



Meridian

Friday, December 14 • 6-8 pm

FSGW audiences fondly recall the annual visit by *Nowell Sing We Clear*, who last toured four years ago. Since then, **Meridian** has carried on the same tradition of holiday concerts for FSGW, weaving together the most beautiful music and themes of Christmas together with much older Winter Solstice traditions.

This year they bring their third CD, for which FSGW program chair Mike Livingston was invited to write an intro for the liner notes: "**Colin de la Barre** and **Olivia Gale** are two bright morning

stars rising in New England, shining fresh harmonies on timeless material in the spirit of **Roberts & Barrand**, **Windborne**, and the **Johnson Girls**. With their strong and sweet voices, Colin's riveting arrangements, and Olivia's just-right dusting of guitar, the pictures they paint can be shiny (*The Farthest Field*), dark (*The Castle of Dromore*, from their debut CD *Out Along the Headlands*), or cozy (the *Copper Family Christmas Song* from their seasonal CD *Joy, Health, Love, and Peace*); they can be intensely personal (*Follow That Road*) or touching on themes of sustainability (Roger Bryant's *Cornish Lads*) and social justice (Olivia's original, *Who Will Stand For You*). But especially, their sound is the sound of hope: whether the spark of hope is lighting the words of John Renbourn's *Wexford Lullaby* or John Kirkpatrick's *Chariots* or Alouette Iselin's *Until the Dark Time Ends*, when **Meridian** sings the poetry of hope, you believe it."

Cosponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria and FSGW, this is the December concert in the Alexandria After Work concert series held in the heart of Old Town at 6 pm on the second Friday of each month. Take the free trolley that runs every 15 minutes from the King Street Metro station! At the Lyceum. General admission \$5. FSGW members free. Cash bar.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FSGW CONTRA DANCE BALL • CHEVY CHASE, MD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 8:00 PM-12:15 AM

Bring in the new year with **Stomp Rocket: Dave Langford, Bethany Waickman, & Glen Loper**. **Ted Hodapp** calls the figures. Grand March begins at 8 pm. Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave, 20815. Admission by registration only, must be 18 or older, no tickets available at the door. \$44/\$40 FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, & CDSS. **Info/registration:** Susan Duke, 919-619-0079, fsgw.org. Registration form on page 27.

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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 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.
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FSGW BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 8 PM

The monthly FSGW Board meeting will be held in Classroom 201 Arcade Bldg. at Glen Echo Park, MD. All FSGW members may attend. If you wish the Board to consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member, or Charlie Baum by e-mail, president@fsgw.org, or call him at **202-334-1701** (work) or **301-587-2286** (home) in advance of the meeting.

Concerts & Lectures

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 24. Confirm events for the last week of December.

Multiple Days

THE 2018 CHRISTMAS REVELS • WASHINGTON, DC

WEEKENDS, DECEMBER 8-16 • MATINEE & EVENING SHOWS

Journey with us into the winter world of Queen Elizabeth I for a Renaissance celebration of the Solstice! The year is 1599. England is swept up in a flowering of music and drama, and Will Kemp, master Shakespearean actor and fool, has come to Norwich to help the locals prepare a Winter play worthy of Her Majesty. This boisterous blend of art and folk features the glorious music and dance of Elizabethan England, delightful children's songs and games, seasonal sing-alongs, and a few lines of Shakespeare for thespians and Rude Mechanicals alike! Join **Washington Revels'** cast of over 100, ages 8 to 88, as we revel together to bring in the holiday spirit. Featuring **Piffaro: The Renaissance Band** and the **Rock Creek Morris Women**. GW Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street NW, 20052. Tickets required. \$18-60, youth \$12-40. **Info:** 301-587-3835, revelsdc.org/shows-events/christmas-revels/.

CARBON LEAF • ANNAPOLIS, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 3 PM ALL-AGES MATINEE + 8:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1 PM ALL-AGES MATINEE

Richmond quintet on 25th Anniversary tour brings alt-folk/Celtic/roots rock; opener is Freddy & Francine. Rams Head Onstage; \$39.50.

Sundays

EILEEN IVERS • VIENNA, VA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 3 PM + 8 PM

Virtuoso fiddler includes American carols, Wren Day songs, age-old seasonal tunes and celebratory dances, for "A Joyful Christmas." Wolf Trap, the Barns; \$27-32.

HANUKAH & HUMAN RIGHTS COFFEEHOUSE

KENSINGTON, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 7:30 PM

Benefit for human-rights organizations Torat HaTzedek, CASA de Maryland and Mary House featuring **Fabrangen Fiddlers** led by Rabbi **David Shneyer** and **SongRise**, an all-wom-

en a cappella group. Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave, 20895; Suggested donation: \$20/\$18 seniors/\$10 youth. **Info:** Am Kolel at admin@am-kolel.org, 301-349-2799.

EMMYLOU HARRIS • WASHINGTON, DC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 7:30 PM

With **The Red Dirt Boys**, **Phil Madeira**, **Will Kimbrough**, **Chris Donohue**, **Bryan Owings**; an intimate performance benefiting Bonaparte's Retreat non-profit. The Hamilton; \$90-250.

THE NIGHTHAWKS • GREENBELT, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7 PM

DC's very own legends of blues and roots-rock, since 1974. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

WORLD FOLK MUSIC ASSOCIATION • BETHESDA, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7-9 PM

Andrew McKnight, **Michael Kelly**, and **Brent Ruggles** perform. Positano Ristorante Italiano; \$15/\$10 WFMA members. **Info/reservations:** reserve@wfma.net, 301-744-7740, <http://wfma.net/pr1812.htm>.

CHERYL WHEELER & JOHN GORKA • ALEXANDRIA, VA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 PM

Cheryl grew up in Maryland, writes memorable songs and has quite a sense of humor; John is New Jersey-born, has big voice, great songs. Birchmere; \$39.50.



LOX & VODKA • ROCKVILLE MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 7:30 PM

Lox & Vodka is an upbeat, uplifting, spirit-filled klezmer band, which will be perform Chanukah songs, in addition to their mix of classic rock, Motown, swing, country and big-band music. Tikvat Israel Congregation 2200 Baltimore Rd, 20851; \$20/\$18 adv (or for FocusMusic members). **Info:** Scott Moore 301-461-3600 or www.FocusMusic.org.

FRONT PORCH ORCHESTRA'S

BLUEGRASS NUTCRACKER • VIENNA, VA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 2 PM

Easton, MD, band adapted Tchaikovsky's score, with *interesting* narration; performance enjoyable by audiences of all ages. Jammin' Java; \$20.

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). FSGW congratulates **Mary Cliff** on her induction into the **Folk DJ Hall of Fame** at the recent **Folk Alliance Conference** in Kansas City.



And tune in to WQWD-LP Takoma Park (94.3 FM or streaming at takomaradio.org); many shows of interest to blues, folk, reggae, and other traditional music enthusiasts. Full schedule/show descriptions at takomaradio.org.

Concerts continued

FEZ TONES HAFLA • GREENBELT, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 6 PM

Middle Eastern music and dance; you can dance too. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

ADAM EZRA GROUP • WASHINGTON, DC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 8 PM

Folk band touring from Boston. Pearl Street Warehouse; no cover.

CHERISH THE LADIES • FREDERICK, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 • 3 PM

Joanie Madden leads the exceptional group of Irish-American woman musicians, and a couple OD dancing guys, in a Celtic Christmas. Weinberg Center for the Arts; \$20–35.

HOLIDAY CONCERT FEATURING SCANDINAVIAN MUSIC WITH ANDREA HOAG AND

MELISSA RUNNING • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 • 4 PM

Scandinavian music is known for its unusual scales and rhythms and haunting harmonies and somehow seems to evoke magic in this darkest time of year. Join us for a holiday concert with Grammy nominee **Andrea Hoag**, one of the nation's finest Swedish fiddlers, along with nyckelharpa player **Melissa Running**. See this dynamic duo perform in the lovely, intimate atmosphere of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 112 N. King Street, 25443. \$20 adults/\$18 seniors/\$15 members/\$10 students. Advance tickets are available at O'Hurley's General Store or from Brown Paper Tickets. **Info:** Joanie, 304-263-2531, updf@earthlink.net, smad.us.

CADILLAC JUMP BLUES BAND • GREENBELT, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 7 PM

From down home to swing and jump blues, a band of rockin' Marylanders. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

22ND ANNUAL HANK WILLIAMS TRIBUTE

ALEXANDRIA, VA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 7:30 PM

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, *The Kennedys* (Pete & Maura); Robin & Linda Williams with Patrick McAvinue & Mark Schatz pay tribute to the classic songs of one of the most significant American singers of the 20th century. Birchmere; \$29.50.

DAVID WAX MUSEUM • WASHINGTON, DC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 7:30 PM

Folk and roots rock band blending Mexican *son* music with Americana. Union Stage; \$15 advance/\$20 door.

THE SELDOM SCENE • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 8 PM

Our very own legendary bluegrass band. Rams Head On-stage; \$36.50.

Mondays

ROBIN BULLOCK WITH KEN KOLODNER &

ELKE BAKER • ROCKVILLE, MD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 7:30 PM



Robin Bullock returns for our annual Celtic holiday concert, with hammered dulcimer player **Ken Kolodner** and fiddler **Elke Baker**. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. \$25/\$20 adv/\$20 students & children/ \$15 adv students & children. **Info:** www.imtfolk.org, 301-960-3655.

NEW YEAR'S EVE • ALEXANDRIA, VA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 7:30 PM

Features *The Seldom Scene* + *The High & Wides* + *Ms. Adventure* (Vickie Vaughan, Kimber Ludiker, Avril Smith); DC legends + mountain music re-imagined + powerhouse singer/bassist, national fiddle champ, and noted area guitarist. Birchmere; \$39.50.

Tuesdays

TORNADO ROSE • GREENBELT, MD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 PM

Americana band plays with upbeat, bluegrass feel; vocals with autoharp, bass, guitar. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.



THE HONEY DEWDROPS

RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB, VA

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, 7:15;

The Honey Dewdrops, at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, Herndon, VA; admission \$11/10 club members. **Info:** 703-435-2402, RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

ONLY LONESOME • GREENBELT, MD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 7:30 PM

Lonesome old-school "caveman" bluegrass. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

JUDY COLLINS • ALEXANDRIA, VA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7:30 PM

Legendary singer brings her "Holidays & Hits" show. Birchmere; \$59.50.

Wednesdays

COCO MONTOYA • VIENNA, VA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 7:30 PM

High-energy blues guitarist & singer. Jammin' Java; \$22–30.

JEFF AUSTIN BAND • WASHINGTON, DC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 • 8 PM

Mandolinist/singer, former member of Yonder Mountain String Band + openers **Jon Stickley Trio**, progressive bluegrass/Gypsy jazz/old-time. Gypsy Sally's; \$18 adv/23 day of.

JUDY COLLINS • ALEXANDRIA, VA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 7:30 PM

Legendary singer brings her "Holidays & Hits" show. Birchmere; \$59.50.

Concerts continued

BILLY PRICE CHARM CITY RHYTHM BAND • VIENNA, VA **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 • 7:30 PM**

Award-winning, long-time blues singer, recently moved to Baltimore. Jammin' Java; \$15 adv/\$20 door.

Thursdays

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS **SILVER SPRING, MD**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5:45 PM OR 6:45 PM
 (TWO 25-MINUTE SHOWS)

The Jelly Roll Mortals perform for Family Fun Night Out. At El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave, 20901. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts with sponsors Finn Family Group, Washington Revels, El Golfo, Takoma Radio. Tickets: Free for children, \$5 adults (gives you a ticket for free drink, including margarita, wine, beer, or ice cream). **Info:** www.carpediemarts.org/family-fun-night, 301-466-0183.

MUSIC MAKES LIFE BETTER, BENEFIT FOR **COVENANT HOUSE • VIENNA, VA**

MAMA'S BLACK SHEEP + CHRISTINE HAVRILLA & GYPSY FUZZ + LEA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:30 PM

Local Americana, roots rock, songwriters, for a good cause. Jammin' Java; \$20-30.

SUSAN GAETA & GINA SOBEL • NORTH BETHESDA, MD **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7:30 PM**

Susan studied with Flory Jagoda and sings Sephardic music; she is now mentoring Gina, who sings jazz and rock, and plays several instruments; hear how the traditions are passed on. Strathmore Mansion; \$20.

HORSESHOES & HAND GRENADES • WASHINGTON, DC **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 8:30 PM**

"Bluegrass mavericks" quintet + openers **The Plate Scrapers** from western Maryland. Gypsy Sally's; \$12 adv/\$15 day of.

JEFF SMITH TRIO • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE
 Local singer, songwriter, band musician delivers high-energy stories. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

CARBON LEAF • ALEXANDRIA, VA **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:30 PM**

Richmond quintet on 25th Anniversary tour brings alt-folk/Celtic/roots rock; singer/songwriter **Liz Longley** opens. Birchmere; \$39.50.

"One of those rare events that delight people of all ages." – *The Washington Post*

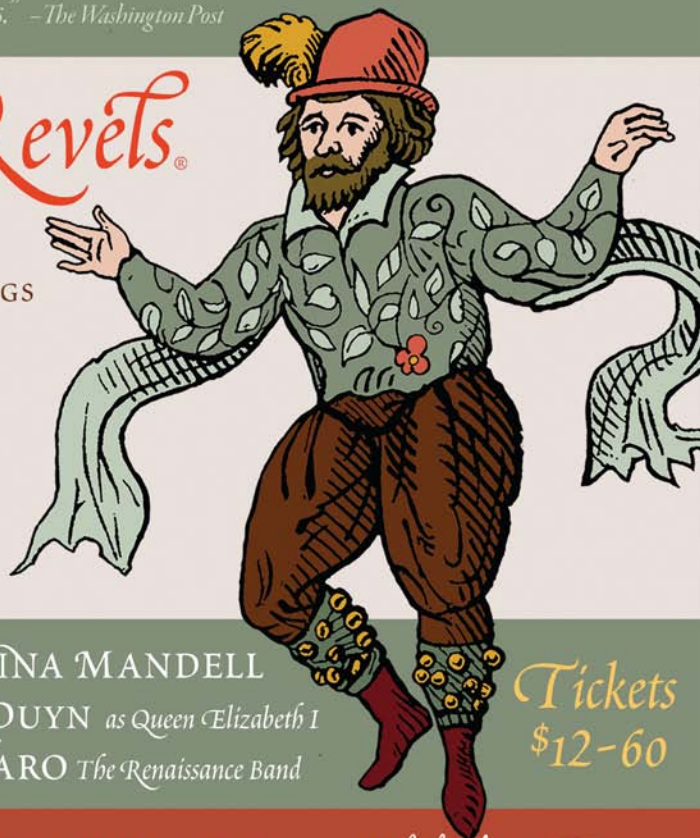
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Concerts continued

CHATHAM COUNTY LINE "ELECTRIC HOLIDAY TOUR" WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 8 PM

Progressive bluegrass, joined by **Johnny Irion**, **Jay Brown**, **Zeke Hutchins**. At the Miracle Theatre, 535 8th St. SE, 20003; \$20. (this show: www.jamminjava.com)

DAVID MASSEY TRIO • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 • 7:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE

Local singer writes story-songs from real life; this is a CD release show. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS WITH

MAGGIE SANSONE, PAUL OORTS & ANDREA HOAG

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 • 8 PM

Maggie's hammered dulcimer with Paul's harp guitar, mandolin and accordion and Andrea's fiddle. Baldwin's Station, Sykesville, MD. \$22.

ILYAIMY • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 • 7:30 IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE

Very talented trio (sometimes duo, quartet, quintet), acoustic folk/rock from Baltimore. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

Fridays

WALT MICHAEL & Co. • BALTIMORE, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 7:30 PM

Roots-based acoustic string band music for the holiday season. The Church of the Redeemer; \$25/22senior-student. [Info: commongroundonthehill.org](http://Info:commongroundonthehill.org)

SHAKURA S'AIDA • GERMANTOWN, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8 PM

Canadian blues singer/songwriter/actress. BlackRock Center for the Arts; \$25-45.

THE BOB BAND • GREENBELT, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8:30 PM

Area musicians try to capture the vibe & spirit of Bob Dylan's originals. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

VINTAGE #18 • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 10:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS LOFT

DC retro-blues band. The Hamilton; no cover.

FSGW HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH MERIDIAN ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 6-8 PM



See details on the Front Page.

PHIL WIGGINS & THE CHESAPEAKE SHEIKS TAKOMA, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7:30-10 PM

National Heritage Fellow/master blues harmonica player **Phil Wiggins** with **The Chesapeake Sheiks** will rock the house!

Gate & kitchen open at 7 pm. Carroll Cafe at Seekers Church; \$20/\$18 advance.

CARBON LEAF • ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 7:30 PM

Richmond quintet on 25th Anniversary tour brings alt-folk/Celtic/roots rock; singer/songwriter **Liz Longley** opens. Birchmere; \$39.50.

CHUCK BROWN BAND • COLUMBIA, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 8 PM

DC's own music played by the band formed by the late Godfather of Go Go, and National Heritage Fellow, **Chuck Brown**. The Sundry; \$24.75-29.75.

LAURA BYRNE, JIM EAGAN, EILEEN ESTES &

DONNA LONG • TIMONIUM, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 8 PM

"An Irish Christmas" featuring an all-star cast of regional performers. Cellar Stage; \$22.

COLD HARD CASH • GREENBELT, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 8:30 PM

Tribute to Johnny Cash, in sound & spirit. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

FREE FLOWING MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 10:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE

"Alexandria's Legendary Acoustic Jam Band". Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

MOONSHINE SOCIETY • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 10:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS LOFT

DC roots rock/blues band. The Hamilton; no cover.

HONKY TONK HOLIDAY SHOW • ALEXANDRIA, VA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 7:30 PM

Bill Kirchen and old-school **Too Much Fun** (**Johnny Castle** and **Jack O'Dell**) make a stop on their annual Honky Tonk Holiday Tour. Joining Bill for this one-night-only extravaganza is none other than **Commander Cody** himself! Featured is a sleigh-full of rarely heard holiday numbers from the blues, rock 'n roll and honky tonk bags: and many more. You can count on a truckload of dieselbilly classics to take the edge off the holiday fuss. The Birchmere.; \$29.50.

BETTER OFF DEAD • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 8 PM

Music of Grateful Dead & Jerry Garcia; **Swamp Donkey Newgrass** opens. Gypsy Sally's; \$15 adv/\$18 day of.

OCEAN QUARTET'S "SONG OF SOLSTICE" CONCERT WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 7:30-9 PM

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with **Ocean Quartet** (**Jennifer Cutting**, **Chris Noyes**, **Andrew Dodds**, and **Steve Winick**). Their boisterous Celtic Yuletide program will fea-

Concerts continued

ture British Mummers' play recitations, traditional English and French carols, foot-stomping Scottish and Irish fiddle tunes, 19th-century broadside songs, and original seasonal compositions. Corner Store Arts Center, 900 South Carolina Ave., SE, 20003, at the Eastern Market metro. \$25/concert and reception with light supper, wine, and hot spiced wassail. **Info:** Kris Swanson, 202-544-5807, cornerstorearts.org.

LOS LOBOS • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 8 PM

Mexican-American roots rock. City Winery; \$55–70.

THE NIGHTHAWKS • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 8 PM

DC's very own legends of blues & roots-rock, since 1974. no cover. Pearl Street Warehouse

DUBLIN 5 • ANNAPOLIS, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 8:30 PM

Celtic rock led by a native Dubliner; \$27.50. Rams Head On-stage

THE TRUEHEARTS • WASHINGTON, DCFRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 5:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE
Formerly The Hummingbyrds, Americana duo are **Debra Buonaccorsi** and **Steve McWilliams**. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.**STEPHEN KELLOGG • ANNAPOLIS, MD**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 8 PM

Americana/folk-rock singer/songwriter has been named Armed Forces Entertainer of the Year; **Taylor Carson** opens. Rams Head Onstage; \$25.**THE NIGHTHAWKS • COLUMBIA, MD**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 8 PM

DC's very own legends of blues and roots-rock, since 1974. The Soundry; \$10–15.

ELI LEV & FORTUNES FOUND • WASHINGTON, DC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 8 PM

Young singer/songwriter has been building a reputation for two years with his band; another stellar area talent, **Hayley Fahey** opens with her band. Pearl Street Warehouse; \$12–20.**FAST EDDIE & THE SLOWPOKES • GREENBELT, MD**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 • 8:30 PM

Chicago/West Coast/swing/jump blues/soul. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

Saturdays**REVEREND PEYTON'S BIG DAMN BAND • VIENNA, VA**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 1 PM

Noted country blues artist; **Ponytails & Cocktails** opens. Jammin' Java; \$20–25.**LIVINGSTON TAYLOR • WASHINGTON, DC**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 1:30 PM

Folk-pop singer/songwriter from noted musical family. City Winery; \$30–40.

Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 2

JODY MARSHALL AND FRIENDS • CHAPTICO, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7:30 PM

Lilting jigs, rollicking reels, three-part-harmony vocals, and knock-your-socks-off arrangements will be on tap, featuring hammered dulcimer wizard **Jody Marshall**, soulful songstress **Carey Creed**, fiddlin' fiend **Jim Queen**, and prodigious pianist **Paul Nahay**. You won't want to miss this extraordinary concert, sponsored by Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance (SMTMD). At Christ Church Parish Hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Rd, 20621. Doors open at 7 pm. SMTMD members \$15, nonmembers \$20. **Info:** SMTMD.org.**D.C. LABOR CHORUS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

SILVER SPRING, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7:30 PM

The **D.C. Labor Chorus**, directed by **Elise Bryant**, is a collective of labor and community activists who love to sing for peace, social justice, and in solidarity with all working people. We celebrate our 20th anniversary with a family-friendly holiday concert of favorite songs from our repertoire. Join us in the ballroom on the campus of the Tommy Douglas Conference Center (formerly George Meany Center / National Labor College), 10000 New Hampshire Ave, 20903 (just outside the Beltway at Powder Mill Rd). Free. (Donations gratefully accepted.) **Info:** 202-215-2902.**WALT MICHAEL & Co. • WESTMINSTER, MD**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7:30 PM

Roots-based acoustic string-band music for the holiday season. Carroll Arts Center; \$25/22 senior or student. **Info:** commongroundonthehill.org**RED BARAAT • VIENNA, VA**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8 PM

Can you "imagine a New Orleans street band playing Indian Bollywood tunes with a go-go beat"? Wolf Trap, the Barns; \$30/35.

YARN • COLUMBIA, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8 PM

Brooklyn Americana band; opener tba. The Soundry; \$10–15.



Concerts continued

LINWOOD TAYLOR BAND • GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8:30 PM

Award-winning DC-area blues guitarist and singer. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

SCYTHIAN • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 9 PM

Celtic rock band, with touches of bluegrass, country, folk, world. Rams Head Onstage; \$24.50.

DAN NAVARRO | BRUCE SUDANO | CHAS SANDFORD



THREEFER MADNESS • ROCKVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7:30 PM

A stunning trio of illustrious singer/songwriters. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. \$25/\$20 adv/\$20 students and children/\$15 adv students and children. **Info:** imtfolk.org, 301-960-3655.

CHOPTEETH • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 8 PM

12-piece Afro funk orchestra playing danceable, sometimes topical, world music. Pearl Street Warehouse; \$20.

ILYAIMY • GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 8:30 PM

Very talented trio (sometimes duo, quartet, quintet), acoustic folk/rock from Baltimore. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

OCEAN ORCHESTRA's "CELTIC CHRISTMAS"

CONCERT • WESTMINSTER, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 2-4 PM

Celebrate the magic of Yuletide & the Winter Solstice with OCEAN Orchestra. The skirling of the pipes, toe-tapping fiddle tunes, and soaring vocals await you in this Celtic Christmas celebration. Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, 21157. \$25. **Info:** 410-848-7272; carrollcountyyartscouncil.org/attractions_artscenter_events.asp

MUSIC MATTERS SHOWCASE • COLUMBIA, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 6:30-9:30 PM

Come hear great free music this Saturday! **Billy J Carter, Scott Sivakoff, Monica Mathern** play alongside **Joseph Isaacs**. Voluntary donations for homeless accepted. At Mad City. **Info:** 410-964-8671, www.madcitycoffee.com.

CHRIS CASSADAY • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE

Local "folk-funk" singer/songwriter. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

19TH STREET BAND • COLUMBIA, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7:30 PM

Caolaidhe came from Northern Ireland to work in music, met & married Meghan, a violinist then working an Irish pub; Patty is the drummer, Greg the bassist. The Soundry; \$5-8.

DARLINGSIDE • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 8 PM

Boston indie-folk quartet with guest **Henry Jamison**. At Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW, 20001; \$22-25; (www.sixthandi.org)

THE THRILLBILLYS • GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 8:30 PM

Roots, rockabilly, R&B from a seasoned DC band. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged.

THE BAD INFLUENCE BAND • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 10:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS LOFT

More DC-based award-winning blues. The Hamilton; no cover.

TOM WYATT • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 • 7:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE

Western Maryland singer/songwriter draws on his Appalachian Roots. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

LOS LOBOS • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 • 8 PM

Mexican-American roots rock. City Winery; \$55-70.

JB DUNN • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 • 10:30 PM IN UPSTAIRS VINYL LOUNGE

Busy singer well-known to Frederick, MD audiences. Gypsy Sally's; no cover.

MOOSE JAW • GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 • 7 PM

Five-piece DC bluegrass cooperative. New Deal Café. Donations encouraged

HACKENSAW BOYS • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 • 9 PM

String band roots, rock energy; **South Hill Banks** opens, jam-grass. Gypsy Sally's; \$16 adv/\$20 day of.

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fsgw dances

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FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

AT GLEN ECHO PARK, MD

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 introduction 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. \$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, and ATDS Members, \$5 youth (with student ID if over 17) • \$13 for the general public Info: **Penelope Weinberger, dance@fsgw.org.**

December

2 Susan Taylor with *Polka Pants Trio*

Please! Pass Go! Proceed to pas de deux and promenade with the pulse and patter, in piano and forte, to the hot polka-dotted tunes of the **Polka Pants Trio: Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle), **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), and **Charlie Pilzer** (piano). This dance'll be crazier than the band's crazy pants. (*Calling: Ladies and Gents*)



9 Gaye Fifer with *Lumber Jacksons*

Come dance to the sublime calling of **Gaye Fifer** paired with the sheer musical wizardry of **Chris Ousley** (guitar), **Jake Blount** (fiddle), and **Brain Farrow** (bass) who will play funky Americana, Old Time twist, and more. (*Calling: Larks and Ravens*)



16 April Blum with *Cabaret Sauvignon*

April Blum calls to the wonderful playing of **Dave Wiesler** (piano), **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Karen Ashbrook** (hammered dulcimer) and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin). (*Calling: Ladies and Gents*)



23 Sue Gola calls to *Live Wire*

It's Philadelphia night at the Sunday Night Contra. Transform your holidays with a spark of energy; come dance to the electrifying music of **Live Wire** who bring a jolt to DC from Ben Franklin's hometown with the shockingly good fiddling by **Tom Krumm**, the positively charged guitar playing of **Sarah Gowan**, and **Ben Kennedy** on keyboard keeping the current flowing, and **Bill Quern** on banjo/mandolin/melodeon keeping it all grounded. **Sue Gola** will generate the excitement you've wanted to amp up your dancing. Think of the potential! (*Calling: Larks and Ravens*)



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FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.

30 Alex Deis-Lauby with *Stomp Rocket*

Alex Deis-Lauby calls to **Dave Langford** (fiddle), **Glen Loper** (mandolin) and **Bethany Waickman** (guitar). Come get warmed up for the New Year's Eve dance with this rocking band! (*Calling: Larks and Ravens*)



Perhaps you've noticed that FSGW has started listing what role names will be called at each dance. FSGW is experimenting with making the dance friendlier, less rigid, and more inclusive, and collecting data on your reaction to this effort. Our first effort was to try and have one alternative-role-terms dance per month, and when we asked the callers who wanted to do it, many more than one per month eagerly elected to use alternatives! Please let your dance committee know how you feel! If you want to know the latest on what role name will be used or learn more about this conversation, check out the FSGW website at fsgw.org

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. Bring clean, nonscuffing shoes for dancing. Cheerful, patient, talented callers are accompanied by top-notch 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. \$10 for FSGW members, \$12 for nonmembers. **Info:** English@fsgw.org.

December

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New Dancer Orientation starts at 7:30. **Kappy Laning** calls the dances to the music of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)



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Susan Taylor calls the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders), and **Melissa Running** (piano) play.



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Tom Spilsbury calls the dances while **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), **Barbara Heitz** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music.



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Melissa Running calls to the playing of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and accordion), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano)



fsgw dances continued

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

CARPE DIEM! CONTRA DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:30-10 PM

(FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7-7:30 PM)



Beginners welcome! **Sonya Kaufman** calls to music by **Eloise & Company** (**Owen Morrison, Becky Tracy, and Rachel Bell**). Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW, Washington Revels, and Takoma Radio and with support from Montgomery County Department of Recreation. In the Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, 20910. \$10/\$8

FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, Revels members/\$5 students/free for first-timers. Free Parking in lot after 7 PM, across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr. **Info:** Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net, BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org, 301-466-0183, carpediemarts.org/dance-with-us, revelsdc.org/, fsgw.org.

FSGW CONTRA SONIC • GLEN ECHO, MD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7:30-11 PM

Contra Sonic, FSGW's nongendered alternative music contra dance, is back for its December edition! Groove to the ecstatic beats of **DJ Flourish** and calling by **Brian Hamshar**. We'll have lights, contra, and plenty of action to warm you up, so come out of the cold to dance some contra! The dance at 8 pm in the Spanish Ballroom Annex (side door to the left of the main door) will be preceded by an orientation to contra dancing at 7:30 pm. \$9/\$7 FSGW & affiliates. **Info:** Robin Banerji, robindra@gmail.com.



FSGW-COSPONSORED:

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS • BETHESDA, MD

THURSDAYS (EXCEPT DECEMBER 27) • 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. A fun and welcoming group. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. Cosponsored by FSGW. **December 6: Annual Romanian Day Dance Party!** At Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr, 20816. \$7. **Info:** Jamie, dancingplanet@erols.com, <http://www.dancingplanetproductions.com/folkdance.htm>.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • GREENBELT, MD

FRIDAYS • 9:15-10:45 PM (INTRO: 8:30-9:15 PM)

We focus on dance from Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. No partner or experience necessary. Beautiful wood 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/first-timers free. **Info:** Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com, larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

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FSGW-COSPONSORED:

THE GREAT AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE REVIVAL-PART LXIV · WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 · 8:30-11:30 PM



The DC Square Dance Collective is celebrating SEVEN wildly successful years of presenting traditional Appalachian Square Dances! This month we'll have Old Time dance tunes played by **The West Hillbillies** from Ithaca, NY while caller **Dave Harvey** of The New York City Barn Dance 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. At Saint Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St NW, 20010. \$5. **Info:** dcsquaredance.com.

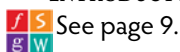
dances

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 24. Confirm events for the last week of December.

Sundays

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES • GLEN ECHO, MD
CONTRAS AND SQUARES • 7:30-10:30 PM

INTRODUCTORY LESSON EVERY SUNDAY • 7-7:30 PM



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AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD
SUNDAYS • 3:30-6 PM (INTRO 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. No partner required. All welcome. Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom. \$13/\$5 with valid student ID. Cash or check accepted. **Info:** WaltzTimeDances.org, 301-634-2222.

December

- 2 **Waltz Sisters** with **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), **Ralph Gordon** (bass)
- 16 **Cabaret Sauvignon** with **Andrea Hoag** (violin), **David Wiesler** (piano), **Paul Oorts** (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), **Karen Ashbrook** (hammered dulcimer).
- 30 **Dance du Jour** with **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (bass), **Liz Donaldson** (piano)



NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE • BETHESDA, MD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 7:30 PM (POTLUCK 6:00 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, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and bucks you can spare. **Hosts:** Linda, 202-333-2826. **Info:** MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

Mondays

NEW YEAR'S EVE FSGW CONTRA DANCE BALL
CHEVY CHASE, MD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 8:00 PM-12:15 AM



See the front page, and registration on page 27.

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY ENGLISH
COUNTRY DANCE • BALTIMORE, 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. Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, 21212. <http://www.bfms.org/directionsToChurchoftheNativity.php>. \$13/\$9 BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members/\$6 students/\$4 student members. **Info:** Sharon McKinley, 410-660-9147, engdance@bfms.org.

December

- 3** Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45 pm
Ann Fallon calls the figures; music by **Andrea Hoag** (violin), **Susan Brandt** (flute), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano and more).
- 10** **Bob Farrall** calls the figures; music by **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute and concertina), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano and more).
- 17** **Emily Aubrey** calls the figures; music by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Brian Cardell** (winds), and **Judy Meyers** (piano).
- 24** No dance
- 31** **New Year's Eve!!** Join us for our New Year's Eve ECD Gala at Church of the Nativity, featuring **Melissa Running** calling with music by **Elegant Echoes** (**Becky Ross** (violin), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). Special event pricing. 10:30 dessert, midnight champagne toast; Advance Registration Required: \$32-39/ student discounts. bfms.org/nyeGala.php

BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE**BETHESDA, MD****MONDAYS • 7:30–10 PM (EXCEPT DEC 24 & 31)**

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. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$7. **Info:** Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle.com, DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE ANNUAL HOLIDAY**PARTY • COLLEGE PARK, MD****MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 • 8–11:30 PM**

International Folk Dance Annual Holiday Party at Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom. **Info:** Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle.com, DiamondDanceCircle@comcast.net.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE GALA**BALTIMORE, MD****MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 • 8PM**

See above.

Tuesdays**FSGW CONTRA SONIC • GLEN ECHO, MD****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 7:30–11 PM**

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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. \$8/\$6 students. **Info:** Mike Fox, 240-424-0805 or

markidmike.com.**dances continued****Wednesdays****FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCES • GLEN ECHO, MD****WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM**

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BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE**BALTIMORE, MD****WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM****(INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:30 PM)**

Beginners always welcome. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. \$13/\$9 BFMS & FSGW members. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. **Info:** bfms.org.

December

- 5** **Mike Lentz** calls to *the Polka Pants Trio*: **Charlie Pilzer** (piano), **Andrea Hoag** (fiddle), and **Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle).

- 12** **Anna Rain** calls to *Eloise and Co*: **Becky Tracy** (fiddle), **Owen Morrison** (guitar), and **Rachel Bell** (accordion).

- 19** **Kim Forry** calls to *The Gravy Soppers*: **Rebecca Adams** (banjo), **Jeff Adams** (guitar), and **Jason Miller** (fiddle).

- 26** **TBA** calls to **TBA**.

THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC**SILVER SPRING, MD****WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–10:00 PM (EXCEPT 12/19 & 12/26)**

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Music by fiddler **Paul Carlson**, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, 20901. \$4/ first-timers free. **Info:** Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, <https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/>

Thursdays**FSGW-COSPONSORED****GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS****BETHESDA, MD****THURSDAYS • 7:30–10:45 PM**

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FSGW-COSPONSORED: SECOND THURSDAY**CARPE DIEM! CONTRA DANCE • SILVER SPRING,****MD****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 7:30–10 PM**

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ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA

THURSDAYS • NEW TIME: 7:30–9:30 PM

NO DANCE ON DECEMBER 27

We welcome beginners and advanced dancers; no partner necessary. Friendly and diverse group; fabulous wooden floor; a mix of easy dances, advanced instruction and requested dances. Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, 22307. Donation \$5. **Info:** Patricia, 703-472-3888, pdw@patriciadaywilliams.com, northernvirginiafolkdance.org.

BACK ROOM BLUES • GLEN ECHO, MD

THURSDAYS • 8:15–11:30 PM

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

CHALLENGING ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE ADELPHI, MD

3RD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 • 7:30–9:30 PM

A monthly ECD series at Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Ter, 20783. **April Blum** calls to music by **Judy Meyers** (piano), **Robin Wilson** (flute), and **Andrea Hoag** (violin). Suggested donation, \$8/person or \$15/couple. **Info:** 301-422-0292, jerryandapril@aol.com.

Fridays

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, MD

FRIDAYS • 8:30–11:30 PM

(NEW DANCER CLASS EVERY WEEK, 7:30–8:15 PM)



The Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, 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). At Glen Echo Park. \$10/\$5 for 17 and under. (Age 17 and under free on second Fridays.) **Info:** FridayNight-Dance.org or the Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.

December

- 7 **Anna Rain** calls to **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle), **Owen Morrison** (guitar and mandolin), and **Dave Wiesler** (piano and guitar)
- 14 **Kappy Laning** calls to the **Glen Echo Open Band**.
- 21 **Warren Doyle** calls to **Sleigh for Four** with **Steven Epstein** (clarinet, sax), **Adlai Waksman** (piano, accordion, melodica), **Laura Alexander** (cello), and **Carol Carpenter** (flute and piccolo)
- 28 **Chris Page** calls to **Boneshakers** with **Joe DeZarn** (fiddle); **Paul Hammerton** (guitar); **Gina Faber** (mandolin); and **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

FSGW CO-SPONSORED:

GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING • MD

FRIDAYS • 9:15–10:45 PM (INTRO: 8:30–9:15 PM)



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SCANDINAVIAN CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DANCE AND

LUCIAFEST • COLLEGE PARK, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8:30–11:00 PM

Music by **Peascods Gathering**. Basic teaching by **Dan Kahn**, 8:00–8:30. Dancing to candlelight on a magnificent suspended hardwood floor. Includes Santa Lucia and her crown of candles and traditional holiday refreshments. Singles, couples, beginners, experienced, all welcome. At Cherry Hill Park Conference Center, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, 20740. \$10. **Info:** Lorraine Silsbee 301-585-1130, Carl Minkus 301-493-6281, cminkus@verizon.net.

Saturdays

GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE

HOEDOWN • GALESVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 7–10 PM

Our Annual Holiday Hoedown! Dance squares, circles, long-way sets and waltzes. Appalachian dance tunes by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar). Figures called by **Janine Smith**. All ages. 6 pm: optional potluck; 7 pm: family-friendly dancing; 8:30 pm: more challenging dancing. Galesville Memorial Hall, 952 Galesville Road, 20765. \$10/\$5 under 17/free for under 5. **Info:** 301-926-9142, <http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/>

SHEPHERDSTOWN CONTRA DANCE

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 8 PM (POT-LUCK: 6 PM. FREE

INTRO WORKSHOP: 7:30 PM)

Susan Taylor calls contra and square dances to music by **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Paul Oorts** (guitar and mandolin). All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Events start at 6 pm with our holiday pot-luck. Bring a dish to share. Pot-luck snacks at the break. At War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St, 25443. \$12/\$8 SMAD members/ \$5 under 12. **Info:** John Sauer, 301-542-3272 or smad.us.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE: THE LEESBURG

ASSEMBLY • LEESBURG, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 2–6 PM

Join us for our **Holiday Party** and dance! Festive attire or period dress welcome. **Tom Spilsbury** calls to music by **Catherine Chapman**, **Judy Meyers**, and **Jeff Steinberg**. Please consider bringing a dish to share. We will be having a sit-down meal. Self-Trail home, 13222 Loyalty Rd, 20176. \$15/\$10 students. **Info:** Laurel Bybell, lbybell@gmail.com, 703-791-5603, theleesburgassembly.org.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 8-10:45 PM**

Bob Farrall will call to the music of *Peascods Gathering*. Includes festive lighting and decorations, and traditional flaming raisins snapdragons for good luck in the following year. Beginners and singles welcome. \$5. **Info:** Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281, cminkus@verizon.net or Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018. At Glen Haven Elementary School, 10900 Inwood Ave, 20902. (Parking and entrance in rear).

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY CONTRA DANCE**BALTIMORE, MD****2ND SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 8 • 8-11 PM****(INTRO LESSON: 7:30 PM)**

Hilton Baxter calls to *2 Docs & a Friend* featuring **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute and sax), and **Michael Raitzyk** (guitar). \$13/\$9 BFMS members & affiliates/\$6 under 21 and full-time students with ID/\$4 student members. No experience or partner required. Bring a snack and/or friend. Church of the Nativity & Holy Comforter, 21212. <http://www.bfms.org/directionsToChurchoftheNativity.php> **Info:** Sara: satdance@bfms.org or bfms.org.

ANNAPOLIS TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY**CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7-10 PM****(INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM)**

Greg Frock calls to **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Tom Wright** (10-string mandolin) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano). No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. \$10 with discounts for seniors, students, families, ATDS members. Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Road, 21401. **Info:** Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867, janscope@hotmail.com or Charlotte Featherstone, 203-247-3964, charlotte.feathers@gmail.com, contradancers.com/atds.

dances continued**LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7-10 PM****(BEGINNERS WORKSHOP: 6:15 PM)**

Brian Hamshar calling **Club Contras** (like techno) with recorded music and light effects. Wear white. St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut Street, 17603. \$10/\$6 students. Children 15 and under free. **Info:** Karen, 717-951-4317, www.lancastercontra.org.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7-10 PM**

Scandia DC sponsors a 3rd Saturday **Holiday Dance Party** featuring live fiddle music by **Andrea Hoag**, Grammy nominee and our local treasure, and the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Dancing starts at 7, no teaching this month, but there will be short talk through of most dances. Wear a costume if you have one, bring finger food to share if you can, but most important, bring yourself. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor), 15 Crescent Rd, 20770. \$10. **Info:** Linda Brooks, 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org, ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather, call 301-474-0646.

FREDERICK CONTRA DANCE • FREDERICK, MD**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 • 8-11 PM****(INTRO WORKSHOP, 7:15)**

Fabulous tunes provided by **Andrea Hoag** and **Rebecca Weiss** (fiddles) and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano) with **Kappy Laning** calling. Please check our website closer to the date for updated information. Snacks to share at the break are welcome. At Trinity School, 6040 New Design Rd, 21703. \$10/\$5 students. **Info:** Liz Donaldson, liz@us.net or Boe Walker, 301-694-6794, contradancers.com

Jams

See Frequent Venues for many location addresses on page 24. Confirm events for the last week of December.

Sundays**ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD****SUNDAYS • 9:30-11:45 AM**

Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401, **Info:** ken.i.mayer@gmail.com.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA**1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS • 1-4 PM**

At the Schoolhouse, Frying Pan Park, 2709 W Ox Rd, 20171. **Info:** 703-437-9101.

BLUEGRASS OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD**2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS • 3-6 PM**

Beginners welcome. Feel free to join the group and enjoy lively homegrown music the way it was meant to be. Great for listening, too. At Beans in the Belfry. **Info:** 301-834-7178.

BLUES JAM WITH THE DC BLUES SOCIETY**SILVER SPRING, MD****1ST SUNDAYS • 4-8 PM**

Musicians of all levels are welcome. Bring family, friends, and your dancin' shoes for a fun-filled afternoon and evening. Affordable cash bar, outside food permitted. At Cissel-Saxon American Legion Post 41, 905 Sligo Ave, 20910. Entrance on Fenton Street near public parking garage (free on Sundays). Free. **Info:** dcblues.org or 202-413-3609.

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

Capital Area Bluegrass and 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, caboma.org.

Jams continued

EARLY COUNTRY & GOSPEL JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 2ND SUNDAYS • 2–5 PM

The Sunday jam welcomes all to come have fun singing & playing early country & gospel music on their acoustic instruments. For complex songs, chord charts highly encouraged. Takoma Park VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912. **Info:** swopes123@gmail.com.

DC BLUEGRASS UNION • WASHINGTON, DC 1ST SUNDAYS • 11 AM TO 2 PM (BLUEGRASS JAM)

3RD SUNDAYS • 11 AM TO 2 PM (BLUEGRASS & COUNTRY JAM)
The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro).
Info: Mike Marceau, mikemarceau@juno.com.

OLD-TIME JAM • RICHMOND, VA SUNDAYS • 2–5 PM

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

OLD-TIME OPEN JAM • BRUNSWICK, MD 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS • 3–6 PM

Old-time Appalachian music – bring your fiddle, banjo, guitar, etc. Open to all. Organized by Old Time Frederick. At Beans in the Belfry. **Info:** oldtimefrederick.org.

UKULELE JAM • RIVERDALE, MD 1ST SUNDAYS • 2–4 PM

Playing music from many different genres; it's just plain fun! At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Barbershop). Free (donations accepted/encouraged). **Info:** UkeJamAtArchieEdwards@gmail.com.

Mondays

DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS • 7–10 PM

At 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, Barb@BarbDiederich.com.

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.

WOLF'S BLUES JAM • FALLS CHURCH, VA MONDAYS • 8:30 PM

At JV's Restaurant. No cover.

Tuesdays

OLD-TIME JAM • BALTIMORE, MD ALTERNATE TUESDAYS • 7–10:30 PM

Ken and Brad Kolodner lead the Baltimore Old-Time Jam at The Five and Dime Ale House, 901 West 36th St, 21211. **Info:** KenandBrad.com or Baltimore Old Time Jam Facebook page.

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. At Martinsburg Moose Lodge, 201 Woodbury Ave, 25404. **Info:** bluegrassmusicalliance.org/local-area-jams/.

OLD-TIME JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 3RD WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–10:30 PM

Rachel Eddy and **Jonathan Vocke** are leading a monthly old-time jam. Slow jam 7:30–8:30, followed by fast jam. All ages/skill levels welcome. Bring your guitars, fiddles, banjos, tubas, flutes, pennywhistles, flat feet, singing voices, and listening ears. Come early and grab dinner. At Takoma BevCo, 6917 Laurel Ave, 20912. Join the Facebook group (Takoma Park Old Time Jam) to stay in touch.

CAJUN JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD 4TH WEDNESDAYS • 7–9:30 PM

For dancers, musicians, and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners welcome. At 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). Free. **Info:** swopes123@aol.com.

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. At Beans in the Belfry. **Info:** 301-834-7178.

Saturdays

ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION ACOUSTIC BLUES JAM • RIVERDALE, MD SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barber-shop). Free, but donations welcome. **Info:** 301-396-3054, acousticblues.com.



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Mondays

TEAVOLVE CAFE • BALTIMORE, MD

MONDAYS • 7 PM

Open Mic Showcases hosted by **Rob Hinkal**. Teavolve Cafe & Lounge, 1401 Aliceanna St, 21231. **Info:** Rob Hinkal, 410-522-1907 or facebook.com/teavolvecafe/.

Tuesdays

GYPSY SALLY'S OPEN MIC • WASHINGTON, DC

MOST TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Upstairs in Vinyl Lounge at Gypsy Sally's. Free. **Info:** <http://www.gypsysallys.com/listing/open-mic/>.


JV'S OPEN MIC • FALLS CHURCH, VA

MOST TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Info: 703-241-9504, jvsrest@aol.com, 703-216-0560, avnocero@gmail.com.

RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA

TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

 Open mic. Amphora's Diner Deluxe. **Info:** 703-435-2402, RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

Thursdays

OPEN MIC AT NEW DEAL CAFE • GREENBELT, MD

THURSDAYS • 7-10 PM

- 6 Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic hosted by **Lynn Hollyfield**. (6:30 signup. 8:00 pm feature TBA.)
- 13 Open mic hosted by **James & Martha**.
- 20 Open mic hosted by **Joe Harris**.
- 27 Songwriters Association of Washington Open Mic hosted by **Paige Powell**.

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC • RIVERDALE, MD

1ST THURSDAYS • 7:30-10 PM

At Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop.

Info: acousticblues.com/events/events.html.

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

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In Memoriam: Bob Clayton



Bob at Civil War gig, 2016.



Bob at the 1967 Getaway

Bob Clayton, long-time member of FSGW (since 1967), musician (banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, harmonica, etc.), singer/songwriter, teacher, bureaucrat, (day job; his heart was in music) died on November 7, 2018.

Bob was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and came to DC to work for the government in 1963. He served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1967. When he returned to DC, in '67, he joined the Folklore Society, and became an integral part of it. Bob performed at every Washington Folk Festival from the very first through 2016. He served on the Board in various positions over the years. He holds the record for the most Getaways attended, having only missed two since the second one in 1967. He was a member of several groups over the years, including the **Greasy Road Toad Trompers** with **Sam Rizzetta**, **Mike Rivers**, and **Stymie**; **Sidekicks** with **Pete Kraemer** and **George Stephens**; and **Civil War Comrades** with **Doug Jimerson**. He earned a Masters in Banjo (American Studies) from George Washington University in the late 1970s. His dissertation on banjo history is available at the Library of Congress, American Folklife Center.

Bob is remembered as one "who played well with others," as a kind, sharing man, and as an excellent songwriter and musician. He is survived by his wife **Jennifer Woods**, son **Andrew Clayton**, granddaughter **Vivianne Clayton**, and a host of dear friends.

A memorial service is scheduled on **Saturday, December 8th at 11 am** at the Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20910, to be followed by refreshments and more songs and music!

Participatory Performing Groups

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Sundays

MASON DIXON BORDER MORRIS • FREDERICK, 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. Location rotates between Fredrick, Ellicott City, Columbia, and Adelphi, somewhat randomly; weather- and space-dependent. **Info:** blgraham_99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris.

Mondays

JOIN THE *INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE*

MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Embassy of Indonesia offers a free program to learn and perform Javanese Gamelan music with an instructor from Indonesia, **Mr. Muryanto**. The Gamelan is an orchestra of gongs, gong-chimes, and xylophone-like instruments. Rehearsals are Monday and Thursday evenings. Come one or both days. No experience required. **Info:** Marc Hoffman, wildwoodflower@gmail.com, 202-271-2291.

ORFEIA VOCAL ENSEMBLE • BETHESDA, MD

MONDAYS 7–9 PM

Orfeia is auditioning new members, all voices. We are an all-woman vocal ensemble, directed by singer, director and composer **Tatiana Sarbinska**, dedicated to preserving, performing, and teaching traditional music from Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. **Orfeia's** repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans, including Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Russia, and Greece. We usually rehearse in Bethesda. No familiarity with Eastern European music required. **Info:** Diane, 202-274-4155, orfeia.vocalensemble@gmail.com, orfeia.wordpress.com, facebook.com/orfeiamusic/.

Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING, MD

TUESDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

Come sing with us or let us perform for you!! We are an all-women's a cappella group of 40+ voices singing in the barbershop style. Join us Tuesday evenings for free and open rehearsals at Northwood High School in the Chorus Room, 919 University Blvd W, 20901. See you on the risers! **Info:** 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org. Sample our singing: capitalaccord.org/sample-our-singing.

Wednesdays

LDS VISITOR'S CENTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

CONCERT • KENSINGTON, MD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 • 6 PM

The **Capital Accord Chorus** enjoys singing at this amazing venue. Check out the Holiday lights on your way in or after

our performance. Washington D.C. Temple Visitors' Center, 9900 Stoneybrook Dr, 20895. **Info:** 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org.

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

The Rock Creek Morris Women practice every Wednesday at Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, 20912. **Info:** RCMW@uswet.com, uswet.com/RCMW.html.

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY ORCHESTRA

ARLINGTON, VA

WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

We are seeking people who play (or want to learn) balalaika, domra, or bayan/accordion or who play some orchestral wind and percussion instruments to perform the music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe. At Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd, 22201. **Info:** balalaika.org, 703-549-0760.

Thursdays

CAROLING AT THE WILLARD INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 5:30–7:30 PM

We'll be delighting audiences at this special downtown Washington, DC venue. Willard InterContinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW, 20004. **Info:** 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org.

U.S. BOTANIC GARDENS • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 • 6–8 PM

Conclude your Holiday season at the U.S. Botanic Gardens in downtown Washington, D.C. This venue is a **Capital Accord** favorite. U.S. Botanic Gardens, 100 Maryland Ave SW, 20001. **Info:** 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org.

CARPATHA FOLK DANCERS • WASHINGTON, DC

THURSDAYS • 6:30–9 PM

Carpathia is Washington's multiethnic Eastern and 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 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, age 14 and up). Costumes are provided by the ensemble. **Info:** carpathiadc@gmail.com, carpathiadc.org, facebook.com/carpathiadc.

FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN • TAKOMA, DC

THURSDAYS • 8 PM

Info: Alan Peel, 301-920-1912, squire@fbmm.org, fbmm.org.

Participatory Performing Groups continued

JOIN THE *INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMELAN ENSEMBLE* MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

See listing under Mondays, page 18.

Fridays

CARPE DIEM-REVELS COMMUNITY FAMILY SING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 6:30–8:30 PM

Celebrating the Winter Solstice and Holiday Season. Join us for caroling in the Takoma neighborhood and hot cocoa, cider and cookies afterward. We'll meet up at 6:30pm to warm up and sing through some songs before leaving Seekers at 7:15pm for the caroling. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW DC (across from Takoma metro). Feel free to bring instruments along with songs and refreshments to share. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels with in-kind media support from Takoma Radio. **Info:** BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org, 301-466-0183, jراس@revelsdc.org, www.carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us, www.revelsdc.org. \$5-10 donation requested to help cover rent and other costs.

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. Glen Echo Park. **Info:** FridayNightDance.org.

Saturdays

WOLF TRAP HOLIDAY SING ALONG • VIENNA, VA SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 4 PM

Join *Capital Accord Chorus* and other groups on the big stage at Woltrap! **Info:** 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org. Sample our singing: capitalaccord.org/sample-our-singing.

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE AT THE F. SCOTT FITZGERALD THEATER • ROCKVILLE, MD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 2–4 PM

A special holiday event where Capital Accord will be joined on the stage with choruses from the Metro area. We'll be singing holiday favorites and more! F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Dr, 20851. **Info:** 301-392-7664, info@capitalaccord.org, capitalaccord.org.

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG • KENSINGTON, MD 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS • 2:30–4:30 PM

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

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FSGW-COSPONSORED: CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG



CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 & 18 • 1–2:30 PM

Usually on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Cosponsored by the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington and FSGW. Sing favorite songs and make new friends! The song circle is about the joy of singing. 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; refreshments provided. At Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. **Info** (or to volunteer): Frieda Enoch, fenocho@jccgw.org or Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.



FSGW OPEN SING • POTOMAC, MD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8 PM

Theme: "Love Gone Wrong" - desertion, cheating, forced separation, boredom, or whatever. Singers go around the room, giving everyone a chance to sing a song, play a tune, or pass. Most songs are presented from memory, but cheat sheets often

appear. Everyone is welcome. The open sings have a loose topic to encourage us to learn new songs or put the polish back on some old ones. Don't worry if you can't think of a song on the topic—come join in the fun anyway! At the home of **Al Kehs**, 11031 Dobbins Drive, 20854. **Info:** 301-983-0534 or cell, 301-767-7770, kehsra@verizon.net. If you're willing to host on a future first Friday, please email Vince Wilding, Vince@VinceWilding.com. Please park on the straight part of the street, not on the circle.



FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON, DC SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 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 group singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Bill Thompson and Ann Herzog in Washington DC. **Info/directions:** landcommentary@gmail.com, 202-797-9259.

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**FSGW-COSPONSORED: SCHWEINHAUT
SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD
3RD WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 19 • 1-3 PM**

This song circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy great songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. The Song Circle, cosponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of singing, not about talent. No need to read music; printed words are provided for songs that have been suggested in advance, and you may lead or request any song, whether or not we have printed words. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience, including instrumental accompanists. **Wendy Lanxner** will be a song leader and guitar accompanist. Come when you can and leave when you must, but do come to sing or just to listen. At Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. Free. For more information or to suggest songs in advance, email Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

Sundays

**FSGW GOSPEL SING • WASHINGTON, DC
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 4-8 PM**



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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.

**LANGLEY SHAPE NOTE SINGING • MCLEAN, VA
3RD SUNDAYS • 5-7:15 PM**

Bring a snack or side dish to share. At Langley Hill Friends Meeting, 6410 Georgetown Pike, 22101. **Info:** John, 540-336-8112, jdelre@visuallink.com, dcshapenote.square-space.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, Katya@partan.com.

Tuesdays

**FSGW-COSPONSORED: CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG
CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE, MD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 & 18 • 1-2:30 PM**



See page 19.

**DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC
3RD TUESDAYS • 7-9:30 PM**

We sing from both *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:** Brenda Dunlap, 202-425-5264, dcshapenote.squarespace.com.

Wednesdays

**FSGW-COSPONSORED: SCHWEINHAUT
SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD
3RD WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 19 • 1-3 PM**



See left column.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING

2ND (BALTIMORE) AND 4TH (DC) 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, ShipsCompany.org.

December

11 Wharf Rat, 801 S Anne St (Fell's Pt), Baltimore, MD 21231

No sing the last week of December.

Thursdays

**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. At Paddy Barry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8150 Leesburg Pike, 22182. **Info:** Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org.

**FOLKSONG SING-IN (OPEN FOLK SING) • WHEATON, MD
3RD THURSDAYS • 8-10 PM**

Join local musician **John Durant, Jr.**, every month for this musical gathering. Everyone gets a chance 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 fellowship. The Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin St, 20902. **Info:** thelimerickpub.net.

Fridays

**CARPE DIEM-REVELS COMMUNITY FAMILY SING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 • 6:30-8:30 PM**

Celebrating the Winter Solstice and Holiday Season. Join us for caroling in the Takoma neighborhood and hot cocoa, cider and cookies afterward. We'll meet up at 6:30pm to warm up and sing through some songs before leaving Seekers at 7:15pm

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for the caroling. Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW DC (across from Takoma metro). Feel free to bring instruments along with songs and refreshments to share. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels with in-kind media support from Takoma Radio. **Info:** BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org, 301-466-0183, jrsi@revelsdc.org, www.carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us, www.revelsdc.org. \$5-10 donation requested to help cover rent and other costs.

FSGW OPEN SING • POTOMAC, MD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 8 PM

 See listing, page 19.



Storytelling

FSGW STORYSWAP • VIENNA, VA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 7:30 PM



Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of **Miriam Nadel** for an evening of shared stories and pot luck snacks.

Free. **RSVP/directions:** Miriam, mhnadel@alum.mit.edu or 703-255-1210.

FSGW COSPONSORED: THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA, DC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 7:30 PM

The Grapevine is home for first-rate storytelling and storytellers of all styles. Hosted by **Adam Booth** and **Geraldine Buckley**. Food and drink available. Busboys and Poets Takoma, 235 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012. \$15 suggested donation goes to the featured tellers—feel free to donate more! “Like” The Grapevine on Facebook at GrapevineStorytelling. **Info:** grapevinetakoma@gmail.com.

Upcoming FSGW Events

Upcoming events are subject to change; please check fsgw.org for updates, further details, additional event listings, and links to performers' audio samples and websites.

FSGW ANNUAL MID-WINTER FESTIVAL (MINI-FEST) • SILVER SPRING, MD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019 • NOON-10:30 PM

Details to come in the January Newsletter.

FRIDAY, FEB 15, 2019

OCCIDENTAL GYPSY

POTOMAC RIVER SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION • GREAT FALLS, VA

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 & SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

CHESAPEAKE RIVER DANCE WEEKEND CAMP LETTS,

FRIDAY, APRIL 26–SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

See full info on pages 25-26.

33RD ANNUAL FSGW SPRING BALL

(ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE)

SILVER SPRING CIVIC CENTER • MD

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019

Upcoming Alexandria After Work concerts:

JANUARY 11: LEIGH BEAMER

FEBRUARY 8: *The Alligator Pears*

MARCH 8: JULIA PATINELLA

APRIL 12: *Two Sisters*

MAY 10: LYNN NOEL PRESENTS GUDRID THE WANDERER

JUNE 14: *Toccata Players*

weekends

TERPSICHORE'S HOLIDAY RETREAT DECEMBER 27, 2018–JANUARY 1, 2019

Intergenerational music and dance camp featuring English, contra, squares, Polynesian, rapper, singing, dance band and so much more. At Claggett Retreat Center near Frederick MD. **Info:** www.danceholiday.net.

UPPER POTOMAC MUSIC WEEKENDS 2019 SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

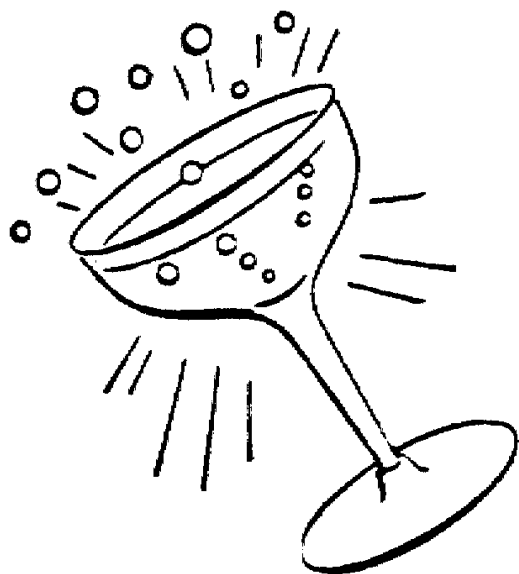
Workshops take place in the relaxed, retreat setting of the Shepherd University campus and the surrounding historic Shepherdstown buildings. **Info:** upperpotomacmusic.info, 304-263-2531, or upperpotomac@gmail.com.

FIDDLE RETREAT • JANUARY 4–6, 2019

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, English and Quebecois. 2018 teachers are **Joe DeZarn** (Beginning, Irish), **Pascal Gemme** (Quebecois), **Sean Heely** (Scottish, Irish), **Rachel Eddy** (Old Time), **Jaige Trudel** and **Adam Broome** (New England, English), **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer), and **Brad Kolodner** (banjo).

PIPERS WEEKEND • JANUARY 18–21, 2019

Weekend retreat featuring classes, concerts, sessions and private tutorials for a variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, flute, and mixed instruments. Staff include: **Jerry O'Sullivan** (uilleann pipes), **Chris Norman** (Irish flute), **Dick Hensold** (Northumbrian smallpipes), on Scottish smallpipes and borderpipes and French Repertoire for Franco-flemish pipes and mixed instruments: **Iain MacHarg**, **Tim Cumming**, **Nick Hudson**, and **Bob Mitchell**. Classes for all levels of ability; high-quality rental Scottish smallpipes are available for new pipers who wish to try them for the weekend.



SPRING WEEKEND • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV MARCH 22–24, 2019

Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions for hammered dulcimer, fiddle, and mixed instruments with special guest instructors including hammered dulcimer players **Steve Schneider**, **Tina Bergmann**, and **Randy Marchany**; plus multi-instrumentalists **Dave Wiesler** and **Paul Oorts** teaching an English Country Dance music class for all instruments. Saturday English dance workshop taught by **Melissa Running** with music by **Becky Ross** and **Liz Donaldson**, evening dance with the **Festival Open Band** from the ECD class. Shepherd University campus and the surrounding historic buildings in Shepherdstown, WV. **Info:** upperpotomacmusic.info, 304. 263.2531, upperpotomac@gmail.com

AMERICAN BANJO FRATERNITY • NEWARK, NY MAY 23–25, 2019

Banjo players and listeners are invited to the next meeting of the American Banjo Fraternity. There is no charge to attend the activities each day and evening. If you are a music professional, an amateur musician, or interested in banjo and music history, you will find worthwhile music that will challenge your skills and expand your repertoire. Not bluegrass or clawhammer, most of the music dates from 1880 - 1920. It is played on nylon strings with bare fingers and no picks. Players use 5 string banjos of different sizes. The meeting location is at the Newark Garden Hotel, 125 N. Main St, Newark, NY, 14513. We welcome guests without charge except for food and lodging. If you wish to join the ABF, please contact Joel Hooks for an application and dues payment at joelhooks@me.com. **Info:** www.banjofraternity.org, 315-331-9500.



classes

Sundays



STRUM FOR THE HOLIDAYS WITH MAUREEN ANDARY • TAKOMA PARK, MD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 1-2:30 PM

Deck the halls with ukuleles - Strum For the Holidays is BACK! We're going to learn how to play holiday tunes so you can spread the ukulele joy at your holiday parties this winter. We'll have discussions about arrangement, and figure out what strums and picking techniques we'd like to learn and how they work into each piece. This class is designed for players who can already play three or four chords. We will learn lots of sing-alongs as well as one instrumental. This is a fun workshop that will get you in the holiday spirit! Participants will get a book of several songs to take home. Space is limited! \$30. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave, 20912. Advance registration recommended. **Info:** workshops@hmtrad.com, hmtrad.com, 301-270-9090.

Tuesdays

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS (EXCEPT DEC 25) • 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 smooth-soled shoes (leather soles are best) for turning, not running shoes. \$5. First time free. **Info:** Lynn Walker, 301-834-4020, lisa@HamboDC.org, Hambodc.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD TUESDAYS • 7-9 PM

The Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 18 and up until December 11, 2018. No partner necessary. For non-members the first class is free (see website for coupon), afterwards \$50 per semester plus an annual \$20 membership fee. Ridgeview Middle School, 16600 Raven Rock Road, 20878. **Info:** ringofkerrydancers.org or Jean Woods, 301-253-4263, jtmwoods@gmail.com.

Wednesdays

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-9:45 PM

General Class/Dances held year-round in Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St, 22314; Fundamentals classes held in Fall & Spring. \$8. **Info:** A. Dempsey, info@rscds-greaterdc.org or rscds-greaterdc.org.

THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS • 7:30-10:00 PM

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. No prior dance experience or a partner is necessary. Music by fiddler **Paul Carlson**, a professional musician and teacher widely recognized for his skill and enthusiasm for Scandinavian music. Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave, Silver Spring, MD. No charge the first time; \$4.00 per session thereafter. **Info:** Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, <https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/>

Thursdays

GWCC ADULT SET AND CEILI DANCE CLASS SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAYS • 7-9:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club holds weekly adult Irish set and ceili dance classes in a friendly, relaxed environment. No experience or partner needed. The fall season will run September 13 - December 13. New dancers/basics, 7-8 pm; advances dances, 8-9:30 pm. Wear comfortable clothes and leather or smooth-soled shoes. In addition to weekly instruction, there is a monthly mini-ceili with live music and open to all on the 3rd Thursday each month (small donation requested for musicians). At Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. \$50/season, register and pay at class, first class free. **Info:** Instructor P. O'Donnell, 301-649-6410, info@gwcc-online.org, gwcc-online.org.

Saturdays

NEW ACOUSTIC ENGLISH WORKSHOP WITH GUS VORHEES • TAKOMA PARK, MD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • 1-3 PM



Learn tunes and methodology from the modern English folk scene, inspired by groups like English Acoustic Collective, Leveret and Blowzabella. About **Gus Voorhees** — Focusing on the breadth of English music with fiddle and button accordion, Gus Voorhees brings an emotive, creative and thoughtful approach to traditional music and dance. In 2017 he placed second as a musician for the John Gasson Jig Competition at the Sidmouth Folk Week. Open to all instrumentalists. \$40. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave, 20912. **Info:** 301-270-9090, hmtmail@hmtrad.com



frequent venues

Allyworld, 7014 Westmoreland Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (Takoma Radio entrance)

AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave, North Bethesda, MD 20852, ampbystrathmore.com (Strathmore members receive admission discounts)

Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, Herndon, VA, 20170, **703-435-2402**; restonherndonfolkclub.com.

Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop), 4701 Queensbury Rd, 20737 (across from Riverdale MARC train station; ample parking). Info: acousticblues.com or events@acousticblues.com

Baldwin's Station, 7618 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784. Shows 8 pm. Info: uptownconcerts.org, **410-795-1041**.

Ballroom Blum, Adelphi, MD. Info/directions: **301-422-0292** or jerryandapril@aol.com

Beans in the Belfry Meeting Place and Café, 122 W Potomac St, Brunswick, MD 21716.

Birchmere Concert Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22305. Shows 7:30 pm, birchmere.com, **703-549-7500**

BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Dr, Germantown, MD 20874 (Ride-On bus routes 97 & 100), blackrockcenter.org.

The Cellar Stage Timonium United Methodist Church, 2300 Pot Spring Rd, Timonium, MD 21093. Shows 8 pm; uptownconcerts.org

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center Ballroom, 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740.

The City Winery, 1350 Okie St. NE, Washington, DC 20002; citywinery.com/washingtondc

Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd., Baltimore MD 21212

Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St NW, Washington, DC 20012 (Takoma Metro), electricmaid.org.

Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard St, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Gypsy Sally's, 3401 K St, NW, Washington, DC 20007, gypsysallys.com.

The Hamilton, 600 14th St NW (at F), Washington, DC 20005, thehamiltondc.com

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Rd, Herndon, VA 20170, holycrosslutheranchurch.net

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna, VA 22180 jamminjava.com

Janie Meneely's, Takoma Park, MD. Info/directions: program@fsgw.org.

JV's Restaurant, 6666 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042, jvsrestaurant.com.

Lloyd House 220 N. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Info: **703-838-4994**.

Mad City Coffee, 10801 Hickory Ridge Rd, Columbia, MD 21044, **410-964-8671**, madcitycoffee.com.

New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770, newdealcafe.com.

Pearl Street Warehouse, 33 Pearl St SW, Washington, DC 20024. Info: pearlstreetwarehouse.com.

Positano Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Potter's Violins, 7111 Eastern Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912 (old Blair Mansion) pottersviolins.com.

Rams Head Onstage, 33 West St, Annapolis, MD 21401 ramsheadonstage.com

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD 20852.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010 (near the Columbia Heights Metro)

School of Musical Traditions, 1097 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St NW, Washington (Takoma), DC 20012 (Takoma Metro)

Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (free parking in garage across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr on weekends or if leaving after 9 pm)

Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Ln, North Bethesda, MD 20852. Info: strathmore.org.

Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910

The Sundry, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044. thesundry.com.

Union Stage, 740 Water St SW, Washington, DC 20024, unionstage.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22204

Warner Theatre, 513 18th St NW, Washington, DC, 20004, warnertheatrede.com

Washington Revels studio space, 531 Dale Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20910, revelsdc.org

Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, weinbergcenter.org

Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Rd, Vienna, VA, 22182, **703-255-1900** wolftrap.org





Register Now! Chesapeake Dance Weekend

At Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD

April 26 - 28, 2019



Featuring Contras, Squares, and Balkan!

- From Asheville, NC, **Diane Silver** is highly acclaimed for her clear, efficient teaching and calling, creative medleys, and great positive energy; facilitating high-energy dancing that allows everyone to “play” with the band.
- With 40-plus years of experience calling squares and contras, former Washingtonian **Tom Hinds** of Charlottesville is known nationally and abroad for inventive choreography, improvisational skill, and wicked sense of humor.
- **Stomp Rocket** is an exciting collaboration of beloved New England artists Dave Langford (fiddle), Bethany Waickman (guitar), and Glen Loper (mandolin & banjo). With an upbeat and energetic sound, they are sure to transport you to dance nirvana.
- **Jesse Milnes and Friends** from Elkins, WV includes: Jesse Milnes (fiddle), Kevin Chesser (banjo), Joe “Bass” DeJarnette, and Nate Druckenmiller (guitar). Jesse Milnes leads these talented musicians to create a melodic force of driving, rhythmic, old-time music.
- New York City-based **Reimlingen Band** features: Michael Ginsburg (truba), Catherine Foster (saxophone, clarinet, truba), Morgan Clark (accordion, tenor horn), Belle Birchfield (baritone truba), Emily Geller (tapan), Don Godwin (tuba). **Renowned instructor Michael Ginsburg** leads us in a journey through the mesmerizing world of Balkan dance.

The Chesapeake Dance Weekend takes place at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD (20 minutes south of Annapolis). Dance and dine in a hall with a fine wood floor and panoramic view of the scenic Rhode River. In addition to dancing, the camp offers walking trails, canoes, and tennis courts, and modern heated dormitory-style cabins.



For More Info:
chesapeake dancedanceweekend.org

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 26-28, 2019



A Program of
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of Greater Washington

FSGW's 37th annual Chesapeake Dance Weekend takes place at Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD (20 minutes south of Annapolis). Dance on a fine wood floor by the shores of the beautiful Rhode River. Choose from a variety of daytime dance and music workshops and spend the evenings enjoying contras, squares, and Balkan dances. The camp offers walking trails, canoes, and tennis courts. Heated, dormitory-style cabins sleep 8-12 per room in bunk beds. Tenting (BYOT) is an option. Check-in begins at 4 pm Friday. The program concludes at 4 pm Sunday. For more information, visit our website at:

www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org

You may register by mail or online. If using mail, send check with your application form. If registering online, visit ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org. You will receive a confirmation e-mail and follow up e-mails with directions and details. Fee covers program, accommodations, and meals. All-inclusive cost for the weekend is \$245 (FSGW member early bird registration postmarked before 1/28/19); \$260 (FSGW member registration postmarked on or after 1/28/19); \$290 (nonmember); \$150 (for 13-29 year old dancers). Dancers 13-17 years old may attend if accompanied by a paying adult guardian. Teen campers will be housed with their adult companions. A variety of scholarships (a \$50 REFUND) are available in exchange for 4 hours of work. See our website for details, then contact our registrar to find the scholarship that's right for you.

IMPORTANT FINE PRINT !

- You may join FSGW (by mail or online) and pay the member-discounted registration fee.
- **Cancellation policy:** refunds (minus a \$25 processing fee) will be made if the cancellation is received before March 25, 2019. On or after March 25, refunds will be made only if your place can be filled.
- Sorry, no part-time registrants. All registrants must be at least thirteen years old.
- See ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org.

Send check (payable to **FSGW**) and application to:
Chesapeake Dance Weekend, c/o Michal Warshow, 1725 N. Nelson St., Arlington, VA 22207

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Application

Name _____

Address _____

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Telephone: (whichever is best) _____

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☐ I may snore and keep others awake, ☐ I plan to tent. ☐ I will be staying offsite and don't need cabin space

I would like to be in a: ☐ mens, ☐ ladies, ☐ couples, or ☐ family cabin (13-17 year olds stay with parents) with:

I would like to share a cabin with: _____

My check payable to FSGW includes camp fee for _____ person(s)

☐ \$245 (early bird = FSGW member applications postmarked before 1/28/2019)

☐ \$260 (FSGW member) ☐ \$290 (non-member) ☐ \$150 (dancer, 13-29 years old)

☐ I wish to donate \$ _____ to support the Chesapeake Dance Weekend

☐ I wish to apply for a scholarship - see above - \$50 REFUND.

Dietary options:

- ☐ omnivore
☐ no red meat
☐ vegetarian

Other housing needs/preferences:

I want to join FSGW for \$ 25 & pay the member-discounted fee
(include a SEPARATE membership fee, check payable to FSGW)



NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

DECEMBER 31, 2018

Woman's Club of Chevy Chase
7931 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD

MUSIC BY STOMP ROCKET

DAVE LANGFORD, GLEN LOPER, & BETHANY WAICKMAN

TED HODAPP CALLING THE FIGURES

Grand March begins at 8:00 pm. The dance will go until 12:15 am.

Admission by registration only, must be 18 or older, no tickets available at the door.

Send completed registration form and check payable to FSGW to:

FSGW NYE Dance
c/o Karen Kelleher
18807 Birdseye Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
email mizkelleher@juno.com,
or call (301) 916-4360
Please do not call after 9:00PM
For more information visit www.fsgw.org



Registration: **(Please print legibly)**

Current FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, CDSS Member?

Name _____ Male ___ Female | Yes ___ No ___

Name _____ Male ___ Female | Yes ___ No ___

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (Other) _____

Email _____

\$40 for Current FSGW, ATDS, BFMS, & CDSS Members Amount enclosed \$ _____

\$44 for General Admission Make checks payable to **FSGW**

I want registration confirmation by (Check one): Email US Mail

Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope for US Mail confirmation

Ticket availability is limited and ticket sales may be closed before December 17th
Contact the registrar for ticket availability after December 17th



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