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FSGW Concert



Peter Brice Traditional singer and button accordionist

with Sibling Rívalry Fiddle Band



January 2017

Glen Echo, MD

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Tuesday, January 10 • 7:30-10 pm

Peter Brice, Annapolis native and lifelong singer, brings traditional Irish music laced with scholarly wit. Opening: *Sibling Rivalry Fiddle Band*, preteen folk fiddle sensations from the Renaissance fair circuit (where they are known as *Sibling Ryvalrie*). Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave, 20812 (Ride-On bus #29 from Friendship Heights). Members, \$10; Non-members, \$20. Audio samples at **newcenturyirisharts.com/biographies/ peterbrice** and **4kids3fiddles.com.**

Joined by **Thomas McCarthy,** singer in the Irish Traveller tradition, pending visa. Please see **fsgw.org** for updates.



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Heather Livingston, editor

FSGW Sings/Swaps/Storytelling

FSGW New Year's Day Singing • Alexandria, VA Sunday, January 1 • 2-7 PM (with break for potluck dinner)

Bring in 2017 with a shout at this annual event featuring four hours of singing from the 1991 *Sacred Harp* and 2013 *Shenandoah Harmony*-wonderful four-shape, four-part tunebooks with many seasonal gems (loaner books available). There will be two hours of singing in the ground-level meeting room of the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church of Alexandria, a potluck feast, and then two hours' more singing in Room 19 upstairs. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St, 22302 (about a mile out from King St. Metro & Amtrak station & GW Memorial). Info: **madaly@verizon.net** or **301-229-8534**.

FSGW OPEN SING • MONTGOMERY VILLAGE, MD Friday, January 6 • 8 pm

Topic: What's in a Name? "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Please come with a song with the first name of a person, or a song about roses! Everyone is welcome! Most songs presented from memory, but cheat sheets often appear. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on topic—come anyway! Please bring a snack to share. This month's Open Sing will be at the home of Heather Pierce. Info/directions: **301-869-7551**.

FSGW Gospel Sing • Takoma Park, MD Sunday, January 8 • 4-8 pm

Gospel sings are held the second Sunday of every month at various homes. Group singing starts at 4 pm and breaks for a covered dish supper at 6 pm, with more singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will be at the home of **Barbara Karpas** in Takoma Park, six blocks from the Takoma Metro station. Info/directions: **bakbeat@ verizon.net** or **301-270-4239**.

FSGW STORYTELLING SWAP • WASHINGTON, DC Saturday, January 14 • 7:30 pm

Come join a group of friendly storytellers for an evening of shared stories and potluck snacks in the home of Starr Kopper. Free. RSVP/directions: **202-244-5559** or **202-262-0948** or email **starrkopper@gmail.com**.

FSGW SHAPE NOTE SINGING • ALEXANDRIA, VA Sunday, January 22 • 4 pm

Every fourth Sunday, singers explore the rich traditions in *The* Sacred Harp (1991) and Shenandoah Harmony (2013), with unaccompanied four-part singing fueled by a potluck supper. Loaner books are available, and all are welcome. Usually the singing is held upstairs in room 19 and the supper from 6–7 on the ground level of the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church of Alexandria. First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St, 22302 (about a mile out from King St. Metro & Amtrak station & GW Memorial). Info: **madaly@verizon.net** or **301-229-8534**.

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD TUESDAYS, JANUARY 3 AND 17 • 1-2:30 PM

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington's Coming of Age in Maryland Program and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. All are welcome, regardless of experience or level of ability. Words will be provided on song sheets—no need to read music. Come for informal singing or just to listen, but do come! Free! 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. When Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, the Song Circle is canceled. If schools have a delayed opening, please call 301-348-3809 for the latest update on that day's program. Info or to volunteer: Frieda Enoch, **fenoch@jccgw. org** or Liz Milner, **lizmilner@mindspring.com**.

THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC Wednesday, January 11 • 7:30-9 pm

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by **Noa Baum**, with featured tellers **Andy Offutt Irwin** and **Carrie Sue Ayvar**. Program opens with up to three open-mic tellers (5-minute limit each). Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St NW, 20012. Food and drink available. Suggested donation of \$15 per person goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! "Like" The Grapevine on Facebook at **GrapevineStorytelling**. Info: **301-587-3558** or **grapevinetakoma@gmail.com**.

Schweinhaut Song Circle • Silver Spring, MD Wednesday, January 18 • 1-3 pm

On the third Wednesday of each month, this song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The song circle is about the joy of singing, not about talent. You don't have to read music, and printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance. Of course, you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. All are welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen! Free! Co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. For more information or to suggest songs in advance: Fred Stollnitz, **fstollnitz@ comcast.net**.

FSGW sponsors events that are intended to foster a pleasant environment and a tolerant community and to provide a comfortable experience for all.



Debra Cowan Saturday, January 14 7:30 pm

Debra Cowan was once asked what kind of songs she writes. Her reply? "Bad ones. Besides, there are so many good songs out there written by others and they should be sung." Her captivating warm alto carries each folk song she chooses with such emotion that you'll forget that they were written by others. She performs a cappella and with guitar in the great tradition of folk singers like Joan Baez and Judy Collins, with a clear vocal that calls forth the ghosts of long past but can also offer a more modern urban landscape. In her newest release, a live recording entitled "Among Friends", she demonstrates her ability to interact with her audience and have them enthusiastically sing along on choruses and refrains.

Come at 7:30 to socialize, 8 pm for the concert. At Janie

Meneely's in Takoma Park (RSVP/directions: Molly Hickman, **hickmang.m94@gmail.com**). Suggested donation \$15. Audio samples at **debracowan.com**.

Note: NO Third Friday at Emma's concert this month

due to inauguration festivities and/or protests. We'll be back at Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar on the third Friday of February.

Support folk music on your local community radio stations!



Saturday nights listen to Mary Cliff's Traditions (Washington's longest-running radio show devoted to folk music) from 9 pm to midnight on WERA-FM Arlington (96.7 FM or streaming at wera.fm).

And tune in to WOWD-LP Takoma Park (94.3 FM or streaming at takomaradio.org) alternate Friday mornings for the new Ballads in the Morning show (January dates: 1/13, special guest, Debra Cowan; and 1/27).

Go to GREAT Concerts for FREE!

Go to great concerts for free! Most FSGW concerts rely on volunteers: See the "Details" page of a concert on the calendar at **fsgw.org** to sign up to volunteer at that event. You get in for free and you get a pass for free admission to a future FSGW concert, dance or workshop with a fixed admission price of \$25 or less.

Watch fsgw.org for news on upcoming Maelstrom CP release concert, which will likely be happening toward the end of January.

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Kim Gandy, Secretary Penelope Weinberger, Dance Mike Livingston, Programs	secretary@fsgw.org dance@fsgw.org program@fsgw.org	571-357-2505	Wednesday, January II • 8 pm
Judy Oppenheim, Membershij Heather Livingston, Publication Ingrid Gorman, Publicity Members-at-Large	membership@fsgw.org	301-589-4008	The monthly FSGW Board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members
Tim Livengood Steve Kaufman Steve Winick	board1@fsgw.org board2@fsgw.org board3@fsgw.org		may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or April
		Blum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call afternoons or evenings 301-422-0292 in advance of the meeting.	
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How to submit a listing to the FSGW Newsletter

1. Please look at this Newsletter and determine under what category your listing should appear. When submitting copy by email, put that category in the subject line, followed by the month. So if you want to list a contra dance, your subject line is: Dance Contra [Month]. No punctuation, please. If it's a workshop: Workshop [Month]. If it's a single concert: Concert Individual [Month] And so forth. Putting the category in the subject line makes it easier for the editor to retrieve groups of events.

2. Please submit all listings in FSGW format. All information should be submitted in the following sequence:

Event Title • City, State Abbreviation

Day of the week, Date • start time - end time

One or two sentences only. Location (+ zip code for GPS). Ticket prices.

Info: Contact Name at Phone number or email/website.

NB: The city and state appear in the header; do not repeat them in the body, but in this age of Droids and GPS units, you need to include the 5-digit zip code—it goes right after the street address. Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org

FSGW Newsletter Editorial and Advertising Policy

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws:

"The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people."

- All copy (except ads) must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out in "How to Submit" Box. The format is also on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on Newsletter and look for a paragraph in green.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4" x 4.5" or 7.25" x 2.5"): \$65 for one month, \$120 for two. Commercial business: \$8 for 10 words. Non-commercial and individual: \$4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 11 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline. Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818.

> Heather Livingston, Editor • newsletter@fsgw.org Design & Layout: Jennifer Woods GRAPHICS • Silver Spring, MD

FSGW Midwinter Festival Silver Spring, MD Saturday, February 4 • 12–10:30 pm



January 2017

Come out and play (and dance and sing)! It's time for the FSGW Mini-Fest, our annual celebration of all things FSGW—chanteys and stories; dances and duets; hambos and hornpipes; banjos, bodhrans, blues, and ballads. There are two dance tracks and more

than 40 workshops and concerts at seven different venues throughout the school (plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans, usually involving morris dancers, bells, sticks, and hankies). It's a sure-fire cure for the winter blues!! We'll be at our usual location – **Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road – on Saturday, February 4, from noon until 10:30 pm**.

- ★ In the Cafetorium, six hours of fabulous concerts programmed by FSGW Vice President **Charlie Baum**. As of press time (early December), confirmed performers include the **Capitol Hillbillies**, **Shenandoah Run**, **Mitchelstown Trio**, and **Sweet Yonder**.
- ★ The Storytelling Program will again be organized by FSGW Board member **Tim Livengood**.
- ★ The Jams Room, programmed by **Charlie Baum** and FSGW President **April Blum**, will include a Gospel Sing, Shape Note Singing, a blues jam featuring musicians from **Archie's Barbershop**, and probably a rousing Irish Seisiún.
- ★ Lisa Null's Traditional Song room (always jam-packed and often SRO) will feature many local favorites.
- ★ Again this year the Living Traditions track will be hosted by FSGW Board members **Mike and Heather Livingston**, and will include plenty of participatory singing.
- ★ FSGW is particularly pleased that a new track this year, programmed by FSGW Board member **Ingrid Gorman**, will focus on family-oriented, participatory song and dance.
- ★ The Main Gym will feature six hours of dance, including English Country Dance and more, and the Auxiliary Gym will include waltz, contra, and Cajun/Zydeco.
- ★ From 7:30 to 10:30, two simultaneous evening programs in the Main Gym, an evening of contras and squares with the fabulous *Coracree*; and in the Cafetorium, a concert programmed by *Charlie Baum* with *M.S.G., KAPO* (Paul Oorts and Karen Ashbrook), *Karpouzi*, and perhaps a few others will make this a tuneful and delightful evening.

— April Blum, Mini-Fest Chair



TICKET PRICES REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR! Day plus evening (noon to 10:30 pm)

FSGW Adult Member \$15; FSGW Child (6–12) \$8; FSGW Family Maximum \$45 Non-FSGW Adult \$20; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) ;\$10 Non-FSGW Family Max \$55

Day (noon to 6 ONLY) or Evening (6 to 10:30 ONLY)

FSGW Adult Member \$10; FSGW Child (6–12) \$5; FSGW Family Maximum \$25 Non-FSGW Adult \$15; Non-FSGW Child (6–12) \$7; Non-FSGW Family Max \$40 Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 4

FSGW English Country Dances Glen Echo, MD • Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Dance on a wood floor in the climate-controlled community room of the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, 20812. Bring clean, non-scuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by topnotch musicians—every Wednesday a different and delightful mix of instruments, including piano, fiddle, flute, oboe, concertina, bassoon, cello, viola, and recorder. Light refreshments served at the break. Experienced and new dancers welcome. No partner required. Info: **English@fsgw.org**

Admission: \$10 for FSGW members, \$12 for non-members.

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Beginner Session at 7:30. **Stephanie Smith** calls the dances to the music of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders), and **Ralph Gordon** (cello).





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Melissa Running calls the dances while Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Bruce Edwards (bassoon, concertina), and Liz Donaldson (piano) make the music. Tom Spilsbury and April Blum lead the dances while Colleen Reed (flute), Paul Oorts (mandolin and accordion), and Melissa Running (piano)



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orts (mandolin and ordion), and Melissa Running (piano) play 25 Anna Rain calls to the play



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20 Anna Rain calls to the playing of **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

Mark your Calendars for the Washington Spring Ball, Saturday, May 20, 2017. Music by: *Goldcrest*: Dave Wiesler (piano), Daron Douglas (fiddle), and Paul Oorts (accordion and fretted instruments). Details at fsgw.org/ball.html

FSGW FAMILY DANCE · GLEN ECHO, MD SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 · 3-5 PM

The ah-maze-ing **Janine Smith** calls with *Maelstrom*. It's always great when young dancers see young musicians. Bring the kids for an afternoon of fiddling, circles, squares and fun! \$5 for ages 4 and older. Info: **Penelope Wein-berger** or **Steve Burnett**, **dance@fsgw.org**.



FIGH **FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES** AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD · SPANISH BALLROOM CONTRAS AND SQUARES · 7:30–10:30 PM INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY · 7–7:30 PM

Join us for an evening of dancing at Glen Echo Park. Every Sunday, FSGW (in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) presents contras and squares danced to live music by fabulous bands with entertaining callers. Experienced and new dancers welcome; no partner needed. *Welcome/Orientation session every Sunday at 7. Come early for an intro-duction to the basic moves.* Dances often become more challenging as the evening progresses. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. Info: Penelope Weinberger or Steve Burnett; dance@fsgw.org.

Admission: \$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members \$5 youth (with student ID if over 17) • \$13 for the general public

January 1 • Susan Michaels with Barefoot.



Ed Howe's driving fiddle and live looping by foot with **Jamie Oshima's** guitar and percussion will have you up and rolling this New Year 's Day night. **Susan Michaels**, a Los Angeles treasure, will bring snappy, snazzy sensibility. Get your dancing resolution on!

January 8 • Ann Fallon calls with Unger, Knuth, and Gordon.

Join Larry Unger (guitar), Audrey Knuth (fiddle), and Ralph Gordon (bass) for a night of clean, driving, New England music that will be a treat with Ann Fallon's inventive, playful calling.

January 15 • Luke Donforth calls with Eddy, Kolodner, and Leach.



Rachel Eddy (fiddle, guitar, banjo) **Brad Kolodner** (banjo, fiddle), **Scotty Leach** (piano, fiddle). North meets south when **Luke Donforth** comes from Vermont to call with local old-time superstars **Rachel Eddy** and **Brad Kolodner**: fast, fun, and driving!





January 22 • Andrea Nettleton calls to *Maelstrom*. Southern belle Andrea Nettleton brings her sweet melodic calling to the Sunday night debut of *Maelstrom*! Peri Leighty (fiddle, voice), Darrow Sherman (fiddle, banjo, voice), and Abraham Joyner-Meyers (fiddle, guitar) will blow you away with their verve and drive.



January 29 • Kappy Laning calls to the Treble Makers. The mischievous **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), rascally **Robin Wilson** (flute, saxophone), and impish **Liz Donaldson** (piano, accordion) will be stirring up all kinds of treble on this cold night; it will be hot, hot, hot!







The FIRST Square Dance of the New Year! · Adelphi, (nD Sunday, January 1 · 2-5 pm



Please join *The Hot Square Babes* (Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Laura Brown, Janine Smith, and Susan Taylor) to ring in 2017 with the annual New Year's Day edition of hot squares at Ballroom Blum. We'll dance to fabulous live music played by *Rachel Eddy and The Rock Farmers*: Rachel Eddy (fiddle), Ann Porcella (guitar), and Kate Brett (banjo). No partner, lessons, or fancy outfits required. Just c'mon out and dance! Please bring some yummy snacks to share at the break. All this for a paltry \$10 suggested donation to pay our musicians. Start your 2017 on a sweet note. Info: 301-926-9142 or fsgw.org.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL, PART XLX SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 · 8:30 - 11:30 PM



The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating five wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! This month features *Jake and The Burtones*: Ian Fuze (fiddle), Josh Cava (guitar/banjo), and Chris Griffin (bass). Old Man Kelly shows you how it's done and will have you up and do-si-do-ing in no time flat. Come see what it's all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin' Saturday night. All are welcome-young and old, brand new and experienced

dancers, hipsters, and total outta-the-loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. Saint Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St NW, Washington, DC 20010 (Columbia Heights Metro). \$5 at the door. Info: dcsquaredance.com.

FSGW CO-Sponsored Dances GREENBELT CONTRA DANCE · GREENBELT, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 · 7-9:45 PM

Start the New Year out with an evening of fun at the Greenbelt Contra Dance, featuring the calling of **Lindsey Dodson** and music by **Liz Donaldson** on piano and **Emily Aubrey** on fiddle. Co-sponsored by FSGW and the City of Greenbelt. Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$10; \$5 for age 7–18; 6 and under free. Info: **301-397-2208**.

SECOND THURSDAY CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE · SILVER SRPING, (ND THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 · 7:30-10 PM (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7-7:30)



Caller Susan Taylor with *Metro Gnomes*: McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle, mandolin), Bob Garber (clarinet), and Mark Vidor (piano). Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, 20910 (free parking in lot across the street at 801 Ellsworth Drive). Co-sponsored by FSGW, Carpe Diem Arts, and Washington Revels, with major support from the Montgomery County Department of Recreation. FSGW/BFMS/CDSS/Revels Members, \$8; Non-members, \$10; Students, \$5. First timers, free. Info: Bob Mathis, talibob@ starpower.net; or Busy Graham, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org or 301-466-0183.



GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLKDANCERS • **THURSDAYS** • **7:30–10:45** PM See the listing under International Dances on page 17.



Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates.

Coming in February

Cosponsored Event at The Hamilton: Dailey & Vincent • Washington, DC Sunday, February 12 • 6:30 pm

Grammy-nominated "Rockstars of Bluegrass" **Jamie Dailey** and **Darrin Vincent** have won 14 International Bluegrass Music awards including Entertainer of the Year three times and Vocal Group of the Year three times. 600 14th St NW, 20005 (Metro: Metro Center). Tickets available online through The Hamilton (**thehamil-tondc.com/**). \$22.50–\$39.50; FSGW members get \$10 off tickets purchased online (no discount at the door) using promo code DCFOLK.

House Concert: Séamus Begley, Oisín Mac Diarmada & Samantha Harvey • Takoma Park, MD Wednesday, February 15 • 8 pm

Irish trad power trio stopping by on their way from Sligo, Ireland, to the Savannah Irish Festival in Georgia. Come at 7:30 to socialize, 8 pm for the concert. At Janie Meneely's in Takoma Park (RSVP/directions: **program@ fsgw.org**). Suggested donation \$15.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: BY & BY WITH THE SQUEEZERS • TAKOMA, DC SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 8-10 PM

The six-piece band **By & By**, "your friendly neighborhood bluegrass band," has earned seven Wammie nominations. **The Squeezers**, veterans of the Washington Folk Festival, FSGW Midwinter Festival, and Takoma Porch, are a "genre-defying" squeezebox trio squeezing tunes of the world from bellows-and-reed instruments of the world. Nominations for the 2017–2018 FSGW Board of Directors will be accepted at intermission. This event will be considered one of the open meetings required by the Society's bylaws for that purpose. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro). Members, free; Non-members, \$20. Info: **fsgw.org**

Coming in March

HOUSE CONCERT: CASTLEBAY • SPRINGFIELD, VA Sunday, March 5 • 8 pm

Maine duo **Castlebay** presents maritime music of New England. Hosted by Steve Woodbury & Ann Bauer. \$15 suggested donation. RSVP: **703-425-5943** (between 9 am and 9 pm).

MONTHLY PROGRAM: STARRY MOUNTAIN SINGERS WITH ORFEIA • TAKOMA, DC SATURDAY, MARCH 11 • 7:30-10 pm

The Starry Mountain Singers, eight alumni of the Northern Harmony and Village Harmony ensembles, bring riveting harmonies to American and international folk music including gospel, shape-note, Appalachian, Bulgarian, Corsican, and Georgian songs. Orfeia, a local Balkan women's choir under the direction of Tatiana Sarbinska that recently celebrated their tenth anniversary, opens. Nominations for the 2017–2018 FSGW Board of Directors will be accepted at intermission. This event will be considered one of the open meetings required by the Society's bylaws for that purpose. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro). Members, free; Non-members, \$20. Info: fsgw.org

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ANGELA KESSLER: STORIES FROM THE KALEVALA • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 • 8-10 PM

Flirting. Death. Revenge. Magic. *The Kalevala* is a collection of stories from Finland, passed down from the days when storytelling was for grown-ups. Boston storyteller **Angela Kessler** will present a sampling of stories in a variety of moods (lighthearted to dark to very dark) and modes (spoken word, verse, and song). Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW 20012 (Metro: Takoma). \$5, Members; \$15, Non-members. Info: **fsgw.org**.

JENNIFER CUTTING'S OCEAN CD RELEASE WITH PETE & MAURA KENNEDY • NORTH BETHESDA, MD Friday, March 31 • 8 pm

Presented in partnership with AMP by Strathmore: **Jennifer Cutting's OCEAN Orchestra**, a mainstay of the Washington Folk Festival and the local folk-rock scene, celebrates the release of their third CD with a concert at AMP by Strathmore with special guests **Pete & Maura Kennedy**. AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave, 20852 (Ride-On bus #5 from Silver Spring). Tickets available online through AMP by Strathmore (**ampbystrathmore.com**). \$30/\$20. FSGW members get \$10 off tickets purchased online (no discount at the door) using promo code FSGW.

COMING IN APRIL

THE BLTs (Amy Davis, Jon Newlin & Bob Herring) • Washington, DC Saturday, April 8 • 8-10 pm

Bluegrass/old-time string band. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20012 (Metro: Takoma). Members, free; Non-members \$20. Info: **fsgw.org.**

Martin Grosswendt & Susanne Salem-Schatz • Riverdale, MD Friday, April 14 • 8–10 pm

American roots, early blues, old-time, honky tonk. Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). Members, \$10; Non-members \$20. Info: **fsgw.org.**

Workshop: Martin Grosswendt & Susanne Salem-Schatz • Riverdale, MD Saturday, April 15 • 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Intermediate blues guitar workshop led by Martin Grosswendt. Presented in partnership with the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation. Archie's Barbershop, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (Metrobus: F4 from Prince George's Plaza). Members, \$20; Non-members \$30. Info: **fsgw.org.**

PAUL MCKENNA & FINN MAGILL CD RELEASE CONCERT • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 7:30-9:30 pm

Scottish and Irish traditional music. At the historic Historic Silver Spring B & O Railroad Station, 8100 Georgia Ave, 20910. Info: **fsgw.org.**

TAL NACCARATO • ALEXANDRIA, VA

Friday, April 21 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Country blues guitarist listed in the 'Who's Who' of **TheCountryBlues.com**. Emma's Espresso & Wine Bar, 106 Hume Ave, 22301. \$15 suggested donation. Info: **emmascoffee.com**.

Chesapeake Dance Weekend April 28-30

Register for Chesapeake Dance Weekend! Beat the rush and sign up today for CDW! Contras, squares, and blues dancing all weekend long—April 28–30, 2017! Registration is now open! Reserve your spot and dance with us. **ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org.**

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Concerts

This is a selection of upcoming concerts at these venues; please see their websites for full event schedules.

CONCERT SERIES

AMP BY STRATHMORE, NORTH BETHESDA, MD

11810 Grand Park Ave, 20852 • ampbystrathmore.com

JAMES "BLOOD" ULMER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 8 PM Blues/funk/jazz guitarist, for Strathmore "Shades of Blues" series; \$30–40

BALDWIN'S STATION CONCERTS • SYKESVILLE, MD

7618 Main St, 21784 • All shows 8 pm uptownconcerts.com • 410-795-1041

Seamus Kennedy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

The irrepressible entertainer "Presents a Tour of Ireland in Word & Song"; \$20

HEATHER PIERSON ACOUSTIC TRIO THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Multi-instrumentalist **Davy Sturtevant** & bassist **Shawn Nadeau** add harmonies; \$20

BIRCHMERE CONCERT HALL • ALEXANDRIA, VA

3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, 22305. All shows 7:30 pm birchmere.com • 703-549-7500

JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 Americana songwriter + opener Dawn Landes; \$29.50

EDDIE FROM OHIO Friday, Saturday, Sunday, January 13–15

Quartet of fine musicians, great harmonies; \$39.50 Different talented opening act each night. Usually sells out.

RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 & 21

Award-winning bluegrass led by noted fiddler/mandolinist; \$39.50

FOUR BITCHIN' BABES SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Talented, accomplished, funny women take on life, family & the world, in harmony!; \$35

CARROLL CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES • TAKOMA, DC

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 (Takoma Metro) carrollcafe.org • info@carrollcafe.org

The Sweater Set Friday, January 13 • 7:30-10 pm

Fabulous harmonic duo. \$18 in advance, \$20 at door

Cellar Stage • MD

Now at two venues! uptownconcerts.com

Mustard's Retreat (David Tamulevitch & Michael Hough) • Baltimore, MD Friday, January 13 • 8 pm

40 years singing and writing as a duo. 5315 Harford Rd, 21214. \$21

VANCE GILBERT + ELLIS PAUL • FULTON, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 7:30 PM

Two top-notch singers and songwriters at this new venue. Temple Isaiah, 12200 Scaggsville Rd, 20759. \$30



FOCUS MUSIC CONCERT SERIES FocusMusic.org

Friction Farm and Michael Bowers & Siobhan Quinn • Alexandria, VA Sunday January 8 • 7 pm

Guitarist/vocalist Aidan Quinn and bassist/vocalist Christine Stay of *Friction Farm* bring books to life with song. Siobhan Quinn and Michael Bowers sing gracious and gritty songs brimming with harmonies. George Washington Masonic Memorial 101 Callahan Dr, 22301. \$15 in advance / \$18 at door. Info: Herb Cooper-Levy, 703-380-3151.

GYPSY SALLY'S • WASHINGTON, DC

3401 K St NW, 20007 • **gypsysallys.com** Open Mic Tuesdays upstairs in Vinyl Lounge; 8 pm; free

> Jackass Flats + Split String Soup Wednesday, January 11 • 8 pm

Contemporary bluegrass; \$8

Roosevelt Dime

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 • 8 PM

Roots Americana + openers **The Herd of Main Street**, Baltimore band, \$8

THE 19th Street Band + The Plate Scrapers Wednesday, January 25 • 8 pm

Americana band with Celtic touch + old-time/bluegrass band; \$8

THE HARLEY STRING BAND SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 • 10 PM

Award-winning songwriting trio, tight harmonies. In upstairs Vinyl Lounge; no cover

THE HAMILTON • WASHINGTON, DC

600 14th St. (at F), NW 20005 • thehamiltondc.com

Popa Chubby Friday, January 6 • 8 pm

Singing blues for more than 25 years; \$15.75–20.75

Greg Brown Saturday, January 14 • 8 pm

Noted Iowa songwriter & singer, early regular on A Prairie Home Companion; \$25–50







INSTITUTE OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS

St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852 • imtfolk.org

JOHN JORGENSON QUINTET • ROCKVILLE, MD THURSDAY JANUARY 12 • 7:30 pm

"Gypsy Jazz" ala Django Reinhardt drawing elements from Latin, Romanian, Classical, Rock and Greek music. \$25 advance / \$30 door; \$20 students (with ID) advance, \$25 door; \$2 per ticket box office fee added to all purchases. All tickets are general admission.

The Nighthawks Go Acoustic with Dan Hovey Rockville, MD Monday, January 30 • 7:30 pm

Rocking blues band in a special acoustic program with special guest Dan Hovey. Tickets: \$15 advance / \$20 door; Students (with ID) \$12 advance / \$17 door; \$2 per ticket box office fee added to all purchases. All tickets are general admission.

333 COFFEEHOUSE 333concerts.org • 443-333-9613 333coffeehouse@gmail.com.

DANA & SUSAN ROBINSON • ANNAPOLIS, MD FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 • 7:30 pm

Original and traditional songs, fiddle, banjo. guitar and sweet harmonies from this wonderful American duo. New album, "The Angel's Share," just released. Annapolis Friends Mtg, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12, or \$10 for students, 65+, or members of ATDS/BFMS/FSGW.

Jammin' Java • Vienna, VA

227 Maple Ave E, 22180 • jamminjava.com

Michael Clem

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 • 7:30 PM

Birthday show for member of *Eddie from Ohio* + opener *No Fuss & Feathers* (*The YaYas,* Karyn Oliver, Carolann Solebello); \$15–18

> AJ SWEARINGEN & JAYNE KELLI SING SIMON & GARFUNKEL SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 • 7 PM

Classic favorites by the noted duo, recreated; \$20

Robbie Schaeffer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30 PM

Benefit for Syrian refugees by member of **Eddie from Ohio**; \$25

Shenandoah Run Saturday, January 28 • 6:30 pm

Nine-piece band: vintage Americana, contemporary folk, bluegrass; \$20

LISA NULL is accepting a few new voice students: basic vocal techniques, coaching in traditional styles. Downtown Silver Spring. FREE mutual interview! enul@starpower.net or 301-587-2286

MAD CITY IN COLUMBIA • COLUMBIA, MD madcitycoffee.com • 410-964-8671

JOSEPH ISAACS' MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE Fred Cassels with Dave Spiro, DL Weiner, & Jon Patton Saturday, January 21 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Come hear great free music! (Voluntary donations for homeless accepted.) You hear four talented acts in one night. Each act plays two four-song sets. 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, 21044. Info: **410-964-8671**.



Reston-Herndon Folk Club Herndon, VA

Amphora's Diner Deluxe–Herndon, 1151 Elden St, 20170

restonherndonfolkclub.com • 703-435-2402

JOAN AND JONI (MARTIN/SHAPIRA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 • 7:15 PM; DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM Tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell by singer/songwriters **Allison Shapira** and **Kipyn Martin**. Members, \$10; Nonmembers, \$11; purchase at the door or contact Dave at **DA-HurdSr@cs.com**. Info: jamesue@aol.com.

STONE ROOM CONCERTS • FALLS CHURCH, VA

Tickets/info: **stoneroomconcerts.com**

Alash Ensemble with Shodekeh Saturday, January 14 • 8 pm

Tuvan throat singing and beat-boxing! The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax St, 22046. \$15.

Naked Blue

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 7 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM)

Americana with pleasing pop sensibility. Art & Frame, 205 W. Jefferson St, 22046. \$20.

GAELYNN LEA

Saturday, January 28 • 5 pm

Classically trained, experimental violinist/songwriter. Winner of NPR Music's Tiny Desk Contest. Seven Corners, 22044. \$20.

TREE OF LIFE CAFÉ • ROCKVILLE, MD

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Dr, 20850

THE BLUE MOON COWGIRLS Friday, January 13 • 8-10:30 pm

Four Washington-area musicians whose repertoire stretches from 1920s Appalachia to 1990s California. *Wildberry Jam*, a female a cappella quartet, opens the evening. \$15 suggested donation, \$10 Students. Info: Michael Holmes, mh.holmes@ verizon.net or 301-424-4523.

World Folk Music Association Bethesda, MD

Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, 20814

JANUARY SHOWCASE

Collin Warren, Tal Naccarato, and others Sunday, January 8 • 7 pm

Members, \$10; Non-members, \$15 (pay at door; credit cards accepted). Reservations: reserve@wfma.net or 301-744-7740. Info: wfma.net/pr1701.htm.

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Dances

January

Ceili

GWCC Ceili • College Park, MD SUNDAY, JAN 1 • 4-9 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) will "dance in" the new year! Live music by Ellis Island Ceili Band: Dave Abe, Peter Fitzgerald, Andy Thurston, and Martin Mc-Cann. Door prizes & raffle; potluck dinner during the first break. Smooth-soled shoes recommended; single dancers welcome. Cherry Hill Park Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740. Members, \$20; Non-members, \$25. Ages 11–20 half price. Ages 10 and under free. Info/entrance code: 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

Sundays **FSGW Family Dance** Defails on page 6.

Thursdays

FRONT ROYAL FAMILY DANCE • FRONT ROYAL, VA **2ND THURSDAYS • 6-7:30 PM**

Line, circle, and square sets. Free and open to all. Samuels Public Library, 330 East Criser Rd, 22630. Info: tommack1861@ gmail.com or facebook.com/SVCWED.

Saturdays



BFMS FAMILY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD No BFMS FAMILY DANCES UNTIL APRIL.

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE • MD **NO GALESVILLE DANCE IN JANUARY**

Info: communitysquaredance.wordpress.com or 301-926-**9142**.

CONTRA

Sundays **FSGW Sunday Night Dances** Defails on page 7.

Wednesdays



BFMS Contra Dance • Baltimore, MD Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

Beginners always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. BFMS/FSGW Members, \$9; Non-members, \$13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. Info: bfms.org.

- 11 Stephanie Marie Voncannon calls to TBA. New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm
- 18 Shane Knudsen calls to Unbowed: Henry Koretsky (mandolin, guitar), Jill Smith (piano), and Bruce **Campbell** (bass)
- 25 Kim Forry calls to the Old Time Jam Band. New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm

Thursdays

Second Thursday Silver Spring Confra Dance Defails on page 8.

Fridays

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS GLEN ECHO, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 PM



The Friday Night Dancers, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (unless otherwise specified), 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. New dancer class every week from 7:30 to 8:15 pm. \$10 for the lesson and dance. \$5 for age 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) Info: FridayNightDance.org or 301-632-2222, or the Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.

January

- 6 **TBD** calls to **Audrey Knuth and Larry Unger** with Audrey Knuth (fiddle) and Larry Unger (guitar)
- 13 Luke Donforth with the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band
- 20 Woody Lane calls to Terpsichore with Elke Baker (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Ralph Gordon (bass)
- 27 TBD calls to TBD

Saturdays

ATDS CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30-10 PM

DeLaura Padovan will call contras and squares to the melodies of Devine Comedy (Marty Taylor, Steve Hickman, and John Devine). The evening includes a free introductory session at 6:30; dance 7–10 pm. All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome! Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd, 21401. Admission for dance: \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). Info: contradancers.com/atds; or Jan Scopel, 443-540-**0867** or janscope@hotmail.com.



BFMS MID-WINTER BALL 2017 Saturday, January 14 • 7-11:30 pm

Join us for the BFMS Mid-Winter Ball! We will have a groovy time with our theme: I Heard It Through the Grapevine. Come in your best 60s wear and have a blast! Luke Donforth, known for bringing a warm playfulness to the stage, comes to us from Vermont to call the figures. From Massachusetts and Washington, the high-energy band The Free Raisins: Jeff Kaufman (mandolin, trumpet, feet), Audrey Knuth (fiddle), and Amy Englesberg (piano, accordion) combines New England traditions with a modern groove. Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 3800 N. Charles Street, 21218. Arrive at 7 pm for potluck finger foods. Dance beings at 7:30 with a Grand March led by the Dance Ranger, Stan Fowler, followed by great dancing until 11:30 pm. It will be rad! Prices and registration at **bfms.org/midwinter.php**, and tickets will be available at the door as well. Reduced rates for students. Info: Sara Glik, satdance@bfms.org, or BFMS hotline (888-646-BFMS).

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD Saturday, January 28

Greg Frock calls to *Devine Comedy*, featuring John Devine (guitar), Marty Taylor (concertina, recorder), and Steve Hickman (fiddle). Snacks to share at the break are welcome. Introductory workshop at 7:15. Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. General: \$10, Students: \$5. Info: **Boe Walker** at **301-694-6794** or contradancers.com.

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA Saturday, January 21 • 7-10 pm

Caroline Barnes calls to *Finger Pyx* with **Enid Diamante** (fiddle), **Jansen Wendell** (fiddle, mandolin), **Wes Steenson** (banjo, guitar), and **JoAnne Rocke** (piano). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St, 17603. Beginners' Workshop, 6:15. Adults, \$9; Students, \$6. Children 15 and under free. Info: **Karen**, **717-951-4317** or **lancastercontra.org**.

Shepherdstown Contra Dance • WV Saturday, January 7 • 8 pm

Kappy Laning calls with *Fiddle Retreat Open Band*: Alexander Mitchell and Andrea Hoag (fiddles), Dave Wiesler (piano), Paul Oorts (guitar, mandolin); and a multitude of other great musicians on a variety of instruments. War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St, 25443. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Potluck snacks at the break. Holiday potluck, 6; bring a dish to share. Free introductory workshop, 7:30. SMAD Members, \$8; Non-members, \$12; Under 12, \$5. Info: John Sauer, 301-542-3272 or smad.us.



ENGLISH COUNTRY

Mondays

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • PIKESVILLE, MD MONDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. New dancer orientation first Mondays at 7:45 pm. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. BFMS/ATDS/FSGW/CDSS Members, \$8; Non-members, \$11; \$2 student discount. Info: **Sharon McKinley**, **410-660-9147** or **engdance@bfms.org**.

January

- 2 Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45. **Mike Franch** calls to the music of **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Mark Vidor**, (accordion), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 9 April Blum calls to the music of Carl Friedman (violin), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), and Janina O'Brien (piano)
- 16 Carl Friedman calls to the music of Elke Baker (violin), Marty Taylor (winds, concertina), and Jonathan Jensen (piano and more)
- 23 Emily Aubrey calls to the music of The Geud Band of Baltimore
- 30 Ann Fallon calls to the music of Becky Ross (violin), Steve Epstein (clarinet), and Janina O'Brien (piano)

Wednesdays

FSGW English Country Dance Details on page 6.

Saturdays

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 • 8-10:45 PM

Dance to music by *Peascods Gathering*; calling by **Bob Far**rall. Beginners and singles welcome. Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902 (Parking and entrance in rear). \$5. Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or cminkus@ verizon.net; or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018.

THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • GREAT FALLS, VA Saturday, January 21 • 7:30-10:30 pm

Join us for our monthly dance. Music is by **Catherine Chapman** (violin) and **Judy Meyers**, (piano), and **Susan Taylor** calls. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. \$15; Students, \$10. St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike, 22066 (4.7 miles west of the Beltway). Info: **Laurel Bybell** (Secretary), **Ibybell@gmail. com** or **703-791-5603**; or **theleesburgassembly.org**.



BFMS GENTLE ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE PIKESVILLE, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 • 3-5:30 pm

Gentle English Dances consist of regular English Country Dances, at the regular tempos, but chosen to be gentle to the joints. **Sharon McKinley** calls to the music of **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Brian Cardell** (recorder, flute), and **Judy Meyers** (piano). St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd, 21208. S8 for BFMS, FSGW, ATDS or CDSS members; \$12 for non-members. Info: **Eileen Franch** at **410-889-3252** or **Franch@verizon.net**.

International -

Mondays

Bethesda International Folk • Bethesda, MD Mondays 7:30-10 pm

Come join our friendly group and learn dances from all over the world. Beginners 7:30–8 pm, Intermediate/Advanced 8–10 pm (requests from 9:15–10 pm). No partner needed. All levels of experience welcome. Adults over 16. Mostly recorded music; wonderful wood floor. Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$7. Info: **Phyllis** or **Brandon**, **301-871-8788** or **DiamondDanceCircle.com**; or **Diamond-DanceCircle@comcast.net**.

Wednesdays

Columbia Folk Dancers • Columbia, MD Wednesdays • 8-10:30 pm

We meet at Kahler Hall in Columbia, Village of Harper's Choice. Class at 8 pm, dancing starts at 8:30 pm. Requests taken throughout the evening. \$5 (\$3 for seniors). Info: **Ethel**, **410-997-1613**; **Ed**, **410-740-2309**; or **columbiafolkdancers.org**.

Thursdays

Alexandria International Folk Dancing • VA Thursdays • 8–10 pm

(Formerly Mt. Vernon International Folk Dancing)

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers; no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; and a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction, and requested dances. Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, 22307. Donation, \$4. Info: **Patricia**, **703-472-3888** or **pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com**.

CARPATHIA FOLK DANCERS • WASHINGTON, DC Thursdays • 6:30-9 pm

Carpathia is Washington's multi-ethnic Eastern & Central European dance performance ensemble. We are currently looking for 3–4 new men and women who are interested in performing dances from a variety of countries including Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, and Bulgaria. We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Foggy Bottom, and have dancers from 16 years old to their mid-40s (we are open to any interested in fast-paced performance dance of at least 14 years old). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. Info: **carpathiadc@gmail.com** or **facebook.com/carpathiadc**.

CIRCLE DANCE • ARLINGTON, VA 3rd and 5th Thursdays 7:30-9:30 pm

Come and explore dances from all over the world in a spirit of mediation and joy. All dances taught. Recorded music. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204 (Rte 50 at George Mason Dr). Donation requested. Info: Ann Ulmschneider, **703-528-5114** or **aulmsch@msn.com**.

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS BETHESDA, MD THURSDAYS • 7:30-10:45 pm

Lesson at 7:30 pm, request dances from 9 to 10:45 pm. Mostly recorded music. No partner or experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Co-sponsored by FSGW. Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr, 20816 (near the intersection of Goldsboro and MacArthur). S5 Info: Jamie, 301-466-3018 or dancingplanet@erols.com.

Fridays

GREENBELT FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30 PM

We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful dance floor. Teaching from 8:30 to 9:15 pm, requests from 9:15 on. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$7/students and seniors half-price. Check website for special events. Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539 or larry@larryweiner.com; or larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

Israeli

ISRAELI DANCING • CHEVY CHASE, MD TUESDAYS • 7-10:30 pm

Instruction from 7 to 7:45 pm. We focus on building a repertoire of both classic and newer Israeli dances in a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Recorded music. Light refreshments served. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Ln, 20815. Adults, \$8; Students, \$6. Info: **Mike Fox, 240-424-0805** or **markidmike.com**.



MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • ADELPHI, MD Some Sundays • 12-2 pm

Possibly the oldest and most fictitious morris team in North America. Gender irrelevant, steampunk a plus. Practices usually twice a month at Ballroom Blum. Info: **blgraham_99@ yahoo.com** or **facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris**.

Arlington Northwest Morris Women Arlington, VA Mondays • 7:30-9 pm

Learn and perform the traditional morris dances of northwest England, which combine simple footwork with power and precision. We are a welcoming group of women who practice in a great place with a wooden floor (easier on your knees). Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204 (at George Mason Dr). Info: **suzelise@comcast. net** or **nwdancers@comcast.net**.



ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • BETHESDA, MD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:45 PM

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes together. Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Rd, 20814 (walkable from Bethesda Metro). Info: **RCMW@uswet.com**, or **uswet.com/ RCMW.html**.

Foggy Bottom Morris Men • Takoma, DC Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Experience the vigorous thrill of the morris and the camaraderie of a morris team. Learn and perform dances from English Cotswold villages, mummers' plays, and occasional long sword dances. We welcome new and slightly used dancers to our practices at Knock On Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow St NW, 20012, and/or at the pub afterward. Info: **Alan Peel**, **301-920-1912**, **squire@fbmm.org**, or **fbmm.org**.

Scandinavian

Sundays

Norwegian Potluck & Dance • Silver Spring, MD Sunday, January 8 • Potluck noon, dancing 1:30 pm

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by Loretta Kelley on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings-see **HFAA.org**). Addictive dances, some with elements like swing or hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, and watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. Hosts **Phyllis** and **Steve**. Info/directions: **MAND.fanitull.org** or **Jenny**, **pi@xecu.net**, **301-371-4312**.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD THIRD SATURDAYS, JANUARY 21 • 7-10 PM

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature grammy nominee and our local treasure, **Andrea Hoag**, and the Scandia DC **Spelmanslag**. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary.

Teaching 7–8 pm: *Finnskogspols*, a fun dance from the border region between Norway and Sweden. Open dancing 8–10 pm. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$10. Info: **Linda Brooks** or **Ross Schipper**, 202-333-2826 or **Linda@ScandiaDC.org**; or **ScandiaDC.org**. Inclement weather, 301-474-0646.

SCOTTISH

See rscds-greaterdc.org for all Scottish dance listings

Mondays

Bethesda Scottish Country Dance • MD Mondays • 8–10 pm

National Institutes of Health Building T-39 (Dance and Aerobic Center). Call or email in advance for directions. Info: **John MacLeod**, **301-622-5945** or **blackolav@gmail.com**. Tuesdays

GREENBELT SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • MD TUESDAYS • 8–10 pm

Dance all year 'round at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$8. Info: **Jay Andrews**, **703-719-0596** or **andrewj@rcn.com**.

Wednesdays

Alexandria Scottish Country Dance • VA Wednesdays • 8–9:45 pm

Learn Scottish dance at the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, 22314. \$5. Info: **elanyi@cox.net**.

SQUARE

FSGW Greaf American Square Dance Revival Defails Page 8.

BLUEMONT COUNTRY DANCES • HILLSBORO, VA SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 8 PM (BEGINNERS WORKSHOP, 7:30 PM)

Old-time contra dances. Third Saturday of each month, October through May. Held for over 40 years, the dances, which feature old-time contra and square dancing with music provided by live bands, are the Bluemont Concert Series' oldest tradition and attract residents and visitors throughout the area. Instruction and figure calling are provided throughout each dance. Families and single dancers are welcome. Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike, 20132. Bluemont Friends, Students, and Seniors, \$8; Others, \$12. Info: **bluemont.org**. To sponsor a dance, become a Bluemont member, and/or volunteer: Lily Dunning, **lily@bluemont. org** or **540-955-8186**.

Swing/Blues -

BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD THURSDAYS • 8:15-11:30 PM

Popular weekly blues dance in the "Back Room" at the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Sprung wood floor. Beginner lesson from 8:15 to 9 pm. Different DJs and instructors play blues from 9 to 11:30 pm. 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. Info: **Donna Barker**, **301-634-2231** or **CapitalBlues.org**.

WALIZ

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD 2nd & 4th Sundays • 3:30 pm Beginner Lesson 2:45 pm

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing! The band will play a lively mix of folk waltzes with other couples dances, including hambo, swing, tango, and polka. Beginner lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm. No partner required. Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300

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DANCES continued

MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$10. Info: **301-634-2222** or **waltz-timedances.org**.

January

- 8 *Audacious* with Larry Unger (guitar, banjo), Audrey Knuth (fiddle), and Ralph Gordon (bass)
- 22 Tangerine Tempo with Elke Baker (fiddle), Colleen Reed (flute), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Alex Lacquement (bass)

Sundays

WALTZ PRACTICUM • GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

(BACKROOM) SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 • 2-4 PM One Sunday each month in the backroom or the ballroom.

Stay tuned for the schedule of future waltz practice. Since this is all for practice, no level is required. The DJ'd music, picked from folk, pop, tango, waltz, and classical traditions, will get increasingly complex toward the end of the dance. A good way to perfect your waltz craft. 7300 MacArthur Blvd, 20812. \$8. Info: waltzpracticum@gmail.com.

HERE'S WHAT THE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS CAN DO FOR YOU!

You might know that the Friday Night Dancers (FND) is the nonprofit that runs the weekly contra dance at Glen Echo Park. But did you know that the organization also has a growing dance development program? We believe that supporting the development of dancers, musicians, callers, organizers, and sound technicians enriches our community. As part of this program, FND is committed to providing generous scholarships for community members to attend Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) camps. Matching grants from CDSS are also available, with deadlines in mid-March. For information about next summer's camp programs, visit cdss.org, and for details about FND's scholarship guidelines, visit fridaynight-dancers.org. To nominate a candidate for a scholarship or to inquire about the process, write to **Caroline Barnes** at **csbarnes3@gmail.com**. See you at camp!



Classes/Workshops

Glencoe School of Scottish Fiddling with Seán Heely • Takoma Park, MD

SUNDAYS (JANUARY 15, 22, 29, & FEBRUARY 5) • 1–2:30 PM Learn the techniques and stylistic idioms of Scottish Fiddle music as well as common session tunes from Seán Heely, director of the Glencoe School of Scottish Fiddling. At the end of the four sessions, students will have a broad understanding of the different types of tunes and each of their functions. The emphasis is on learning by ear and at the end of each class, sheet music will be provided. All ages and levels welcome (participants should have a basic facility on the violin in first position). Children 10 and under should be accompanied by an adult. \$150 for four sessions (sorry, no prorating). Info/registration: hmtrad.com/collections/workshops. Private lessons with Seán are available after each session (For more info: workshops@hmtrad.com).

GWCC SET & CEILI DANCE CLASS • SILVER SPRING, MD Thursdays, January 12 to May 18 • 7–8 pm, basics; 8–9:30 pm, advanced

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) holds weekly adult set & ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment. No experience or partner needed. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music, open to all (small donation requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. \$40/season, register and pay at class; first class free. Info: 301-649-6410, **info@gwcc-online.org**, or **gwcc-online.org**.

Hungarian Folk Dance Classes with Tisza Ensemble • Silver Spring, MD

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 4 TO FEBRUARY 1 • 8–9:30 PM Hungarian folk dance classes for adults, focusing on improvisational couple dances from Szatmár County, taught by Tisza directors.No partner necessary; we change partners frequently. Address: 4007 Rickover Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902. \$40 for five-class series. Info: Cathy Lamont, 301-648-1909, info@tiszaensemble.org, or tiszaensemble.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS • FAIRFAX CITY, VA Classes resume Tuesday, January 31 • 7:15-8:45 pm

Classes resume January 31 and continue every Tuesday night until June. Irish social dancing consists of four couples (a "set") dancing to predetermined patterns.. The dances are taught and called by Hugh Conway, using music recorded in Ireland. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Department of Parks and Recreation, Green Acre Community Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd, 22030. \$35 for a session of five classes, or \$8 for a walk-in. Info: **Hugh Conway**, **703-273-6869**, **ceiliset@yahoo.com**, or **ceilidance.com**.

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS (JANUARY 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31) • 7:30–9:30 PM Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Learn hambo, schottis, polskas, springars, and other Swedish and Norwegian couple-turning dances, including requests. Wear smoothsoled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. S5; first time free. Info: Lynn Walker, 301-834-4020, Iisa@HamboDC.org, or Hambodc.org.

Jams/Open Mics/Audience Participation

Sundays

BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD

2nd and 5th Sundays, 3–5 pm

Beginners welcome. Beans in the Belfry, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178**.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA 1st and 3rd Sundays, 1-4 pm

Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. Held outdoors in summer months, in the Country Store in winter months. Info/directions: **703-437-9101**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • DUPONT CIRCLE JAM WASHINGTON, DC

1st Sundays • 11 am to 2 pm

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). Info: **Mike Marceau**, **mikemarceau@juno.com**.

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2-6 PM

Capital Area Bluegrass & Old-Time Music Association holds jams at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St (at Pershing Dr), 22201. Slow Jam, 2–3 pm; Regular Jam continues until 6 pm. Info: **Don, 703-522-1696** or **caboma.org**.

Classic Country & Gospel Jam • Silver Spring, MD 2nd Sundays • 2–5 pm

The Sunday jam welcomes a wide range of musical abilities and acoustic instruments, as well as voice. Playlist, directions, info: **Dorie Hightower**, **301-706-7633**, **SundayJam.org**.

FIFTH SUNDAY ACOUSTIC JAM • RESTON, VA 5th Sundays, 1–4 pm

Happens about four times a year. All bluegrass, old-time, and acoustic instruments welcome. Reston Used Book Shop (at Reston's Lake Anne Plaza), 1623 Washington Plaza, 20190. Info: **703-435-9772**.

Kids' Open Mic

3rd Sundays • 1:30-2:30 pm

New Deal Café, 113 Center Way, Roosevelt Center, 20770. Info: 301-474-5642, newdealcafe.com/events/calendar. php.

OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 1st and 3rd Sunday • 3-5 pm

Open to all with a fiddle, banjo, mandolin, or guitar that wish to join an open group for merry music making. Beans in the Belfry, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178**.

Old-Time Jam • Richmond, VA Sundays 2–5 pm

Bluegrass/Old-Time stringed instruments only. Cary Street Café, 2631 West Cary St, 23220. Info/directions: **804-353-7445**.

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SACRED HARP SINGING • SANDY SPRING, MD 3rd Sundays • 4–6 pm

Singing followed by a potluck supper. Location is a small schoolhouse behind the Community Building, 17801 Meetinghouse Rd, 20860 (about 10 miles west of Laurel). Info: **Dave Greene**, **301-570-3283** or **dgreene@all-systems.com**.

Scottish Jam • Alexandria, VA 4th Sundays • 2–5 pm

John Strongbow's Tavern, 710 King St, 22314. Info: **Peter@** boghadubh@gmail.com or dcscottishsession.blogspot.com.

VIENNA/OAKTON SHAPE NOTE SING • OAKTON, VA 3rd Sundays • 5-7:30 pm

Books: The Shenandoah Harmony and Sacred Harp (1991 Denison edition). Bring a snack to share. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (Classroom 1), 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, 22124. Info: John, 540-955-2660 or jdelre@visuallink. com or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

Ukulele Jam • Riverdale, MD 1st Sundays • 2–4 pm

Playing music from many different genres; it's just plain fun! Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737. Free (donations accepted/encouraged). Info: **UkeJamatArchieEdwards@gmail.com**.

Mondays

Balkan Singing • Takoma Park, MD Mondays • 8 pm

Informal singing group, *Sedenka*, meets to sing Balkan village songs. Interested novices welcome. Info: Katya, **301-270-4175** or **Katya@partan.com**.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 1st and 3rd Mondays • 7-10 pm

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 350, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912 (corner of Orchard and 4th, just a few blocks from the intersection of New Hampshire and Eastern). Info: VFW Post 350, **301-270-8008** or Barb Diederich at **Barb@BarbDiederich.com**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • WHEATON, MD 1st Mondays, 8-10 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; Arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly *a cappella* but instruments welcome. Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. Info: **Myron Peterson**, **ructic@yahoo.com** or **ShipsCompany.org**.

TOUCHED BY SONG GOSPEL JAM • HERNDON, VA 3rd Mondays, 7:30-9 pm

Acoustic circle jam. Share favorite gospel, hymns, or praise songs or just play along. Open to all ages and skill levels. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Rd, 20171. Info: **debbie@touchedbysongs.com** or **dcbu.org.**

Deadline February 2017 Newsletter: SUNDAY, January 8, 2017

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD Alternate Tuesdays • 7:30-10:30 pm

Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam, January 3, 17, and 31. Liam Flynn's Ale House, 22 W North Ave, 21201. Info: **KenandBrad.com** or **Baltimore Bluegrass Jam Facebook page**.

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD Tuesdays • 7:30-10 pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Capital Accord Chorus, an allwomen's a cappella group singing in the barbershop style. Make it your News Year Resolution for 2017! Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals. We meet at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. Info: **1-301-392-SONG (7664)**, admin@capitalaccord.org, or capitalaccord.org.

DC SHAPE NOTE SING • WASHINGTON, DC 3rd Tuesdays • 7–9:30 pm

We sing from both *The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*. Loaner book available and books for sale. Everyone welcome to bring snacks and friends. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE, 20003 (Enter side door, left of the main steps. Street parking possible; 10 minutes from Capitol South and Eastern Market Metros; 20 minutes from Union Station). Info: John, 540-955-2660 or dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

Open Mic • Falls Church, VA 1st Tuesdays • 8 pm

Hosted by Crazy After Midnight. JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd, 22042. Info: **703-241-9504**, jvsrest@aol.com, **703-216-0560**, or avnocero@gmail.com.

Reston/Herndon Folk Club • Herndon, VA Tuesdays • 7:15 pm

Open mic format. Doors open at 6 pm. Second Tuesday includes 25-minute member showcase. Third Tuesday often features monthly concerts, price varies. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St. 20170. Info: **RestonHerndonFolkClub.com**. or **703-435-2402**

Wednesdays

BLUEGRASS MUSIC ALLIANCE JAM • MARTINSBURG, WV WEDNESDAYS • 6-9 PM

Musicians of all levels encouraged to come; bluegrass music fans are welcome to listen. Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404, **bluegrassmusicalliance.org/localarea-jams/**.

REVELS/CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SING SILVER SPRING, MD SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30-8:30 pm

Revels and Carpe Diem Arts sponsor a monthly community sing on the **21st of every month**. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Bring refreshments and songs to share if you wish. January themes: Songs in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Legacy. Celebration of January birthdays with cake and candles. Free-will donations. Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Dr, 20910. NOTE: Location may change to larger venue, considering that many visitors will be in town over the weekend. Check **revelsdc.org/shows-events/community-sings/** or call for confirmation. Info: **Busy Graham**, **BusyGraham@ CarpeDiemArts.org** or **301-466-0183**; or Jo Rasi, **jrasi@ revelsdc.org** or **301-587-3835**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SINGS Wednesdays • 8-10 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Info: **Myron Peterson**, **ructic@yahoo.com** or **ShipsCompay.org**.

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- 11 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231
- **18 Galway Bay**, 63 Maryland Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401
- 25 Laughing Man Tavern, 1306 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005

Thursdays

OPEN BLUEGRASS JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 1st Thursdays 6:30-9 pm

Hosted by Bobby Bales and Claude Jones. Bobby is a legendary lead guitarist in the *Grassy Ridge Band*. All are welcome to join in. Beans in the Belfry, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. Info: **301-834-7178.**

Acoustic Open Mic • Riverdale, MD 1st Thursdays • 7:30-10 pm

If you have a song or three to share with others, original or otherwise, stop in and show your stuff. Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation, 4701 Queensbury Rd. in Riverdale, MD 20737, **acousticblues.com/events/events.html**.

Folksong Sing-in • Wheaton, MD 3rd Thursdays • 8-10 pm

Join local musician **John Durant, Jr.**, every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a change to lead the room in song. Bring your favorite folk tunes, your voice, and even your instruments for a great evening of song and pub-style fellow-ship. The Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902 (corner of Elkin & Price). Venue info: **thelimerickpub.net**.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • TYSONS CORNER, VA 2nd Thursdays • 8-10 pm

The Ship's Company chanteymen host open mic chantey sings. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly *a cappella* but instruments welcome. Paddy Barry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182 (Rte 7 near 123; half-mile walk from Tysons Corner or Greensboro Metros). Info: **Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com** or **ShipsCompany.org**.

January 2017

Fridays

GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD 2nd Fridays • 8:30-11:30 pm

The fabulous *Glen Echo Open Band* plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability welcome. Find recordings, tune book names, and page numbers of tunes played by the Open Band at **OpenBandOnline. com** (site works best using iTunes on a PC or Mac). Info: **FridayNightDance.org**.

Saturdays

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation Riverdale, MD Acoustic Blues Jam • Saturdays • 1–5 pm

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Free, but donations welcome. Info: **301-396-3054** or **acousticblues.com**.

Weekends & Special Events

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT • SILVER SPRING, MD THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 • 5:45 AND 6:45 PM (TWO 20-25 MINUTE CHILDREN'S SHOWS)

Featuring **LEA**! Sing and Play! El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. Adults, \$5 (comes with free drink, incl. margarita & wine, or dessert). Children, free! Info: **CarpeDiemArts.org** or **michellemosher@CarpeDiemArts.org**.

UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2017 SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

Workshops take place in the relaxed retreat setting of Shepherd University and the surrounding historic buildings in Shepherdstown, WV. Info: upperpotomacmusic.info, 304-263-2531, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.•

FIDDLE RETREAT • JANUARY 6-8

Workshops, Concert, Jam Sessions, and a Contra Dance for fiddlers and those who play with them. A variety of styles are presented by some of the region's finest fiddle teachers with an emphasis on dance fiddle styles including Cape Breton, Appalachian, New England, and swing. 2017 teachers are **Alan Jabbour** (old-time), **Alexander Mitchell** (swing), **Andrea Hoag** (Scandinavian, English), **Graham DeZarn** (Irish), **Katie McNally** (Scottish/Cape Breton), and **Elke Baker** (Sampler), along with **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Karen Ashbrook** (hammered dulcimer), and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixedinstrument classes).



Shape Note Singing • Berryville, VA 1st Saturdays • 4–8 pm

Shape note singers will gather at Josephine School Museum, 303 Josephine St, 22611. Potluck supper (picnic-style; no kitchen facilities). Info: **shenandoahharmony.com**, **dc-shapenote.squarespace.com**, or call John or Kelly at **540-955-2660**.

Washington's Spelmanslag • Kensington, MD 2nd and 4th Saturdays • 2:30-4:30 pm

Open rehearsals for a small orchestra playing traditional Swedish music. Info: **JuliaBorland3250@gmail.com**.



Pipers Weekend • January 13–15

Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions, and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, fiddle, and mixed instruments. Staff include: **Joey Abarta** (uilleann pipes), **Nathan Gourley** (Irish fiddle), **John Skelton** (Irish flute), and **Dick Hensold** (Northumbrian smallpipes); **Iain MacHarg, Hollis Easter, Nick Hudson**, and **Bob Mitchell** on Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes; as well as hurdy-gurdy player **Brian McCandless** (repertoire). Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.

33rd Ski Dance Weekend Laurel Highlands, PA February 17–20

Cross-country ski in western Pennsylvania during the day and contra dance at night to live music. **Dave Wiesler** and **Alexander Mitchell** will provide the music, and **Janine Smith** and **Bob Mathis** will call. Camp Sequanota offers both motel-style rooms and cabins. Prices range from \$90 to \$300 depending on your accommodations. Trip begins on Friday evening with a potluck supper and dance and ends on Monday with breakfast; seven meals included. Join us in this winter wonderland! Info: **skidance.com** or contact Bob Mathis at **talibob@starpower.net** or **301-589-7539**.

Puf some sunshine in your iufure! You don't have to travel far to enjoy a dance weekend getaway. Book your spot for Chesapeake Dance Weekend today: April 28–30. ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org

Almost Heaven Dance Weekend • Darlington, MD Thursday, May 18 to Sunday, May 21

We are delighted to present our 30th and Final Extravaganza; three full days and nights of Contra, Swing, and Blues dance featuring *Swallowtail* with **George Marshall** and **Tim Van Egmond** calling; *Barefoot* with **Emily Rush** calling; and **Ann Percival's** big bluesy Swing band, *The O-Tones*. All-inclusive program includes dance instruction, "Play with Swallowtail" workshop, harmony singing, drumming, and more, with nine delicious meals and comfortable tempurpedic beds in a serene natural setting. Priced like a two-day camp, all ages are welcome. Registration is open! Info: sites.google.com/site/ ahsince1988/home or call Cindy at 240-304-9368. January 2017

32nd Annual BFMS Spring Catoctin Mountain Music and Dance Weekend • Thurmont, MD Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18

Join dancers and musicians of all ages for a participatory intergenerational weekend of dancing, singing, workshops, jamming, crafts, hiking, and more in a beautiful mountain setting from \$89 per person. Info: **Elisabeth Epstein**, **703-272-8197** or email **catoctin@bfms.org**. Online registration and more at **bfms.org/catoctin.php**.

2016 Angel Band

Roy Harris, 82, English folk singer, February 9 Merle Haggard, Singer/songwriter, guitarist, fiddler, 79, April 6

Guy Clark, 74, Texas folk singer/songwriter, May 17 **Dave Swarbrick**, English fiddle player, 75, June 3

Ralph Stanley, 89, One of bluegrass' greats lune 23

Fred Hellerman, 89, Last of the *Weavers*, September 1

John D. Loudermilk, 82, Country singer/songwriter, September 21

Stanley Dural, Jr., aka Buckwheat Zydeco,

68, American accordionist and zydeco musician, September 24 **Oscar Brand,** 96, Mainstay of folk music,

September 30

Claude Martin, 29, Talented young local fiddler (see below), October 5

Oran Sandel, 64, Local actor, teacher, educator, reveler, October 19

Leonard Cohen, 82, Canadian singer/songwriter, November 7

Milt Okun, Arranger, conductor, singer, record producer of many folk greats, 92, November 15 Mose Allison, Bluesy, jazzy composer, pianist, singer, 89, November 15

Esma Redžepova, 73, world's leading Romani musician, December 11

And greeting everyone with a smile and manning the snack table for the Angel Band: mainstay of the Herndon Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series, **Judy Odam**, 73, November 21

Remembrance for Claude Jay Martin, 1987–2016

The music community mourns the loss of the talented fiddler **Claude Martin** who died on October 5 at the age of 29. Claude grew up playing old time and Irish fiddle in *The Martin Family Band* with his parents, Carl and Jeanean,

and his sisters, Lydia and Emily. *The Martin Family Band* performed often at Common Ground on the Hill, produced three CDs, and won many honors. Individually, Claude was a first-place winner at Speedy Tolliver's Fiddle Convention and at the Deer Creek Fiddler's Convention. Claude had recently formed a band with his partner Erica Snow, and they had begun to record their first album. In 2016, Claude organized a monthly jam at the Music Café in Damascus, MD; competed in the solo and band divisions at the Appalachian String Band Festival in Clifftop, WV; performed at the Paw Paw Festival in Frederick, MD; and joined the Barnstormers band on stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Claude was booked to perform on October 31 at Beans in the Belfry in Brunswick, MD; the event was transformed into a benefit for Claude's daughter, Fiona, in which eight musical acts performed to a packed house. Slim Harrison of the Barnstormers said, "Claude was one of the finest fiddlers around."—Friends and Family of Claude





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