FSGW English dance (February 2); **Mary Devlin** will be calling at the Baltimore contra dance (February 2); and at-large CDSS board member **David Millstone** will be calling at the FSGW Sunday night contra dance (February 6). Please come meet, chat, and dance with CDSS committee members at one of these events, and learn more about CDSS. **Stephanie Smith** is coordinating local arrangements. If you are interested in helping out with logistics such as transportation and meals, please contact **Stephanie** at dancesmith@verizon.net.

Concerts & Concert Series

Shepherdstown Music and Dance International Concert Series • WV

Saturday, January 22 • 8 pm

Music of the Andes is what is played by the *Mystic Warriors*, founded by **Andres and Marco Mallea** in Washington, DC in 1993, and later joined by **Omar Martinez**. Playing a rich synthesis of traditional music of the Inca on the acoustic instruments of the region including the *paku siku* (a double-rowed pan flute), *quena* (a traditional end-blown flute,) *charango*, *quatro*, *guitarron* and the *bombo leguero* (log drum); they delight audiences with their fluid virtuosity. In a rare totally acoustic event, these fine musicians will have you feeling like you are flying with the condors. Admission \$12 adults, \$10 SMD members and seniors and \$6 children. At Shepherd College's Frank Center. For more information call: **Joanie Blanton 304-263-2531** or updf@earthlink.net. On the web at www.smad.info.

Hank Williams Tribute at Birchmere • Alexandria, VA

Saturday, January 1 • 7:30 pm

At 3701 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA. With **Robin and Linda Williams, Bill Kirchen, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, Dave Giegerich, Rickei Simpkins, Ralph Gordon**. Ticket info: 1-800-551-SEAT

CONCERT SERIES

Sundays

Steve Key's Music Showcase • Silver Spring MD Sundays 7-10 pm

Held at the Austin Grill, 919 Ellsworth Dr. (between Georgia and Fenton), Silver Spring MD 20910, 240-247-8969, www.austingrill.com. Each show includes a featured act (8:15-9); nine others play 3 songs apiece. No cover, but donations accepted during the featured set. Interested performers may contact host **Steve Key** at steve@stevekey.com

January

- 2 No show, HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 9 **Naked Blue** (Baltimore duo, **Scott & Jen Smith**)
- 16 **J.B. Beverley & BanjerDan** (rockabilly roots songwriters)
- 23 **Paul Iwancio** (Baltimore singer-songwriter)
- 30 **David Childers** (from North Carolina)



Focus Concert Series • Alexandria, VA

Sunday, January 9 • 7 p.m.

Bill Staines headlines and **Meghan Cary** opens at the Focus Inn Alexandria, at 2280 N. Beauregard St. (Church of the Resurrection). **\$12 general, \$10 members**. Contact: **Herb** at 703-548-8699, herb-cl@earthlink.net or log onto www.focusmusic.org for more details.

Mondays

Institute of Musical Traditions (IMT) Series

• Silver Spring, MD

Mondays • 8 pm unless otherwise noted

All concerts are at Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, 10309 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD.

January

- 3 **The Bog Wanderers**
- 10 **Ferintosh**
- 17 **Reverb**
- 24 **Work o' The Weavers**

For tickets, please call 301-754-3611 or go to <http://www.imtfolk.org>

Steve Key's Music Showcase • Frederick, MD

Mondays • 7-10 pm

Held at the Frederick Coffee Co., 100 N. East St. (corner of E. Church St.), Frederick MD. 301-698-0039 Each show includes a featured act (9:15-10); nine others play 3 songs apiece. No cover, but donations accepted during the featured set. Interested performers may contact host **Steve Key** at steve@stevekey.com

January

- 3 **BanjerDan** (banjo-guitar-dobro songwriter)
- 10 **Naked Blue** (Baltimore duo, **Scott & Jen Smith**)
- 17 **Lori Kelley & Cletus Kennelly** (Wammie-winning songwriters)
- 24 **Mark McKay** (Frederick-based Americana artist)
- 31 **David Childers** (from North Carolina)

Tuesdays

Folk Club of Herndon Reston • VA

Tuesday, January • 7:30 pm

Sheryl Warner & The Southside Homewreckers. Straight-up blues and ragtime tunes with a modern edge. Sheryl is "One of the most expressive and powerful voices in blues today." - *Dirty Linen*. With **Gregg Kimball** (propulsive guitar) and **Rick Manson** (gritty yet lyrical harmonica.) Hosted by the Folk Club of

Concerts & Concert Series *continued*

Reston-Herndon at the Tortilla Factory Restaurant, 648 Elden St. Doors open 6pm. \$10 (\$9 Folk Club members). 703-435-2402 or clubacoustic@erols.com.

Wednesdays**Steve Key's Music Showcase • Alexandria, VA**
Wednesdays 7-10 pm

Each show includes a featured act (8:15-9); nine others play 3 songs apiece. No cover, but donations accepted during the featured set. Held at Stella's, 1725 Duke St., Alexandria VA 22314, 703-519-1946, www.stellas.com Interested performers may contact host **Steve Key** at steve@stevekey.com.

January

- 5 **Mark Austin**
- 12 **Michelle Swan**
- 19 **Piano Night featuring Joanne Stato**
- 26 **Dulcie Taylor**
- Feb. 2 **Drew Gibson**

Baldwin's Station • Sykesville, MD
Wednesdays 8 pm

At 7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD. For descriptions of the shows and current information, see our web page on the Internet: www.baldwinsstation.com

Tickets and directions 410-795-1041

January

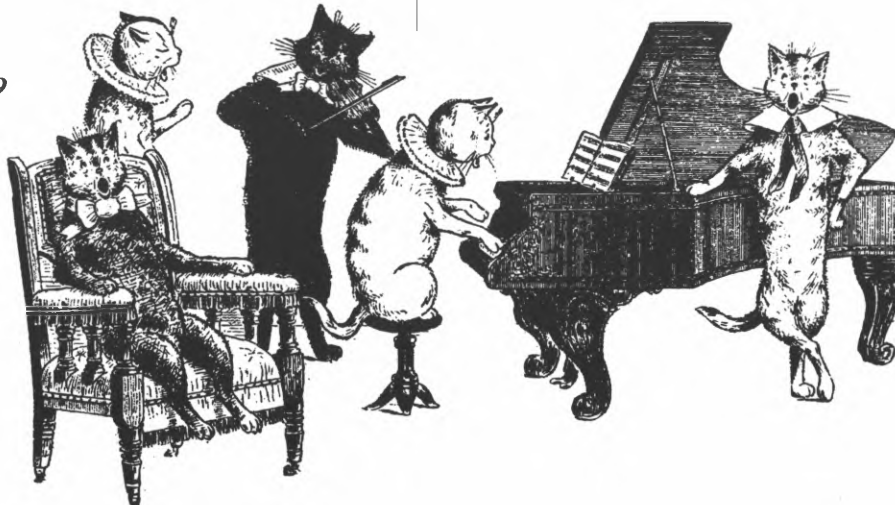
- 12 **Mike Cross**
- 19 **Tony Trischka**

Focus Concert Series • Rockville, MD
"Focus Presents Vic's Music Corner."
Wednesdays • 8 pm

At O'Brien's BBQ, 387 E. Gude Drive. \$15 general, \$12 members. **Contact: David at spitzerd@earthlink.net, O'Brien's at 301-762-3395 or www.focusmusic.org.**

January

- 12 **Tanglefoot**
- 26 **We're About 9**

**Fridays****The Cellar Stage at St. John's • Baltimore, MD**

Co-sponsored by Uptown Concerts and St. John's of Hamilton, at the United Methodist Church, 5315 Harford Rd. Access the large parking lot from Gibbons Avenue. **Information call 410-922-5210.**

January

- 7 **Bill Staines**
- 14 **No show –we're all in DC for the WFMA weekend concerts at the Birchmere**
- 21 **John Gorka**
- 28 **Allegheny Uprising**

Saturdays**Joe Isaacs Music Matters Showcase • Columbia, MD****Saturday • 7 pm**

7-10 pm at Mad City Café, 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, Columbia (410-964-0671).

No cover. At a music showcase, you get to hear several small shows in one night and an eclectic mix of styles. All performers each play a half hour set. Donations go 100% to the Sierra Club. Enjoy the best of a variety of artists! Discover new talent! We have had everything from award winning artists, to performers who have been on radio and television, to exciting new emerging talent. Come out and and enjoy a free mini music festival! More info at: www.josephisaacs.com

January

- 8 **Adam Day, Rick LaRocca, Dim Lites, and Eileen Bernstein**
- 22 **Chris and Joylene Show, Brennan Kuhns, Dharma Bums, John Thayer**

Dances

CONTRA

Sundays

The FSGW Sunday Night Dances are listed on page 2.

Bear Dancers Sunday Contra Dance • Bear, DE Sunday, January 9 • 2-5 pm

Musicians and caller TBA. At 208 Mariners Way, Bear, DE. Suggested donation \$6, all proceeds to performers. Please check www.baltwirl.com for updated info.

Info/directions: dancers@baltwirl.com or 302-838-0493 x5 or www.baltwirl.com.

Directions: from Baltimore/DC: I95 north to Del state line, take Exit 1 (Rte 896 South); just past Denny Road turn left onto Howell School Road. At T intersection with Red Lion Road turn left, cross RR tracks and turn right onto Kirkwood/St. George's Road for about 0.5 miles, then right onto Mariners Watch. Check web site for directions to avoid tolls.

Wednesdays

BFMS Lovely Lane Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD Wednesdays, 8-11 pm

Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD. Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. All dances are taught and walked through. Beginners are always welcome and are encouraged to arrive promptly at 8 pm. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. Free beginners' workshops on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30. Admission is \$7 for BFMS/FSGW members, \$10 for non-members. \$2 student discount. Info: www.bfms.org or Greg Frock at 410-433-4419.

January

- 5 Janine Smith calling to *Gypsy Meltdown*
- 12 Greg Frock calling to *Mostly Mortal Wombat*
- 19 Susan Taylor calling to *Looney Tunes*
- 26 Steve Gester calling to the *Open Band*

Fridays

Friday Night Contra Dance • Glen Echo, MD Fridays • 8:30-11:30 pm

The Friday Night Dancers, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County & the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture sponsor contra dances with occasional squares and couple dances to live music in Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom located at MacArthur Blvd. and Goldsboro Rd. The new dancer class starts at 7:30 pm. Dances start at 8:30. Admission price is \$8.

To play for or call a dance, send an email to fnd-booking@folkdancer.com. For other information, see our webpage at <http://fnd.folkdancer.com>

January

- 7 Ann Fallon calls to *Waverley Station* — David Knight (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), Ralph Gordon (bass) — a high energy band featuring local talent with years of experience delighting Glen Echo dancers.
- 14 Greg Frock calls with the fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band*.
- 21 Ted Hodapp calls to the *Morrison Brothers* (Owen, Jim and Will) This family from down the Valley will keep the Ballroom warm with their hot music.
- 28 Janine Smith calls to *House Red* — Jonathan Thielen (fiddle), Owen Morrison (guitar, mandolin), and Shawn Brenneman (piano): a really hot band that plays so fast they have to be innovative; the old tunes just can't keep up

Saturdays

Reston Contra Dance • Reston, VA Saturday, January 8 • 8-10:45 pm

To start our winter series, Eva Murray calls to the lively music of *June Apple* at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston, VA. New dancers' workshop 7:15-8 p.m. Admission \$7 (includes workshop). Snacks appreciated for the break (juice is provided). Info: Alice Markham 703-709-9121. Community Center (for directions) 703-476-4500.

Second Saturday Contra • Pikesville, MD January 8 • 8-11 pm


Free dance lesson at 7:30. \$10/\$8 BFMS members & affiliates; \$2 student discount. St. Marks on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway.

Info: satdance@bfms.org, www.bfms.org
Sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society.

Bluemont Contra • Purcellville, VA January 15 • 8pm

Start your New Year out right with the Bluemont Dance, at the Purcellville Skating Rink! Laura Brown calls to *The Mighty Possums*. Be sure to check the website for directions and info on the rest of the season's schedule. Beginners workshop at 7:30, dance 8:00-11:00. Potluck refreshments. Admission: \$7, \$5 for Bluemont friends and students. Info: www.bluemont.org or 703-777-6306

January 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><i>For last year's words belong to last year's language And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">~T.S. Eliot</p>				
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<p>9</p> <p>2 CABOMA Jam 3:30 1920's & 1930's Dance 3:30 Family Dance, Glen Echo 4 FSGW GOSPEL SING 4 Alpine Dancers 7 Focus Concert, VA 7 Steve Key's Music Showcase/SS 7:30 FSGW SUNDAY CONTRA TBA CALLS TO ROSE BY THE DOOR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 Bluemont Morris 7 Steve Key's Music Showcase/Fred 7:30 Bethesda Intl Dance 7:30 Circle Dance, Bethesda 7:30 Jammin' Java Open Mic 8 IMT Concert 8 Baltimore English Country 8 NW Wash Scottish Country</p> <p><u>FSGW Newsletter Deadline</u></p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 Silver Spring Israeli Dance 7:30 Herndon Reston Folk Club 7:45 Herndon English Country 8:30 Hot Squares/College Park 8 Arlington Intl Dance 8 Greenbelt Scottish Country 8 Silver Spring Squares 8 SpeakEasy Storytellers/DC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 Steve Key's Music Showcase/Fred 7 Laurel Jam Session 7:30 Alexandria Scottish Country 7:30 Swiss Folk Dance (DC) 8 FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY 8 FSGW HOUSE CONCERT MARK GILSTON 8 Baltimore Contra (Lovely Ln) 8 Baldwin's Station Concert 8 Columbia Intl Dance 8 Focus Concert/Vic's Music/MD 8:15 Potomac Israeli Dance</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 Irish M 7:30 FSGW 7:30 Chevy 8 Mt. Ver 8 Foggy B 8 America 8 Circle D</p>
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Saturday, February 5, 2005
FSGW Annual Mini Fest
 12 noon to 10:30 pm
Takoma Park Middle School

**FSGW
ADVANCE
NOTICE**

MINI FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 5
12 noon to 10:30 pm
 Takoma Park Middle School,
 Takoma Park, MD

Saturday, March 2
GORDON BOK
 Unitarian Universalist Church
 of Silver Spring
 (New Hampshire Ave.)

Thursday, March 31
ATLANTIC CROSSING
music from Vermont
 Glen Echo Town Hall

**POTOMAC SACRED
HARP SINGING
CONVENTION**
April 2 & 3, 2005

**CHESAPEAKE DANCE
WEEKEND**
April 15-17, 2005
 Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

**25TH WASHINGTON
FOLK FESTIVAL**
June 4 & 5, 2005
 Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

**41ST ANNUAL
FSGW GETAWAY**
October 14-17, 2005
 Camp Ramblewood, MD

**42ND ANNUAL
FSGW GETAWAY**
NOVEMBER 3-5, 2006
 West River Camp, Edgewater, MD

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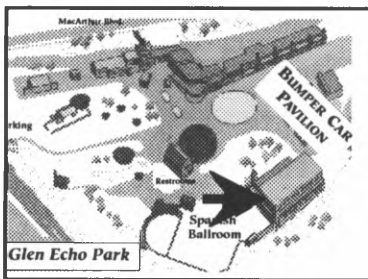
Washington Ethical Society (WES)

Auditorium. 7750 16th St., NW, just south of the intersection of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St., about four blocks inside the DC/MD line.

From the Beltway: Take the Georgia Avenue South exit. Stay in either right lane. Go 0.4 miles from the exit ramp, where the right lanes curve and put you on 16th St South. Follow 16th past East-West Hwy (Rte 410); cross the MD/DC line at Portal Dr. Kalmia Road is the first traffic signal south of the line, and WES is the second building on the right after you cross Kalmia. You may park on Kalmia Road by turning right at the light, or on either side of 16th St.

By Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring. Exit and walk southwest on Colesville Road two blocks to the traffic circle; cross 16th Street, then walk south 4 blocks on 16th Street to the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., the second building on the right after Kalmia Road, NW. If you'd rather not walk, an S-4 Metrobus will deliver you to the corner of Kalmia Rd. and 16th St.

Spanish Ballroom/Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park. 7300 MacArthur Blvd. at Goldsboro Rd, in Glen Echo, MD.



The Bumper Car Pavilion is located just past and to the right of the carousel.

From the Beltway:

MARYLAND SIDE: at 2-lane Exit 40 take the left fork for Cabin John Parkway. Where Cabin John merges with Clara Barton

Pkwy, move into the left lane, under the overhang.

VIRGINIA SIDE: get into the far right hand lane at the top of the bridge. At the first fork, bear right. Stay in the left lane; watch for Cabin John traffic merging from the right at the overhang.

MD/VA: Watch for signs to MacArthur Blvd. Make a very sharp hairpin turn and move immediately into the right lane. At the T intersection/stop sign, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. Upper parking lot on the left. For lower parking lot, go around the small traffic circle and make the first left onto Oxford St.

By public transportation: Take the #29 bus from the Friendship Heights Metro Station. Ask the driver to let you know when to get off for Glen Echo Park. The bus stops running before the dance ends. Ask the dance coordinator to announce you need a ride. We've never left anybody at the park. Last bus leaves Friendship Heights Metro at 7:30 pm.

Glen Echo Town Hall

6106 Harvard St., Glen Echo, MD:

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PLEASE NOTE: Please park in the lot behind the hall, on University Drive, or on the east side of MacArthur, NOT on Harvard Street.

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FSGW Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 4 • 8 pm

The monthly FSGW board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 at Glen Echo Park. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate board member or **Anne Sergeant, FSGW President, at 301.270.4553** in advance of the meeting.

Dances continued

Locust Lane Contra • Harrisburg, PA

2nd, 4th & sometimes 5th Fridays • 7:30pm

Contra Dancing Keeps on Going! Lively music, community based style from Celtic and Appalachian heritage, easy format. Come singly or whole family. All ages and experience levels welcome. Light refreshments provided, snack donations add to the atmosphere. 7:30 to 8 pm free new dancers workshop, dance 8pm-11pm. Students \$4, adults \$9 At 5501 Locust Lane. **Info:** <http://locustlanecontra.freeservers.com/>

ATDS (Annapolis) 3rd Saturday Contra • Severna Park, MD

Saturday, January 15 • 8 pm

Susan Hankin calls to the *Cacklin' Hens and Roosters Too*. Free dance lesson at 7:30 pm, \$7 members, \$9 non-members. ••••Note new location!!!. The Holy Grounds Youth Center at the Community Center, 623 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD. •••• Sponsored by the Annapolis Traditional Dance Society. Please check the website for directions, call, or email for more information: <http://www.contradancers.com/atds>, or 410-451-1791, or pshaf@yahoo.com

Lancaster Contra Dance • PA

Saturday, January 15 • 8 pm

Featuring Lancaster's *The Lonesome Stragglers*, and Perry Shafran calling. At St. John's Episcopal Church 321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA Beginners workshop at 7 pm. Dance 8-11 pm. **For information call Shane at 717-390-7277 or email Shirley at sam@mcc.org. \$7/\$4**

4th Saturday Contra Dance • Frederick, MD

Saturday, January 22 • 8 pm

Michael Schechtman will call the figures to music provided by *The SKAM Artists*. Dance is held at the Trinity school near Harry Grove Stadium. Admission \$7; under 16 \$3. Beginners' workshop at 7 pm; dance starts at 8 pm. **Info/directions:** www.contradancers.com or call Boe Walker at 301-694-6794.

ENGLISH COUNTRY

Mondays

English Country Dance (BFMS) • Pikesville, MD Mondays • 8-10:30 pm

English Country Dancing is joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. The figures are simple, and each dance is taught and walked through. New dancers are always welcome. Beginners' workshop on the first Monday promptly at 7:30 pm.

Sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. Admission: \$6 for Members, \$8 for Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Road, 0.5 miles from Exit 20 South, Baltimore Beltway. **Info: Mike Franch at 410-889-3252**

January

- 3 Caller Diane Schmit with Liz Donaldson, Jeff Steinberg, and Marty Taylor
- 10 Caller Sharon McKinley with Ralph Barthine, Karin Loya, and Colleen Reed
- 17 Caller Susan Taylor with Julie Gorka, Edie Stern, and Marty Taylor
- 24 Caller Christopher Field with Robbin Schaffer, Becky Ross and Robin Wilson
- 31 Special Treat. Caller Brooke Friendly from Oregon with Jonathan Jensen, Paul Oorts, and Carl Friedman

Tuesdays

English Country Dance (CDSS) • Herndon, VA 2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 7:45-10 pm

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St. Herndon, VA. Workshop includes figures, phrasing and style. Live music (guest musicians welcome— call in advance). \$3. No partner or experience necessary. **Info/musicians: Barbara Harding at 703-437-3615.**

January

- 11 Donn Williams, guitar
- 25 Colleen Reed, flute.

Wednesdays

FSGW English Country Dance • Glen Echo, MD See the listing on page 4.

Saturdays

English Country Dance • Silver Spring, MD Saturday, January 8 • 8- 10:45 pm

At Sligo Middle School, 1401 Dennis Ave. Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*, calling by Barbara Harding and Bob Farrall. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. **Info: Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, Karla Farrall 301-577-5018.**

English Country Dance (CDSS) • Herndon, VA Saturday, January 15 • 8 pm

At Harding Hall, 730 Jackson St, Herndon, VA. Caller Barbara Harding with recorded music. No experience or partner necessary. Free. **Info: Barbara at 703-437-3615. E-mail: bharding@quixnet.net.**

Dances continued**INTERNATIONAL****ALPINE/SWISS****Sundays****Alpine Dancers - New Carrollton, MD**
Sundays, January 9 and 23 • 4-6:30 pm

Alpine Dancers hold free, open practice at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, near Washington Beltway exit 20A. New dancers welcome. Couple and trio figure dances from Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Recorded and live music. Confirm dates, as practices may be replaced by performances. **Info/directions: Herbert & Carol Traxler, 301-577-3503; Regina Loffredo, 301-464-9193, www.alpinedancers.org email caroltraxler@yahoo.com; www.traxlers.org/events.**

Wednesdays**Swiss Folklore Group • NW Washington, DC**
2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7:30-9 pm

Open dance at the Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Ave, NW. No partner needed, taped music, free. **Info: 301.530.5643 or email: franw@olg.com**

CEILI/IRISH**2nd Saturday Ceili • Fairfax, VA**
January 8 • 7:30-11 pm

Workshop at 7. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) sponsors this dance at the John Wood Center, 3730 Old Lee Hwy in Fairfax. Workshop 7pm. **The Bog Wanderers Ceili Band** plays. Free tea, coffee, sodabread. Softdrinks \$0.75 Admission: Members \$10, non-members \$12, 6-16 \$6; maximum family charge \$25. **Info: Vickie Barr 703-521-4340**

INTERNATIONAL**Mondays****Bethesda International Folk Dancers • MD**
Mondays • 7:30-10 pm

At the Leland Community Center. Call Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, e-mail diamonddancecircle@comcast.net or visit our website: www.diamonddancecircle.com.

Sacred Circle Dance • Bethesda, MD
Mondays • 7:30-9 pm (except January 17)

Dance on the exquisite wooden floor in the sanctuary of the River Road Unitarian Church. Sacred circle dance integrates body, mind, and spirit in a moving

meditation. It will relax and rejuvenate; challenge and charm; lift your heart and feed your soul. With new and ancient dances from many cultures, and recorded music from six continents. For beginning and experienced dancers alike, every dance is taught each time. \$10. The entrance to the church is on Whittier Boulevard near the intersection with River Road. **Info: Tuppence Blackwell at 703-379-2992 or dance_with_tuppence@earthlink.net.**

Tuesdays**Arlington International Folk Dancing • VA**
Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Key Elementary School, off Veitch St. between Wilson and Key near the Courthouse Road Metro, Arlington, VA \$3. Recorded music. Instruction, walk-throughs, and requests. Singles welcome and all ages or levels of expertise. **Info: 703-527-8998 or [sstulberg@earthlink.net](mailto:ssstulberg@earthlink.net)**

Wednesdays**Columbia International Folk Dancing • MD**
Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

Kahler Hall, Beaverkill Rd. at Harper's Farm Rd., Columbia, MD. Admission \$3. Recorded music. Beginners welcome. Teaching until 9 pm. We have parties and workshops. **Info: 410-997-1613 (night), or 301-495-4642 (day).**

Thursdays**The FSGW Glen Echo Folkdancers are listed on page 2.****Chevy Chase International Folk Dancers**
• Washington, DC**Thursdays • 7:30-9:30 pm**

Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington DC (Connecticut Ave. at McKinley St., 2 blocks south of Chevy Chase Circle). Instruction and walk-throughs until 8:30. All levels welcome. No partner necessary. Recorded music. Leader Roland Forbes. **Info: Jackie Davis 301-424-8827 or Naomi Rogers 301-438-0063.**

Mount Vernon International Folk Dancing
• Alexandria, VA**Thursdays • 8-10 pm**

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church meeting hall, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA. Instruction, walk-throughs, requests. No experience or partner needed. Admission \$2.50. Recorded music. **Info: 703-780-2393 or kkkrogh@aol.com.**

Dances continued

Circle Dance • Arlington, VA

Thursdays in January • 8-9:45 pm

Circle dances draw on the traditions of many cultures that honor our connection to the earth, including dances from Europe, South America, and Africa. Recorded music. All levels welcome/all dances are taught. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington at the corner of Route 50 and George Mason Dr. \$10 per session or purchase a block of sessions at reduced cost. **Info: Judie David at 703-451-2595 or Vedavid@starpower.net.**

Fridays

Greenbelt International Folk Dancing • MD

Fridays • 8:30-11 pm

Focusing on dances from Eastern and Western Europe, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean. No partner or experience necessary. Teaching from 8:30 - 9:15 pm, request dancing 9:15-11 pm. Mostly recorded music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (beautiful wooden floor!), 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. Admission \$5. **Info: Larry Weiner 301-565-0539 or weiner@erols.com; John Robinson 410-715.9210; and John Bartholomew 301-565-3650.**

Saturdays

Circle Dance • Burke, VA

Saturdays, January 15 and 29 • 8-10:30 pm

See listing for Circle Dance under Thursdays.

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, Lake Haven Dr. (off Burke Lake Rd. near the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway).

ISRAELI

Israeli Dancing • Silver Spring, MD

Tuesdays • 7:30-11p.m.

Shaare Tefila Congregation, 11120 Lockwood Drive, Silver Spring (near intersection of Route 29 and New Hampshire Ave.). 7:30-8:30, beginner/intermediate teaching and dancing. 8:30-11:00, advanced teaching, open dancing and requests. Admission \$6/\$5 members/\$4 students. **Info: Helen Rubin, 301-460-4214 or helen@israelidance.com.**

Israeli Dancing • Potomac, MD

Wednesdays • 8:15-10 pm

Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls Rd., Potomac (between Democracy Blvd and Montrose Rd). "Oldies" only (dances before 1990). Instruction: 8:15-8:45; requests 8:45-10. Recorded music. \$5. **Info: Ben Hole, 301-441-8213.**

MORRIS

Bluemont Morris • Reston, VA

Mondays • 7-8:30 pm

A group of men and women who do traditional Morris dances in the spring and fall. The group is fun and the dancing is addictive and great exercise. **Info: Laura 703-845-8536. <http://monticello.avenue.org/amm/>**

Rock Creek Morris Women • Silver Spring, MD

Wednesdays • 7:30 pm

Visit exotic locales—Toronto, Brattleboro, the Biltmore Estate! Dance aerobically to live music! Strap bells to your legs! Join a strong community that dances, plays, sings, and drinks together. Practice held at Eastern Middle School, Silver Spring.

Info: 703-845-0426 or louiseneu@earthlink.net or www.uswet.com/RCMW.html

Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Silver Spring, MD

Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Learn and perform traditional dances from English villages, long-sword, and seasonal mumming too. As long as you enjoy dance and movement you can experience the vigorous thrill of the Morris! We welcome new and slightly used dancers at practices and at the Quarry House afterwards. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave. **Info: Jud McIntire at 703-528-0588 or Bill Brown at 301-270-2014 or website, www.fbmm-morris.org.**

SCANDINAVIAN

Scandinavian Dance • Greenbelt, MD

Saturday, January 15 • 7-10 pm

Scandia DC sponsors this third Saturday dance featuring live fiddle music by **Andrea Hoag** and the **Scandia DC Spelmannslag** with some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8 pm: Polska and Bakmes from Kall - a beautiful Swedish dance with both forward and backwards turns. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt. \$7 **Info: 202-333-2826, linda@scandiadc.org, www.scandiadc.org.**

NATIVE AMERICAN

Winter Round Dance with Battle River Singers • Washington, DC

Saturday, January 15, • 2-5 pm

National Museum of the American Indian, 3rd Street and Independence Avenue SW. Let's Round Dance! This style of powwow dance is a social occasion often held during winter months in the northern U.S. and

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Canada. **The Battle River Singers** come from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in Minnesota. They are world champion northern-style powwow singers, and are recognized on the powwow trail for their abilities to compose new songs and preserve old ones. Free and open to the public. **For further information call 202-633-1000 or visit: www.americanindian.si.edu**

SCOTTISH

Similar to English Country - No partner needed - Bring soft, flexible shoes - Taped and live music - For new and experienced dancers.

Scottish Country Dance • NW Washington, DC
Mondays • 8-10pm

Satterlee Hall, St. Alban's Episcopal School, Washington, DC. **Info: John MacLeod, 301.622.5945 or blackolav@cs.com and Betty Lee Barnes, 202-966-3595 or Thistledance@starpower.net.**

Scottish Country Dance • Greenbelt, MD
Tuesdays • 8-10 pm

Greenbelt Community Center. **Info: Jennifer Mayrovitz: 410-922.6369 or rjmayro@erols.com**

Scottish Country Dance • Alexandria, VA
Wednesdays • 7:30-9:30 pm

Jefferson-Houston High School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA. Be sure to confirm class date (school events may pre-empt). **Info: Mel or Ellie Briscoe at 703-461-7383 or mail@briscoe.com.**

SQUARE

Taylor Made Squares • Silver Spring, MD
Tuesdays • 8-9:30 pm

Betsy Taylor calls squares to recorded music at the Long Branch Community Center, Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring, MD. Wood floor. No experience or partner necessary. **Info: 301-589-4868.**

Hot Squares! • College Park, MD
Tuesday, January 11 • 8:30-11 pm

Hot Squares in the Olde Towne Tonight! Second Tuesdays Square Dance Parties! **Ann Fallon, Laura Brown, Eva Murray, Janine Smith** and **Susan Taylor** call hot squares to the sizzling music of **Scott & Company** — **Scott Prouty** and **Greg Buergler** on fiddle; **Ellen Hatton** on guitar; and **Greg Adams** on banjo. At Cherry Hill RV Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD. All are invited to this party, which will take place monthly on 2nd Tuesdays. Admission: \$8. Refreshments to share are

welcome. **Info: 410-268-0231 or 301-762-2231 or squaredancers@comcast.net <http://home.comcast.net/~SquareDancers/>**

SWING

WSDC Dance • Glen Echo, MD
Sunday, January 15 • 9 pm-midnight

8pm introductory swing dance lesson.

Hillbilly Jazz (Jim Stephanson, Brooks Tegler, John Previti, Chick Hall Jr.)

In the Spanish Ballroom. Admission \$12 or volunteer for one hour and get in free. **Email Derek at wsd-volunteer@hotmail.com**

A Night of Boogie Woogie Swing • Glen Echo
Saturday, January 29 • 9 pm-midnight

Swing lesson 8-9 pm.

With **Daryl Davis!** The Boogie Woogie man played keyboards for one of the legends of 1950's swing, Chuck Berry. So, dance the winter blues away with the irresistible rhythms of the man who brought the gospel of Boogie Woogie around the world and back to the good old USA. Admission \$13/in the Spanish Ballroom. Presented by **Marc Shepanek** and **Ellen Engle**, Flying Feet Enterprises, in cooperation with GEPPAC, National Park Service and Montgomery County. **For more information, 301-299-8728 or <http://www.flyingfeet.org>.**

WALTZ / BALLROOM / SOCIAL

Sunday Afternoon Waltz • Glen Echo, MD
3 pm

At 3 pm there is a half hour introductory waltz workshop, followed by social dancing until 6 pm. October 17 is a special Viennese Waltz afternoon. Extended basic Viennese Waltz lesson from 2:30 – 3:30pm. Live music. Admission \$7 includes lesson. In the Spanish Ballroom or the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. **For late-breaking information call Donna Barker at 703.978.0375 or visit our web site at <http://www.dancedc.com>**

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1920s and 1930s Charleston, Swing, Ballroom Dance • Glen Echo, MD
Sunday, January 9 • 3:30-6 pm

The best of Roaring 20s and Sophisticated 30s Charleston, Swing and Ballroom music with the **LaSalle Dance Orchestra**. Start the New Year with style dancing to some of your favorite music that start-

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ed both the swing and ballroom craze. From Charleston to Tango, Swing to Waltz there is something for everyone on this Sunday afternoon delight. Charleston/Swing/Ballroom lesson selected based on participant vote! Lesson 3-3:30. Admission \$8. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Presented by **Marc Shepanek** and **Ellen Engle**, Flying Feet Enterprises, in cooperation with GEPPAC, National Park Service and Montgomery County. **For more information, 301-299-8728 or [http: www.flyingfeet.org](http://www.flyingfeet.org).**

Glen Echo Inaugural Ball • Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo

Thursday, January 20 • 7:30 pm to midnight.

Vote for Dancing. The Glen Echo Inaugural Ball is our nonpartisan celebration of democracy and dancing

AND a benefit for Glen Echo Park. Waltzes and other couple dances with music by **Martin's Flight** beginning at 7:30 pm. Swing dance with **SwingSet** featuring **Rusty Mason** from 9:45pm to midnight. Dress: anything from black tie to Hawaiian shirt. More details about the bands can be found at www.dancingplanet-productions.com or www.flyingfeet.org, or you can contact us at dancingplanet@erols.com or 301-320-7099. All net proceeds will go to the Glen Echo Partnership for Arts and Culture. Admission: \$15. Ages 12-17: \$5. No reservations. Tickets at the door. Sponsored by World Music and Dance Institute and Flying Feet Enterprises in cooperation with GEPPAC, National Park Service and Montgomery County.

Dance Classes

Couple Turning Dance Class • NIH, Bethesda, MD New Day! Tuesdays, January 18 & 25 • 8 - 9:30 pm

Learn hambo, schottish, waltz, zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Singles, couples, beginners, and advanced dancers welcome. Mostly recorded music. Come when you can; class is continuous, and some hambo is done every time. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning. \$5.

Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, 301-435-5544, email to: lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and South Dr. for vehicle inspection (have ID ready). Go to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. Or walk 8 minutes from the Medical Center Metro stop. See map at www.HamboDC.org or on a flyer.

Beginning and Intermediate Swing with Ellen Engle and Marc Shepanek

Thursdays, January 27 - February 17 • 8-9 pm

At Northwest Sport N Health, 4001 Brandywine Street NW just off the Tenley Street Metro. Get ready for Valentine's day with some romantic swing dance lessons. This series will provide beginning and intermediate material so that you will be ready for whatever the band plays. Classes will focus on: basic technique for each of the dances, helping you get a feel for dancing to swing music, becoming a good leader or a good follower, developing YOUR strong suit in swing dancing, and last but not least showing your partner, a wonderful time! Drop ins allowed. \$36 (4 weeks/60 minute class) 301-299-8728, or check our website at: <http://www.flyingfeet.org>

Beginning/Intermediate Swing PSDC Room, 146 East Maple Ave., Vienna, VA

Donna Barker. Walk-in classes EVERY WEDNESDAY. Beg./Int. Swing from 7:30 - 8:30, followed by DJ'd social dancing until 11. Lesson and dance: \$10 PSDC Members, \$12 Non-Members. Dance only: \$6 PSDC Members, \$8 Non-Members. Drinks and snacks included. You do not need a partner.

Info: Donna Barker at 703.978.0375, or <http://www.DanceDC.com> or donna@dancedc.com.

Lindy Lyon Village Community House, Lee Hwy and No. Highland, Arlington, VA

Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. Walk-in lessons and dancing EVERY SUNDAY. 7 - 8 pm: Special dance style each month. 8 - 8:45 pm: Int./Adv. Swing/Lindy lesson (different moves each week). 8:45 - 10:30 pm: DJ'd social dancing. Lessons and dance: \$10 PSDC Members; \$12 Non-members. Dance only: \$3 PSDC Members; \$5 Non-Members. Refreshments included. You do not need a partner.

Info: Donna Barker at 703.978.0375, or <http://www.DanceDC.com> or donna@dancedc.com.

Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Gaithersburg, MD Tuesdays starting January 11 • 7-9:30 pm

The Ring of Kerry Dancers (a non-profit club) conducts Irish Ceili and set dance instruction each Tuesday, 7 to 8 PM (Beginners) and 8:15 to 9:30 PM (Advanced), beginning January 11, 2005, at Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Rock Raven Drive,

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Gaithersburg. Beginners, both adults and children (8 and up), are welcome. Cost is \$35 per semester (January through early June). Call Marilyn O'Brien at 301 926-6943 for further information.

Irish Ceili and Set Dancing • Glen Echo, MD Wednesdays • 7-9:30 pm

In the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Beginners: 7-8:15, Intermediate: 8:15-9:30. Instructors: **Ann Marie Breheny, Jim Keenan, Dick de Freyre.** \$45 + \$10 Registration Fee for Session. December 1, 8 & 15, then Jan. 5 thru Feb 23. Sponsored by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc., The National Park Service and Montgomery County. Call 301-294.3568 for more information

Irish Set Dancing • Rockville, MD Thursdays starting January 13 • 7:30-9:30 pm

At the Frost Center, 4915 Aspen Hill Rd, Rockville. Beginners' Orientation: 7:30-8, Class: 8-9:30. Cost is in form of a \$30 donation to Frost Center School each semester (15 classes). Sponsored by Greater Washington Ceili Club (non-profit). Contact Paul O'Donnell at 301-649-6410 for additional information.

Beginning Belly Dance • Glen Echo, MD Thursdays, January 15 - April 8 • 11 am-12pm, Saturdays, January 17 - April 10 • 9:30 - 10:30 am

Shimmy, vibrate and undulate! Come learn the basic movements of the ancient art of belly dance with **Aziza Azhar** (aka **Judy Rose Seibert**, who you may remember from *Swing Swap* or *Almost Heaven*). Recorded music. Dancers of all sizes and shapes are invited to come explore the sensuous movements of belly dance in a supportive environment. During this 13 week course, we will become more lithe and flexible as we learn a simple choreography to dance together. \$169 for 13 weeks. The Hall of Mirrors is next to the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park. Info: **Aziza Azhar** at 301-588-4345, or Glen Echo Partnership for the Arts & Culture, www.glencechopark.org, or 301-320-7757



Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

Scottish Traditional Music Jam • Wheaton, MD 1st Sundays • 3-6 pm

Scottish traditional music jam, first Sundays, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue. Musicians welcome. Info: **John Ward** at 301-277-6220 or fidhle@iamdigex.net

Monthly Young People's Irish Session • Vienna, VA

2nd Sundays • 1-3:30 pm

Betsy O'Malley hosts and leads a young people's Irish Music Session at her home in Vienna Va. The earlier part of the session, 1-2, is devoted to younger and 'greener' musicians. The later time, from 2-3:30 is for older and more experienced players. Ages have ranged from 8 up to 18. If you're interested or have questions, contact **Betsy O'Malley** at 703-560-4719 or betsy.omalley@verizon.net

CABOMA Jam • Arlington, VA 2nd and 4th Sundays • 2 pm

Capitol Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association (CABOMA) holds jams the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Lyon Park Community Center,

corner of N. Filmore and Pershing, Arlington, VA. Info: **Dave** at 301-274-3441.

Mondays

Jammin' Java • Vienna, VA Mondays • 7:30-10:30 pm

Two songs or 8 minutes total. Free, open to all. 231 Maple Avenue East. Sign up at 7; show starts at 7:30. To sign up, contact: **Kris Ohleth**/krisohleth@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays

Sea Chantey Open Pub Sing • Wheaton, MD 1st Tuesdays • 8 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open mike sea chantey on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8 pm, Royal Mile Pub, 2407 Price Avenue, Wheaton, MD. No cover/minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests are honored if possible. Mostly a capella but instruments are welcome. Info: **Myron Peterson** at ruc-tic@yahoo.com.



Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation *continued*

Folk Club of Herndon-Reston • Herndon, VA *Tuesdays • 7:30-9:45 pm*

Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon, VA. Open mic format. Each performer gets 12 minutes (including setup time). \$1 donation. 2nd Tuesday includes a 25-minute member showcase. Smoke-free environment. **Info: 703-435-2402.**

Change Ringing with Handbells *Tuesday, January 4 • 7 pm*

What's change ringing? The English folk tradition of using tower bells to ring beautiful mathematical patterns (not melodies). It's surprisingly pleasing to the ear. Handbells are used for home/pub practice, and for the fun challenge of keeping track of where two bells go in the pattern. Caution: addictive! At Jenny Foster's house near Frederick, MD. **Phone 301-371-4312 Email: pi@xecu.net.**

Wednesdays

Laurel Jam Session • Laurel, MD *2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 7-10 pm*

Adults who enjoy acoustic music are invited to come and sing, play, or listen to folk, bluegrass, and other traditional music in an informal setting. Phelps Senior Center, 701 Montgomery Street. **Info: 301-776-6168 during business hours.**

Semimonthly Fiddlers Group • Arlington, VA *3rd Wednesdays (see Friday listing)*

Open Mic Nite • Alexandria, VA *3rd Wednesdays • 7 pm*

St. Elmos Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Avenue. 3rd Wednesdays, hosted by Michelle Swan. Two songs each. All are welcome. Signup starts at 7. **Info: 703-739-9268 or mswan64@yahoo.com.**

Thursdays

American Balalaika Symphony, Open Rehearsals • Arlington, VA *Thursdays • 8 pm*

Fiddle, mandolin, and guitar experience translates easily to the balalaika and domra. Enthusiastic beginners welcome! Come play Russian and East European folk and classical music. Most Thursdays at The Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Road, Arlington. **Info: John at JohnK@balalaika.biz or 703-837-9083.**



Irish Traditional Music Session • Frederick, MD *Thursdays • 7 pm*

At Boe's Strings, 26 S. Market Street.
Info and tune list at www.BoesStrings.com or Boe at 301-662-0750.

Fridays

Open Mic • Olney, MD *1st and 3rd Fridays • 7-10 pm*

Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW) will be hosting an open mic at Caribou Coffee (Olney Village Mart Center, 18101 Olney Village Mart Drive, Olney, MD 20832, (301-570-0909) every first and third Friday of the month, 7-10pm. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 pm. For more information about the open mic at Caribou Coffee, or SAW, **contact SAW, 301-654-8434, www.saw.org, or Caribou Coffee, 301-570-0909, www.cariboucoffee.com.**

Semimonthly Fiddlers Group • Arlington, VA *1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday • 7-10:30 pm*

Intermediate and advanced players. All instruments welcome. We play old-time, Scandinavian, blues, swing/jazz, Cajun, and other styles at 1909 N. Ohio St., Arlington, VA 22205. **Lilli Vincenz, 703-532-2731; FiddlerLilli@zzapp.org.**

Dupont Music Circle • Alexandria, VA *Friday, January 21 • 8pm*

Since 1983 the informal Dupont Music Circle has met to sing and play English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Quebecois, American, and other traditional music just for fun. Third Friday, usually. New location. **Info/confirmation: Liz at 703-658-0957.**

Glen Echo Open Band • Glen Echo, MD *January 14 • 8:30-11:30 pm*

The fabulous Glen Echo Open Band plays for the second Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability are welcome. **Info: fnd.folkdancer.com.**

Drumming Circle • Berkeley Springs, WV *2nd & 4th Fridays • 8 - 10 pm*

Community drum circle meets at Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV. Free. All are welcome - drummers, dancers, newcomers, beginners, children, families! Bring drums and other rhythm instruments or use those provided. Experienced drummers are welcome; however, no prior experience is necessary to enjoy this open circle. Call ahead to confirm in case of severe weather or if you are traveling from a long distance. 1-800-888-8768 or 304-258-4500. For further information about the drum circle or local drumming or belly dance classes, contact Bob at 304-258-4546,

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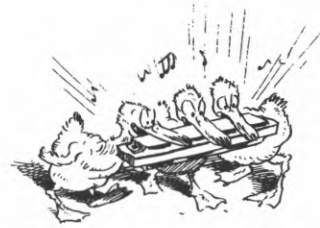
RobertMarggraf@aol.com. Coolfont Resort information is available at <http://www.coolfont.com/>.

Saturdays

Archie Edwards Blues Jam • Washington, DC Saturdays • 1 pm

The Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation holds an acoustic blues jam almost every Saturday

afternoon, starting about 1 pm. All skill levels welcome. 2007 Bunkerhill Road, NE, Washington, DC. Info/confirmation: 202-526-7539.



Storytelling

Speakeasy-Washington Storyteller's Theatre • Washington, DC

2nd Tuesdays • 8 pm

All Speakeasys take place at HR-57, 1610 14th Street NW, Washington, DC at 8pm. Doors open 7:30. Admission \$5. HR-57 sells beer, wine and some food. Sign up for the open mic when you arrive. Open mic stories are strictly limited to 7 minutes and must incorporate the theme. Info: www.washingtonstorytellers.org



There Is A River: Stories of Hope and Inspiration • Washington, DC

Saturday, January 22 • 8pm

With Kala Jojo. Incorporating African rhythms on drums, harp, *kalimba*, and *bylophone*, Kala Jojo entralls audiences with traditional African folktales, poetry, praise songs, personal stories, and historical narratives. Weaving songs and chants born of world African heritage into stories of healing, inspiration, and side-splitting humor, Jojo's sensitive, interactive compositions inevitably give his listeners something to think about. At the City Museum of Washington., 801 K Street, NW. Ticket info: www.washingtonstorytellers.org.

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2005 Victoria's Revenge Dancefest • Cape May, NJ

May 13-14

A weekend of mostly contras and waltzing. Music by *Notorious* (Larry Unger, Eden MacAdam-Somer, & Ralph Gordon) & *The Gigmesters* (Dave Wiesler, Ralph Gordon, Alexander Mitchell, & Paul Oorts). Featuring calling by Robert Cromartie & Gaye Fifer. Friday Night Dance – contras and waltzing. Saturday workshops, picnic lunch & concert, enjoying the Boardwalk and sights of Cape May. Saturday Night Ball starting with a Grand March – an elegant evening dance! Flyers at local dances & on our web site www.contradancers.com. For additional info, call 301-320-7099

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat • Harpers Ferry, WV

January 8-9

Intensive weekend workshops in traditional fiddle styles including Scottish, Cape Breton, Shetland, Irish, French Canadian, Old Time, Scandinavian, Klezmer and Bluegrass, plus a Dance Band Workshop

and a class on Backing up Fiddle Tunes for the Hammered Dulcimer. Teaching staff includes Elke Baker, Steve Hickman, Andrea Hoag, Alan Oresky, Ellen Jacobs, Liz Donaldson and Ken Kolodner in a relaxed, retreat setting at the Historic Hilltop House Hotel in Harpers Ferry, WV. Saturday night Contra Dance with an open band with Liz Donaldson and Elke Baker leading the band as well as jam sessions for all. For more information see our website at www.dulcimerfest.org, email updf@earthlink.net or call Joanie Blanton at 304-253-2531. Classes are limited, advance registration recommended, "Early Bird" discount on registration.

WFMA 20th Annual Benefit Weekend • Alexandria, VA

January 14-15

Don't miss this opportunity to see Oscar Brand, Buskin and Batteau, the Brothers Four, Bill Danoff, Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, Carolyn Hester, the Highwaymen, Christine Lavin, the Limelites, Tommy Makem, David Mallett, Modern Man, Schooner Fare, Side by Side, Noel

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