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FSGW Concert

Mari Black Saturday, March 7 • 8 pm

World champion fiddler **Mari Black** presents a joyous extravaganza of dance-inspired music from around the globe! U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion in 2013 & 2015 ... Glenfiddich National Fiddle Champion of Scotland in 2014... yet Mari Black's touring repertoire includes Celtic, American, and Canadian fiddle tunes, jazz, tango, klezmer, folk, and original material. With degrees from Yale and Columbia and a reputation for "energetic fiddling, sparkling stage presence, and engaging narratives that tie the whole odyssey together," she takes listeners on a musical journey that is family-friendly, undeniably fun, and full of surprises. \$15 for members and \$20 for non members. At Potter Violins, 7711 Eastern Ave., NW, 20912



Takoma Park, MD

FSGW Cosponsored Concert



TRIO TRELA MUSIC FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION FRIDAY, MARCH 13 • 6-8 PM

Trio Trela (**Spyros Pilios Koliavasilis**, **Mark Sylvester**, and **Cyndy Rice Elliott**) perform unique interpretations of folk tunes and melodies from around the world on oud, guitar, and bass, with a special focus on the Mediterranean region. Co-sponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria and FSGW, this is part of the Alexandria After Work concert series held in the heart of Old Town Alexandria at 6 pm on second Fridays. Take the free trolley that runs every 15 minutes from King Street Metro station! At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., 22314. \$15 suggested donation; cash bar.

Alexandria, VA

FSGW House Concert



Castlebay

Songs from Maine, Celtic lands, and beyond!

Saturday, March 14 • 8 pm

Castlebay returns to the DC area with their blend of songs from Maine, the Celtic lands, and beyond. **Julia Lane** and **Fred Gosbee** present a program of "Bygone Ballads": songs collected by several songcatchers in the first half of the twentieth century. They accompany themselves with Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle, tin whistle, and perhaps other instruments that Fred crafts as a luthier. At the home of Rick Morgan and Arlene Rodenbeck in Takoma Park, MD. Handicapped accessible. No pets in residence. Suggested donation: \$20, all proceeds to the performer. **Info:** reservations, and directions, contact Rick or Arlene at MorganRick50@gmail.com or 301-920-0087.

Takoma Park, MD

fsgw dances

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

AT THE SPANISH BALLROOM, 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 dances 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 are welcome; no partner is 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. FSGW allows callers to choose role names, with 75% gender-free dances each month. Bring water or a sports drink, and dress in layers. Smooth-soled shoes are kindest on your knees and ankles when turning. \$13 for non-members; \$10 for FSGW, BFMS, CDSS or ATDS; \$5 under 18 or with student ID. Info: dance@fsgw.org.

March

1 TBA

8 **Louise Siddons** calls to **Jwalk**, with **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle, feet), **Jared Kirkpatrick** (fiddle, piano) - positional calling.



15 TBA calls with **Tea and Honey**. **Colleen Holdroyd** (fiddle, feet), **Rebecca Weiss** (fiddle), **Sophie Chang** (cello), and **Bobby LaRose** (piano, mandolin).

22 TBA calls to **Waverly Station**, With **David Knight** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass). **Dance is free to FSGW members**, Nominations accepted for the FSGW Board during the break.



29 **Alex Deis-Lauby** and **Emily Abel** call with **Silver Sail** and **Pete's Posse**. **Silver Sail** is **Miriam Larson** (flute, jaw harp), **Kelsey Wells** (fiddle), and **Kristen Planeaux** (piano). **Pete's Posse** is **Pete Sutherland** (fiddle, piano), **Oliver Scanlon** (fiddle, feet), and **Tristan Henderson** (guitar, jaw harp, feet). Calling will be non-gendered.



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 2018 **Folk Alliance Conference** in Kansas City.



And tune in to WOWD-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.

REMINDER: Unless otherwise noted, all FSGW concerts are pay-at-the-door, no advance ticket sales, no reservations needed.
 There will be enough seats. For house concerts, you must RSVP in order to get the address, but for all other concerts, just come!
 This is one way we keep our production costs and ticket prices low.

FSGW Concerts

Visit fsgw.org for audio samples of performers.

FSGW House Concert

Del Ray, Alexandria, VA

John Whelan

Traditional Irish Music on button accordion

Sunday, March 15 • 7 pm

Acclaimed accordionist John Whelan has been performing traditional Irish music in the United States since 1980. He has performed with a variety of artists, including **Eileen Ivers**, **Seamus Egan**, and **Johnny Cunningham**, and he has released a number of recordings. It promises to be a wonderful evening of tunes! Hosted by Karen Helbrecht and Gordon Johnston in the Del Ray section of Alexandria. Light refreshments will be provided.

Suggested donation: \$15, all proceeds to the performer. **Info:** For reservations (essential), call Karen or Gordon 703-548-5784, or email (mjkandg@verizon.net).

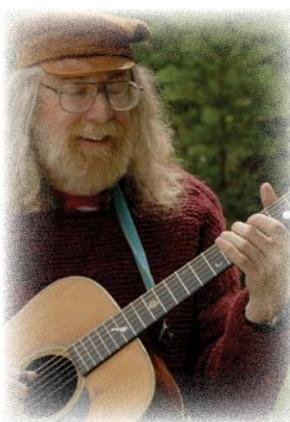


FSGW House Concert
Silver Spring, MD

Mike Agranoff

THE New Jersey Troubadour

Saturday, March 21 • 8 pm



Mike Agranoff is a folk performer who defies easy categorization. While amassing stalwart fans from folk aficionados of many categories, he draws material from sources as diverse as traditional ballads and fiddle tunes, Tin Pan Alley, contemporaries in the folk music world, and his own witty pen.

Visit MikeAgranoff.com for further info. Following the concert, expect an opportunity for jamming with Mike—bring your instruments, voices, and ears.

Linda and Carl Zebooker invite you to their intimate parlor in Silver Spring, MD. Because space is limited, reservations are essential. Suggested donation: \$20; \$10 for age 18 and under. **Info:** reservations, and directions, contact Linda or Carl at 202-386-8252, or swallowtailjig@yahoo.com.

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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, nonslapping 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. \$14/\$12 members (FSGW, BFMS, CDSS, ATDS)/\$7 students and those with limited income. **Info:** English@fsgw.org. Please consider adding a donation of any amount to support students and those with limited income, and to increase payments for performers.

March

4

Anna Rain calls to the music of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and accordion), and **Melissa Running** (piano)



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Dan Gillespie calls the dances while **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play



FSGW Co-Sponsored House Concert

18

Kappy Laning calls the dances to the playing of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (concertina and bassoon), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)



25

Melissa Running calls the dances while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Neil Epstein** (piano) make the music



Potomac, MD



Andrew Van Norstrand & Audrey Knuth North American Roots Music

Saturday, March 21 • 8 pm

Andrew Van Norstrand and Audrey Knuth are an American roots music duo from New York and California. They play a mix of North American folk genres; driving dance music of Quebec and New England, twin-fiddle breakdowns from the mountains of Appalachia, and the sweet lonesome harmonies of country, bluegrass and cowboy songs sung around a campfire. At the home of Jamie and Betsy Platt in Potomac, MD. **Info** and reservations: hrhbetsy@gmail.com / 301-466-3018. \$20 suggested donation.

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 free and you get a pass for free admission to a future FSGW event of your choice (except those listed as "no passes" or "suggested donation")—or to bring a friend.



#DANCE WEEKEND

FSGW PRESENTS: HASHDANCE WEEKEND

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 29!



WHAT IS THIS WEEKEND?!?!

An ultra challenging urban dance weekend featuring mind bending figures and non-gendered calling and unbelievably amazing music, and Two days of workshops, dancing, community, fun and food. Main dances in the fabulous open air, covered Bumper Car Pavilion, workshops throughout Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD.

Our callers are **Emily Rainbowface Abel**
and **Alexandra Deis-Lauby**

Our bands are

Silver Sail (Kristen Planeaux, Miriam Larson, Kelsey Wells)
and **Pete's Posse** (Pete Sutherland, Tristan Henderson,
and Oliver Scanlon).



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY evening 8:30 to 11:30 PM (walk-ins welcome)

Cost: \$10 for everyone (attendees and walk-ins)

SATURDAY, Daytime (registered attendees only)

9 am Callers workshop

10 am to lunch (provided): Workshops, dancing • 2 pm to potluck dinner: Workshops, dancing

6:30 potluck - evening dancers are welcome to join the potluck at 6:30.

SATURDAY Night (walk-ins welcome)

7:30 - 11:30: Dance... a "Zesty" Contra Dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion

Cost: Attendees (included in registration fee). Everyone else: Students: \$10, All others \$20 at the door

SUNDAY daytime (registered attendees only)

approximately 9 am Callers workshop • around 10 am to lunch (provided): Workshops, dancing about 2 pm to potluck dinner: Workshops, dancing 6 pm potluck - evening dancers are welcome to join the potluck at 6.

SUNDAY Night (walk-ins welcome)

7:30 - 10:30: Dance with two hot bands and two hot callers in the Bumper Car Pavilion

Cost: Attendees (included in registration fee). Everyone else: Students: \$10, All others \$15 at the door Contact the Dance Chair for housing, potluck, volunteer inquiries

REGISTRATION WWW.FSGW.ORG/EVENT-3501459

DETAILS

To ensure a safe and comfortable dance, #dance daytime events will only be available to full weekend registrants, with sales capped. The evening dances are included in the weekend registration. Saturday and Sunday evening dances in the Bumper Car Pavilion will have limited walk in availability.

Info: dance@fsgw.org. To register online and see a detailed schedule, visit the FSGW website, go to Calendar and scroll down, or go directly to <https://fsgw.org/event-3501459>

Pricing: Below is a partial list of prices. Complete pricing info can be found on the FSGW event page.

FULL WEEKEND:

FSGW, BFMS, CDSS or ATDS Member - \$80 • Member volunteer - \$56

Non-members - \$100 • Non-member volunteer - \$70

Youth (25 or younger) - \$50 • Youth volunteer - \$35

FSGW FAMILY DANCE • GLEN ECHO, MD

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 • 3-5 PM

Caller TBA, band **Jwalk**, with **Jakob Raitzyk** (fiddle, feet) and **Jared Kirkpatrick** (fiddle, piano). The FSGW Family Dance (at the Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom Annex) allows kids and adults to experience the joy of dance. Bring your entire family, your neighbors, your church or synagogue group, your scout troop. No experience is necessary, just come out and dance. A patient and experienced family-dance leader will get everyone on the floor with a focus on HAVING FUN! While the target age is children ages 4-12, many babies have started dancing by bouncing along in a carrier. \$5 ages 4+. **Info:** dance@fsgw.org

fsgw co-sponsored dances

CARPE DIEM! CONTRA DANCE • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 • 7:30-10 PM • (FREE INTRO WORKSHOP 7-7:30 PM)

Don Fahey calls to the music of **Marty Frye and Friends** Great Hall, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Free Parking in lot across the street at 801 Ellsworth Dr. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with FSGW, Washington Revels, and Takoma Radio, with generous support from MoCo Dept of Recreation.



FREE for FSGW Members! This dance will also be a meeting of members to accept nominations for the spring board election at the break. Become an FSGW member on the spot and get in free plus benefit from reduced ticket prices at dances and concerts the rest of the year!

FREE for first-timers. \$8 for BFMS/CDSS/Revels members. \$10 adult general admission, \$5 students. Contact: Bob Mathis, talibob@starpower.net or BusyGraham@CarpeDiemArts.org 301-466-0183 / Info: www.carpediemarts.org/dance-with-us

DC SQUARE DANCE COLLECTIVE FAMILY DANCE • WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 • 12-1:30 PM

Come to the D.C. Square Dance Collective Family Dance! If you have been meaning to come to a DC Square Dance but couldn't find a babysitter, this dance is for you. We present dances appropriate for parents and their children ages 4-12. A caller teaches everything on the spot and there is wonderful live music. Proceeds benefit Loaves and Fishes, a charity based at Saint Stephen's that fights hunger in the DC area. Location: Auditorium at St. Stephen's and the Incarnation Church, 1525 Newton St, NW near the Columbia Heights Metro. \$5 per adult, children are free. **Info:** dcsquaredance.org or www.fsgw.org.

GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, MD

NEW DAY: WEDNESDAYS/NEW LOCATION • 7:30-10:45 PM

The **Glen Echo Folk Dancers** are now meeting **WEDNESDAY** evenings at Glen Echo Park. This month, they will be in the Spanish Ballroom Back Room (temperature-controlled with a sprung wood floor). Dance instruction from 7:30-9 pm followed by open request dancing until 10:45 pm. All ages and abilities welcome. No partner necessary. Mostly gender-free. Occasional parties and workshops. Adm: \$8. **Info:** dancingplanetproductions.com/folkdance.htm, or call Jamie 301-466-3018.

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/\$3.50 students and seniors/first-timers free. **Info:** Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539, larry@larryweiner.com, larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm.

Recruiting New Board Members!!!

FSGW could not offer the hundreds of concerts, dances, festivals and other events each year without the many Society members who volunteer to make it all happen. The FSGW Board of Directors is recruiting Board members through our annual election process for a one-year term beginning on July 1. The Election Committee is compiling a slate of candidates for the May election for the 2020–2021 term and invites you to nominate candidates. You may offer your nominations for the FSGW Board at the Thursday Carpe Diem/Silver Spring contra dance on March 12. These events are official Folklore Society meetings for the purpose of receiving nominations for the Board from the membership. Nominations can also be made at membership meetings in March (specific dates to be announced), and nominations may be submitted directly to the Election Committee (prior to April 1) by petition signed by five current FSGW Members. You can contact the Election Committee at elections@fsgw.org.



40th Annual Washington Folk Festival Saturday, and Sunday, May 30 and 31



Festival Craft Vendors

The Washington Folk Festival, (co-sponsored by FSGW and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) to be held May 30 and 31 in Glen Echo Park, MD, has openings for several new or returning craft vendors. The Festival is lively and colorful. We expect about 10,000 visitors in an average year. Criteria are quality, uniqueness, and originality. When possible we like to offer crafts based on a traditional craft but it is not required. No buy-sell. Acceptance is NOT based on application postmark or date. Standard booths are \$140 with 6% commission on sales. Booths are 12x7 or 11x7.5 and a few larger booths are available for an additional fee. Crafts are in a Pavilion with a roof and a clear, lockable tarp for weather, some temperature regulation, and overnight protection. Free electricity. Free lunch for vendors and booth helpers. The area is open for sales from 11 am-6 pm each day. E-mail wffcrafts@fsgw.org to request an application or download from www.washingtonfolkfestival.org. We recommend mailing your application as early as possible. Jurying will be ongoing from March 6 until the show is filled. Learn more at www.washingtonfolkfestival.org

Call for Volunteers

FSGW relies on an army of volunteers to produce this Festival. Many have volunteered for decades, but new volunteers are needed each year. A few of hours of your time can help make the Festival possible. We need help not only during the festival weekend but also on the weekends of May to help with set-up and take-down. To volunteer: Go to www.washingtonfolkfestival.org and fill out an on-line volunteer form.

The Festival is particularly in need of people who would like to get more deeply involved in the planning and management of the event. We are looking for new people who can move into the many staff roles that make the Festival happen. These include festival co-coordinators, publicity, web page design, database management, fund raising, performer/staff food coordinator, stage hands, and craft sales management. If you have experience, or would like to develop skills in any of these areas, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in exploring a staff role, please send an email to dwainfest@aol.com. or call Dwain Winters at 301-526-8558.

MINI-FEST THANKS!

The Mini-Fest 2020 was a delightful day full of fabulous music and energetic dance, fascinating storytelling and joyful jamming. FSGW would like to offer special thanks to:

- * All of the performers -- solo artists, duos, trios, quartets, quintets and larger groups -- for cheerfully sharing their artistry.
- * The programmers – **Charlie Baum, April Blum, Kim Forry, Ingrid Gorman, Tim Livengood, Lisa Null, and Jan Scopel**. They were responsible for the wonderful range of workshops and performances in the gyms, all of the classrooms and the Cafeteria.
- * The sound technicians, whose expertise made the fine music in the Gyms and the Cafeteria clear and crisp: **Joel Bluestein, Dan Kahn, Glenn Lehman, and Jamie Platt**

- * The Takoma Park Middle School staff.
- * Crafts coordinator **Candy Madigan Larson** and the vendors.
- * Green Room coordinators **Regina Joffe, Fred Stollnitz and Jerry Blum**.
- * The Takoma Park Subway crew.
- * House of Musical Traditions, for coordinating the sale of performer CDs.
- * The logistics volunteers who came at 10 am and stayed until 11 pm; and the daytime volunteers who staffed critical areas.
- * **Steve Tuttle** for his wonderful photographs.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 6, 2021!

31st Annual Potomac River SACRED HARP CONVENTION

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 4 & 5 • 10 AM TO 3:30 PM

Come sing with us! ***NOTICE*** NEW LOCATION!

Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department Hall • 3900 Lee Highway, Arlington VA

Registration opens at 9:30 am. Saturday singing from *The Sacred Harp*. Sunday singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony*. Copies of both books will be available for loan or purchase. Mid-day potluck dinner on the grounds. Please bring a dish to share. Unfortunately, the space is not ADA-compliant as it is up a flight of stairs. Plenty of street parking available. There will be a social Saturday evening. The convention is free and open to the public. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Some travel grants available for distant singers: contact leyland.delre at gmail dot com. More convention information to be found at: <https://www.his.com/~sabol/PRC/>

For information on local singings, visit dcshapenote.squarespace.com

For detailed information about shape note singing, visit fasola.org.

Convention sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington: fsgw.org

FSGW Sings and Storytelling

FSGW OPEN SING • EDGEWATER MD SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 4 PM

The Open Sing will be held at the home of Michele & Denny Callaghan, Edgewater 21037. Theme/Topic: March winds and April showers and other songs about the weather. **Info:** callagh@verizon.net. As usual at Michele & Denny's, a potluck supper between rounds.

FSGW GOSPEL SING • TAKOMA PARK MD SUNDAY, MARCH 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 group singing after supper until 8 pm. Everyone is welcome! This month's Gospel Sing will take place at the home of Kathie Mack in Takoma Park MD. **Info/directions:** email kpmack2@gmail.com or call 301-270-5367.

FSGW DOO-WOP SING • POTOMAC, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • 6:30 PM (OPTIONAL POTLUCK, 5:30 PM)

Remember those classic harmonies from the early days of rock—from groups like *the Platters*, *the Clovers*, and *the Drifters*? Not to mention the great girl groups such as the *Shirelles*, *the Angels*, *the Crystals*, *the Dixie Cups*, etc. Come join us as we sing those wonderful songs from that era, such as: Under the Boardwalk; Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goin' to the Chapel, and so many more. Lyrics are provided. At the home of Al Kehs and Lynne Blei. **Info:** Ron Davies, 301-270-9365 or rondavies7@icloud.com.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

CIRCLE OF LIFE SONG CIRCLE • ROCKVILLE MD TUESDAYS, MARCH 3 & 17 • 11 AM - NOON

Usually on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Cosponsored by FSGW and the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington. 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; \$5 lunch available afterwards. At Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, 20852. **Info** or to volunteer: Frieda Enoch, fenoeh@jccgw.org or Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE • SILVER SPRING, MD THIRD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 • 1 TO 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, co-sponsored by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts, is about the joy of group 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! Free! Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. **Info:** Fred Stollnitz, fstollnitz@comcast.net.

STORYTELLING

FSGW STORYSWAP • FALLS CHURCH, VA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to the home of Margaret Chatham for an evening of Irish & other stories, and potluck sacks. Free. **Info:** Margaret at 703-698-5456 or email Margaret.chatham@verizon.net for RSVPs and directions.

FSGW-COSPONSORED:

THE GRAPEVINE • TAKOMA PARK, MD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 • 7:30-9 PM

The Grapevine Storytelling Series at Busboys and Poets in Takoma Park, with featured tellers **Rachel Dunstan Muller** and **Renée Brachfeld**. Hosted by Noa Baum, Renée Brachfeld, and Tim Livengood, the Grapevine features storytelling in any style or tradition, true or fictional. Come early to try for one of three open-mic spots. Open-mic starts at 7:30 pm, before the featured tellers. \$15 donation or what you can afford. Dinner service during show. BB&P at 235 Carroll St NW, Washington, **Info:** facebook.com/GrapevineStorytelling/

classes

DC KLEZMER WORKSHOP DANCE PARTY ADAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION, DC SUNDAY MARCH 15TH • 1–4 PM

Come learn Yiddish Dance with acclaimed dance leader **Judy Sweet!** Come join the **DC Klezmer Workshop Orchestra** and learn to play for dancing with virtuoso violinist **Zoë Aqua!** Or come play AND dance (musicians encouraged to dance)! At Adas Israel Congregation 2850 Quebec St. NW, 20008. **Info:** Howard Ungar howard_ungar@gmail.com Suggested Donation: \$20/\$5 for students and seniors

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASS • BETHESDA, MD MONDAY EVENINGS • 7:30–9:30 PM

Learn Scottish Country Dancing - Have fun while getting good exercise and challenging your brain! Classes at Building T-39 Aerobics Facility, National Institutes of Health, at Wisconsin Ave. & South Drive, Bethesda, MD \$5/class, membership available. **Info:** Michelle Fannon, 301-460-4751; Susan Keyes, 240-426-1899; Joan MacLeod, 301-622-5945 rscds-greaterdc.org

SCANDINAVIAN DANCE CLASSES • BETHESDA, MD TUESDAYS, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 • 7:30 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 at 301-834-4020 (please leave a message for a return call), lisa@hambo.dance, or HamboDC.org.

IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES • GAITHERSBURG, MD TUESDAYS, • UNTIL MAY 19 • 7–9 PM

The **Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers** teach Irish set and ceili dancing, for ages 18 and up. No partner necessary. For non-members, the first class is free (see website for coupon), afterwards is \$50 per semester plus an annual \$20 membership fee. Location: Ridgeview Middle School on 16600 Raven Rock Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878. **Info:** <https://ringofkerrydancers.org>.

BE A REVELS KID! • SILVER SPRING MD SPRING AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AT WASHINGTON REVELS MARCH-MAY (10 CLASSES) • GRADES PREK-3

As the world bursts into bloom, children will grow and play in our Spring after-school workshops. Revels Kids learn traditional games, songs, stories, and dances that have bound together people from cultures around the world and throughout the centuries. These timeless activities instill in children the confidence to lead, the respect to listen, the importance of teamwork, and the empathy to care for others and the world around them. Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Drive, 20910. Registration & **Info:** 301-587-3835 or info@revelsdc.org; revelsdc.org/revels-kids/education/.



THE NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON, DC SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS MARCH 4, 11, 18, & 25 • 7:30–10 PM

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. No charge the first time; \$4.00 per session thereafter. **Info:** Chris Kalke, 301-864-1596, cakalke@verizon.net. <https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/>

SET AND CEILI DANCE CLASSES • SILVER SPRING, MD THURSDAYS • 7–9:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club (GWCC) holds weekly Irish set & ceili dance classes (adult & ages 12 & up) in a friendly, relaxed environment, year-round on Thursday evenings in Silver Spring. The spring semester includes 18 classes and will run January 23 - May 21; 7-8 pm for new dancers/basics, 8-9:30 pm for advanced dances. 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 (instead of the advanced class) with live music & open to all: 2/20, 3/19, 4/16 & 5/21 (a small donation is requested for musicians). Argyle Park Activities Bldg, 1030 Forest Glen Rd, 20901. \$50/semester, register and pay at class, first class free. **Info:** Instructor P. O'Donnell, 301-649-6410, [info@gwcc-online.org](mailto:gwcc-online.org), or gwcc-online.org.

OLD-TIME JAM DROP-IN CLASS • TAKOMA PARK, MD EVERY THURSDAY • 7:30–8:30 PM

 Weekly drop-in class with **Noah Bowman** for adults who can play their instrument but need some guidance on what to do in an old-time jam. \$12/session. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, **Info:** School of Musical Traditions at 240-690-1910

JAMMING WITH OTHERS DROP-IN CLASS ROCKVILLE, MD EVERY THURSDAY • 8–9 PM

 Weekly drop-in class with **Justin Heath** at School of Musical Traditions in Rockville, MD. Learn how to follow a chord structure and play along to lyrics. All instrumentalists welcome. \$12/session. Advance registration required through hmtrad.com, **Info:** School of Musical Traditions at (240) 690-1910



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Concerts

Sundays

MATT NAKOA • ROCKVILLE MD

SUNDAY MARCH 1 • 7:30-10 PM



Matt Nakoa is an award-winning songwriter, singer and multi-instrumentalist; a modern troubadour who makes his home on the highways and concert stages of America, appearing regularly with folk music icon Tom Rush. Tikvat Israel Congregation 2200 Baltimore Rd., Rockville MD 20851. \$20 door/\$18 adv (or FocusMusic members) **Info:** Mike Amster 301-957-0178 or www.FocusMusic.org

WORLD FOLK MUSIC ASSOCIATION (WFMA)

SHOWCASE • BETHESDA, MD

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 • 7 – 9 PM

Featuring **Lynn Hollyfield, South for Winter, Kate Todd** Ristorante Italiano, 4948 Fairmont Ave., 20814 Members - \$15, Non-members - \$20 Reservations: send email to reserve@wfma.net, by phone: 301-744-7740, <http://wfma.net/pr2003.htm>

LISA NULL AND PETER BRICE • EDGEWATER, MD

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 • 5 PM

Lisa Null and **Peter Brice** present an afternoon of songs of Maryland and Irish North America in a house concert. They are recipients of a Maryland Traditions Master/Apprenticeship Award from the Maryland State Council on the Arts. At Michelle & Dennis Callaghan's. **Info:** 240-305-4263 or 410-956-2266, callagh@verizon.net.

Mondays

SEÁN HEELY AND KEVIN ELAM • ROCKVILLE MD

MONDAY MARCH 16 • 7:30 PM



Join us for a lively evening to ring in St. Patrick's Day with Irish music from Celtic duo **Seán Heely and Kevin Elam** w/ percussive dancer extraordinaire **Agi Kovacs**. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852 \$25 door/\$20 adv | Students with ID/Children \$20 door/\$15 adv. **Info:** Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

THE BUMPER JACKSONS DUO • ROCKVILLE MD

MONDAY MARCH 30 • 7:30 PM



Roots jazz rhythms and country swing harmonies vignetted by stories and sounds of Appalachia. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, 20852 \$25 door/\$20 adv | Students with ID / Children \$20 door/\$15 adv **Info:** Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

Tuesdays

ANDY OFFUTT IRWIN STORYTELLING

HOUSE CONCERT • SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Andy is one of the bright stars of the storytelling festivals and circuit. For more information and to reserve a seat, **Info:** info@cathymarcy.com \$20

BROOKS WILLIAMS • HERNDON, VA

MARCH 17 • 7:15 PM



Brooks Williams is an American acoustic guitarist and singer-songwriter. His style combines roots, jazz, blues, classical, and folk. He has released albums of contemporary folk music, blues music, and of instrumental guitar music. His album, *Brooks' Blues*, features Williams' favorite blues songs by Robert Johnson, Memphis Slim, Bessie Smith, and Willie McTell. Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St, 20170 \$10 Members, \$11 Non-members. Tickets: at the door **Info:** Dave Hurd at DAHurdSr@cs.com

Wednesdays

TÉADA • SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 • 7:30 PM

The Greater Washington Ceili Club is proud to sponsor the world renowned Irish trad band, **Téada**, in concert at the MC Cultural Arts Center, 7995 Georgia Ave. **Téada's** Spring US tour, a St. Patrick's celebration, includes **Oisín Mac Diarmada** (fiddle), **Seán Gavin** (Uilleann pipes/flute), **Patrick Doocey** (guitar) and **Brian Cunningham** (dance); and features Kerry legend **Séamus Begley** on (vocals/accordion). As a bonus, the concert will be opened by a small group of recent GWCC Frankie Kennedy Memorial Scholarship winners — the future of trad! An evening not to be missed. All seats reserved: \$20 + \$2 handling fee. **Info:** 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

"GRAFFITI, FOLKLORE AND COMMUNITY LIFE:

PHOTOGRAPHING CONTEMPORARY CULTURE,"

PRESENTED BY MARTHA COOPER, PHOTOJOURNALIST

WASHINGTON, DC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 • 12 NOON-1:00 PM



Renowned photojournalist **Martha Cooper** has spent decades documenting contemporary culture throughout the world, and her book with Henry Chalfant on New York City graffiti, *Subway Art*, has been called "the graffiti bible." In this presentation, she will share some of her favorite photographs and discuss her projects, approaches, and reflections on photography and documentation. Library of Congress, Jefferson Building, First Floor, Whittall Pavilion. Admission: FREE! **Info:** Nancy Groce, 202-707-1744; loc.gov/folklife/events/index.html

VOLUNTEER TO REVIEW TRANSCRIPTIONS OF

THE NOTEBOOKS AND LETTERS OF FOLKLORIST

ALAN LOMAX!

The Library of Congress American Folklife Center needs YOUR help to make these documents available to musicians, music lovers, and researchers all over the world, including those with low or no vision. Through the Library's "By the People" crowdsourcing project, more than 600 people from around the globe have transcribed 9,000 pages of field notes and other manuscripts related to Alan's fieldwork, from the 1930s through the 1980s. Now, we need your help to review and approve the transcriptions. Do as little or as much as you're able. Register for an account to start your work here: crowd.loc.gov/account/register/ Read instructions for how to review here: crowd.loc.gov/help-center/how-to-review/?loclr=blogflit

Thursdays

CARPE DIEM! JUMP START WITH THE ARTS, FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT AT EL GOLFO • SILVER SPRING, MD

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 • 5:45PM AND 6:45PM
(TWO 25-MINUTE SHOWS)

Featuring **Mary Amato**. Location: El Golfo, 8739 Flower Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901 Presented by Carpe Diem Arts, with sponsors Finn Family Group, Washington Revels, El Golfo, and Takoma Radio. Each ticket good for one FREE margarita or ice cream! Tickets: children free; \$5 adults; percent of restaurant proceeds benefit early learning programs. **Info:** www.carpediemarts.org/family-fun-night/. 301-466-0183

Fridays

ORCHESTRA PRAŽEVICA AND THE YEHLA COLLECTIVE

ROCKVILLE MD

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 • 7:30 PM

A night of Eastern European protest songs incorporating gypsy jazz, western swing and an eclectic group of Czech, Slovak, Armenian, Moravian and American musicians. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD, 20852 \$25 door/\$20 adv | Students with ID/Children \$20 door/\$15 adv **Info:** Rob Hinkal at publicity@imtfolk.org or www.imtfolk.org

IN PROCESS • TAKOMA DC

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 • 7:30-9:30 PM DOORS OPEN 7 PM

In Process, an African American women's a cappella ensemble, originated in the DC metropolitan area from a *Sweet Honey* workshop, offering over 30 years the rhythmic, harmonic, consciousness-raising music. Carroll Café at Seekers Church 276 Carroll St NW, 20012 \$18/adv. \$20/door **Info:** Sandra 240-350-1769. carrollcafe.org

ELIZABETH LAPRELLE • ANNAPOLIS, MD

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 • 7:30 PM

333 presents **Elizabeth LaPrelle**, a young standout who sings the old ballads of the southern mountains with stunning feel and conviction, unaccompanied or with banjo. Guest Host: **Max Ochs**. At Annapolis Friends Meeting, 351 DuBois Rd, 21401. \$12, or \$10 for students, 65+, or members of ATDS, FSGW, or BFMS. **Info:** 333concerts.org, 443-333-9613 or 333coffeehouse@gmail.com.

Saturdays

KINOBE OF UGANDA • WASHINGTON DC

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 • 7:30 PM CONCERT

8:30 PM CONCERT & SOCIAL DRUM CIRCLE-AFRICAN DANCE WORKSHOP.

A benefit event in support of the Dance of Hope Tour. Drum & Dance workshop, 9:15 Social & Refreshments. At the: Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW, 20912 (across from Takoma Metro) Presented by *Carpe Diem Arts and friends*. Tickets: Advance \$15 general; \$10 students; \$20 at the door. Free for ages 5 and under. www.eventbrite.com — search for Kinobe OR use this link: eventbrite.com/e/kinobe-of-uganda-concert-social-drum-circle-african-dance-workshop-tickets-94014468807 Additional donations welcome and tax-deductible. **Info:** www.kinobemusic.com / www.danceofhope.com / 301-466-0183 / info@carpediemarts.org

Concerts continued

ANNE HILLS • ALEXANDRIA, VA

SATURDAY MARCH 14 • 7-9:30 PM



Anne Hills is one of the most beloved voices of the contemporary folk music scene, receiving awards and recognition for her live performances, her unique solo and collaborative recording projects, and her overall artistry and benefit work. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 8531 Riverside Rd., 22308 \$20 door/\$18 adv (or FocusMusic members) **Info:** Herb Levy 703.380.3151 or www.FocusMusic.org

JUBILEE VOICES AT PLEASANT GROVE • MCLEAN, VA

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 *TIME TBA

The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices returns for the third year in a row to present a concert at Historic Pleasant Grove Church, built by the descendants of enslaved people in the 1890s. Experience the traditional music that bound together many African American congregations in the late-19th and early-20th Centuries, with songs of faith and freedom, struggle and perseverance. Sponsored by the Friends of Pleasant Grove. 8641 Lewinsville Road, 22102. Free admission. **Info:** info@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/ensembles/jubilee-voices/

SCOTT COOK • STERLING, VA

SATURDAY MARCH 28 • 7:30-10 PM

A roots balladeer with a rare personal warmth, Alberta's **Scott Cook** has distilled the stories collected over twelve years touring full-time across Canada, the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia and elsewhere into straight-talking, keenly observant verse. Community Lutheran Church of Sterling, 21014 Whitfield Pl., 20165 \$20 door/\$18 adv (or FocusMusic members) **Info:** Jerry Bresee 571-471-3753 or www.FocusMusic.org

CELTIC PERCUSSION LECTURE/DEMO

w/SCOTT MORRISON • ROCKVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 • 2-4PM

Multi-media presentation on the nature of percussion (bodhran, bones, spoons, snare) in Celtic music, and the intersection between the Gaelic language and those traditions as they pertain to Ireland & Scotland. Held at School of Musical Traditions, 1057 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. \$20. **Info:** advance registration recommended through hmtrad.com, or call 240-690-1910.



dances

BLUES

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.

CONTRA

Mondays

D.C. LAMBDA SQUARES • WASHINGTON DC MONDAYS • 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

We will be teaching beginning western style square dancing. Come join us for a fun evening of music and dance. We dance at the Calvary Baptist Church, 755 8th St., NW, Washington 20001 **Info:** spiningdek@gmail.com

Wednesdays

BFMS CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD WEDNESDAYS • 8-10:30 PM

 Beginners are always welcome. New dancer workshops at 7:30. Nationally known musicians and callers appear regularly. BFMS and FSGW members \$9, non-members \$13. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St, 21218. **Info:** bfms.org.

March

- 4 Perry Shafran calls to the *Baltimore Open Band!*
- 11 Anne Lutun calls to *OK Boomer - Steve Hickman* (fiddle), *David Crandall* (flute, sax), *Ralph Barthine* (guitar), and *Brian Farrow* (bass).
- 18 Anna Rain calls to *David Giusti* (fiddle) and *Jacob Howley* (guitar).
- 25 TBA calls to *Backstep Cindy - Sandy Hofferth* (fiddle), *Howard Zane* (banjo), and *Joe Langley* (guitar).

Fridays

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS • GLEN ECHO, MD FRIDAYS • 8:30-11:30 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, usually in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom (SB) and occasionally in the Bumper Car Pavilion (BCP). At Glen Echo Park. \$10 per person; \$5 for 17 and under. (17 and under free on second Fridays.) **Info:** FridayNightDance.org or check the Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park Facebook page.

March

- 6 Louise Siddons calls to *Casserly, Pilzer, and Weiss* with *Dave Casserly* (saxophone and feet), *Charlie Pilzer* (piano), and *Rebecca Weiss* (fiddle)
- 13 Brian Hamshar calls to *The Glen Echo Open Band*
- 10 Janine Smith calls to *Morrison Brothers Band* with *Jim Morrison* (fiddle and guitar), *Owen Morrison* (electric and acoustic guitars), and *Will Morrison* (drums)

- 27 Emily Abel calls to *Taylor Among the Devils* with *Marty Taylor* (whistles and concertina), *Steve Hickman* (fiddle and harmonica), and *Jonathan Jensen* (piano and winds)

Saturdays

SQUARE/CONTRA DANCE • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 8 PM

Ron Buchanan calls contra dances and squares to the music of *The Bouncers* with *Jim Harrington* (accordion), *T.J. Crow* (mandolin), *Richard Adams* (horns and bass), and *Bill Wellington* (guitar and banjo). The Shepherdstown Contra dance is held at the War Memorial Building, 102 E. German St., 25443. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Pot-luck snacks at the break. Free introductory workshop at 7:30. \$12; SMAD members \$8; \$5 under 12. **Info:** John at 301-542-3272 or smad.us.

BALTIMORE CONTRA DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 • 8 PM

Penelope Weinberger calls to *Tea and Honey* featuring *Bobby Rose* piano and mandolin, *Colleen Holyroyd* (fiddle and feet), *Sophie Chang* (cello), and *Rebecca Weiss* (fiddle). Called with Larks and Robins, we have a workshop that begins at 7:30 and the dance begins at 8. Bring a snack and bring a friend. The dance is held at the Church of the Nativity & Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, 21212. **Info:** our website at bfms.org or email Don & Michele at satdance@bfms.org.

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE • CHAPTICO MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 • 7:30 PM

Come out to swing, promenade, and do-si-do to lively jigs, reels and waltzes at the SMTMD contra dance. *The Southern MD Open Band* will be playing live acoustic string music and caller *Jason Little* will teach and call the dances. The beginners dance workshop (no partner required) starts at 7pm, and the dance begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$6 for SMTMD members and \$10 for non-members; (band members and children under 17 are free). There will be an ice cream social during the intermission. Please bring a water bottle to the dance. Christ Church Parish Hall, Chaptico **Info:** www.smtmd.org for directions and more information. Watch the website for weather related cancellation notices.

CONTRA DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • 7-10 PM (INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM)

Mike Lentz calls to *Broadwater: Andrew Broadwater* (fiddle, hammered dulcimer, recorder, steel drums), *Gerry Hemming* (guitar, banjo) and *Ed VandenBosche* (cello, guitar). 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, Annapolis, MD 21401. **Info:** Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867, janscope@hotmail.com, or Charlotte Featherstone, 203-247-3964, charlotte.feathers@gmail.com; www.contradancers.com/atds

LANCASTER CONTRA DANCE • LANCASTER, PA

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • 7-10 PM

(NEW DANCERS WORKSHOP • 6:15 PM)

DeLaura Padovan calls to *Devine Comedy* with *Steve Hickman* (fiddle), *John Devine* (guitar), and *Marty Taylor* (whistle, concertina). St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA 17603. \$10 adults/\$6 students. Children 15 and under free. Info: Karen 717-951-4317 or www.lancastercontra.org.

Deadline APRIL 2020 Newsletter: SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

dances continued**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE****Mondays****BFMS ENGLISH DANCE • BALTIMORE, MD****MONDAYS • 8–10:30 PM****(NEW DANCER'S WORKSHOP AT 7:45 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 for non-members; \$9 BFMS, ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members; \$6 student non-members, \$4 student members. **Info:** Emily Aubrey, 410-433-4419, engdance@bfms.org

March

- 2 **Emily Aubrey** calling to **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute and concertina), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano etc)
- 9 Guest caller **Louise Siddons** calling to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Judy Meyers** (piano)
- 16 **Sharon McKinley** calling to **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Mark Vidor** (accordion), and **Janina O'Brien** (piano etc)
- 23 **Carl Friedman** calling to **Becky Ross** (violin), **Barbara Gorin** (viola), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano)
- 30 **Diane Schmit** calling to the **Geud Band of Baltimore**

Thursdays**CHALLENGING ENGLISH • ADELPHI, MD****THURSDAY, MARCH 19 • 7:30-9:30 PM**

A monthly ECD series at Ballroom Blum, 8300 Osage Ter, 20783. March 19, **Ann Fallon** calls to music by **Liz Donaldson** (piano), **Emily Aubrey** (violin), and **Owen Morrison** (guitar). Suggested donation \$8 per person/\$15 couple. **Info:** 301-422-0292 or jerryandapril@aol.com. 8300 Osage Ter, Adelphi MD 20783.

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

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • ANNAPOLIS, MD**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 7-10 PM (INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM)**

Jackie McCabe calls to **Elke Baker, Liz Donaldson** and **Marty Taylor**. 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, Annapolis, MD 21401. **Info:** Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867, janscope@hotmail.com, or Ann Fallon, 410-268-0231, aefallon@verizon.net; www.contradancers.com/atds



Newsletter submissions: See instructions on page 23

THE LEESBURG ASSEMBLY • HERNDON, VA**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 • 6:30–9:30 PM**

Corky Palmer calls to music by **Catherine Chapman** and **Judy Meyers**. All dances taught and called. Please consider bringing a refreshment to share. \$10; Students, \$5. Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon, VA 20170. **Info:** Laurel Bybell (Secretary) lbybell@gmail.com (703-791-5603) or theleesburgassembly.org

INTERNATIONAL**Mondays****BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE • 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. At Jane Lawton Community Ctr, 4301 Willow Ln, 20815. \$7. **Info:** Phyllis or Brandon Diamond, 301-871-8788, DiamondDanceCircle.com.

Tuesdays**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.

Wednesdays**BABA MARTA CELEBRATION • GLEN ECHO MD****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 • 7:30 PM**

Baba Marta Celebration: Bulgarian dance party with live music by **Lyuti Chushki**. Easy Bulgarian dances taught from 7:30 - 8:30, followed by the party. Admission \$15. In the Spanish Ballroom back room. If you can, please bring a (non-meat) snack/dessert/beverage to share. Note: there is no sink, refrigerator, or microwave available.

Thursdays**ALEXANDRIA FOLK DANCERS • ALEXANDRIA, VA****THURSDAYS (NO MEETING MARCH 26) • 7:30–9:30 PM**

Friendly and diverse group of all ages welcomes beginners and advanced dancers. NO partner necessary. FABULOUS wooden floor; mix of Balkan, Line and novelty dances and the occasional English Country Dance. Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307. **Info:** Eileen Shropshire, eileenshropshire@gmail.com phone 703-971-2341. Suggested donation: \$5.00

SPECIAL BULGARIAN DANCE WORKSHOP**BETHESDA MD****THURSDAY, MARCH 12 • 7:30 PM**

With **Nikolay Tzvetkov**, a former dancer with **Trakia Ensemble** and a well-known teacher of Bulgarian dances. Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobin Drive, Bethesda, MD (across MacArthur Blvd from the Town of Glen Echo). Easy dances taught by Jamie Platt 7:30-8:15, followed by the dance workshop. Admission \$15.

dances continued

IRISH

GWCC CEILI • COLLEGE PARK, MD

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 • 3 - 8 PM

GWCC sponsors a lively ceili (Sept-May), usually on the 4th Sunday, with live music. There is a dance workshop at 3, this month the Camp Set will be taught by **Ann Marie Breheny**. Ceili 4-8, where the workshop dance and last month's workshop dance (the Tory Island Lancers) will be called. Music by the **Pride of Patuxent Pond Scum Ceili Band**. Please bring a dish to share at the potluck dinner during the first break (Smooth-soled shoes recommended, single dancers and listeners welcome.) 9800 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740. \$15 Members, \$20 Non-members. Students half price. Ages 10 & under free. **Info:** 301-512-4480 or gwcc-online.org.

SCANDINAVIAN

NORWEGIAN POTLUCK & DANCE • TAKOMA PARK, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 • POTLUCK 6:30 PM, DANCING 8 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. At Loretta & Tony's this time; last minute calls 301-270-4925. **Info:** MAND.fanitull.org or Jenny, pi@xecu.net, 301-371-4312.

SCANDIA DC DANCE • GREENBELT, MD

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • 7-10 PM

Scandia DC sponsors Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month live fiddle music will feature **Paul Carlson** and the **Scandia DC Spelmannslag**. Paul is a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. He teaches and plays music professionally and plays regularly for the Nordic Dancers and at other venues including the Kennedy Center. There may be a small amount of recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8 by **Linda Brooks** and **Dan Kahn**: Hamburska med Nig - a fun, accessible dance from Sörmland in Southern Sweden done to lovely music, and Ore Polska an elegant

dance from Dalarna, Sweden. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd. 20770 \$10; Info: Linda Brooks 202-333-2826 or Linda@ScandiaDC.org, or ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather call 301-474-0646.

SCOTTISH

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • GREENBELT MD

TUESDAYS • 8 - 10 PM

Dance all year round at Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. 20770. **Info:** Richard Valentich 301-768-0287 or rvalentich180@gmail.com

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE • ALEXANDRIA, VA

WEDNESDAYS • 7:30 - 9:45 PM

Learn and Practice Scottish Country Dancing! General Class/Dances held year-round in Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., 22314; Drop-in \$8; **Info:** Anne Dempsey; Email: info@rscds-greaterdc.org Waltz and Couples Dances

Sundays

AFTERNOON WALTZ • GLEN ECHO, MD

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS • 3:30-6 PM

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing, with an introductory lesson from 2:45-3:30. 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, 20812. \$13/\$5 students with ID. Cash or check accepted.

March

- 1 **Contratopia** with **Erik Sessions** (fiddle), **Patrice Pakiz** (piano, oboe), **Theodore Hodapp** (melodeon, concertina), **John Goodin** (mandolin, guitar), **Pat O'Loughlin** (English concertina, banjo, cajón)
- 15 **Morrison, Knight, and Rose** with **Owen Morrison** (guitar, piano), **David Knight** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute)



Jams

Sundays

ACOUSTIC JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD

SUNDAYS • 9:30-11:45 AM

Back room at 49 West Coffeehouse, 49 West St, 21401, **Info:** richardaelliott773@gmail.com.

BLUEGRASS JAM • HERNDON, VA

1ST AND 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 AND 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, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. **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 AND 4TH SUNDAYS • 2-6 PM

Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association holds bimonthly jams. Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd, 22204. 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 and playing early country and gospel music on their acoustic instruments. For complex songs, chord charts highly encouraged. Takoma Park VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave, 20912. **Info:** swope123@gmail.com.

**DC BLUEGRASS UNION • WASHINGTON, DC
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS • 11–2 PM**

The Mansion, 2020 O St NW, 20036 (Dupont Circle Metro). **Info:** Facebook at DCBU Dupont Circle Bluegrass Jam, Jason Orfanon, jorfanon@gmail.com, or Malcolm Versel, mversel@aol.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 AND 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, 122 W Potomac St, 21716. **Info:** oldtimefrederick.org.

Mondays**DC BLUEGRASS UNION JAM • TAKOMA PARK, MD
1ST AND 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.

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.

**ANNAPOLIS BLUEGRASS JAM • ANNAPOLIS, MD****1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH • 7–10 PM**

Metropolitan Kitchen+Lounge, 175 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Free and open to all ages and abilities, with multiple jams of different levels. **Info:** Sarah Larsen at 410-934-0408. annapolisbluegrassmusic@gmail.com. More info at Annapolis Bluegrass on Facebook.

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:** bluegrassmusicaliance.org/local-area-jams/.

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

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. **Info:** 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:** swope123@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, 122 W. Potomac St, 21716. **Info:** 301-834-7178.

Saturdays**ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE • HYATTSVILLE, MD
SATURDAYS • 1–5 PM**

Acoustic instruments, all levels; listeners also welcome. At Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation (Archie's Barbershop), 4502 Hamilton Street, 20781. Free, but donations welcome. **Info:** 301-396-3054, acousticblues.com.

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

open mics

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

RESTON-HERNDON FOLK CLUB • HERNDON, VA TUESDAYS • 7:15 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM)

 Open mic. Amphora Diner Deluxe. 1151 Elen St, 20170. **Info:** 703-435-2402, RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON OPEN MIC • GREENBELT, MD FIRST TUESDAYS • 7 PM

Hosted by **Lynn Hollyfield**. At 8 pm, a new featured artist performs, followed by more open mic 8:45–10 pm. Sign-ups at 6:30 pm. **Info:** Amethyst Dwyer, 301-474-5642.

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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 Frederick, Ellicott City, Columbia, and Adelphi, somewhat randomly; weather- and space-dependent. **Info:** blgraham_99@yahoo.com or facebook.com/masondixonbordermorris.

Mondays

INDONESIAN EMBASSY GAMBELAN ENSEMBLE MONDAY AND 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 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, orfeiavocalensemble@gmail.com, orfeia.wordpress.com, facebook.com/orfeiamusic/.

NEW DEAL OPEN MIC • GREENBELT, MD

MOST TUESDAYS • 7 PM

Sign up at 6:30. 3 songs or 15 minutes. NewDealCafe.com. 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, 20770

Wednesdays

JV'S OPEN MIC • FALLS CHURCH, VA

MOST WEDNESDAYS • 8 PM

6666 Arlington Blvd 22042 **Info:** 703-241-9504, jvsrest@aol.com, jvsrestaurant.com

Thursdays

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC • HYATTSVILLE, MD

1ST THURSDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

At Archie Edwards Blues Barbershop, 4502 Hamilton Street, 20781.. **Info:** acousticblues.com/events/events.html.



Tuesdays

CAPITAL ACCORD CHORUS • SILVER SPRING MD

TUESDAYS • 7:30–10 PM

SING with the **Capital Accord Chorus** – progressive women's chorus performing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style as a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Our fun and engaging repertoire ranges from jazz to pop to standards and show tunes - we sing it all! At Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901. **Info:** (www.capitalaccord.org), sample our singing (<https://www.capitalaccord.org/sample-our-singing>) or call us at 301-392-SONG (7664)

TEENY REVELERS • SILVER SPRING, MD TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, MARCH 3–12 • 10–11 AM

Bring your little ones for fun early arts enrichment activities at Washington Revels. On Tuesdays, kids have a chance to explore some of the parts and pieces that make up Revels traditions in Revels Play Space. Then on Thursdays, embark on a global voyage through children's literature and music in our Mini Voyageurs program, where picture books come to life through songs, movement, crafts, games, and more! Aimed at ages infant-preK. Washington Revels Studio Space, 531 Dale Drive, 20910. Free (donations welcome). **Info:** Jo Rasi; jrasi@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/revels-kids/teeny-revelers/.

MOSAIC HARMONY - INTERFAITH GOSPEL CHOIR OAKTON, VA

ALTERNATE TUESDAYS 7:30–9:30 PM

We welcome new singers! **Mosaic Harmony** is a diverse, inclusive choir presenting music of world harmony in the gospel tradition. Open to all. David North, Director. Rehearsals: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUFC) 2709 Hunter Mill Road, 22124. See

us on Facebook for video of our performances. **Info:** Lisa Wysocki 703-356-0910 or email wysockil@aol.com.

Wednesdays

ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN • SILVER SPRING, MD

WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

We welcome new dancers and musicians! Our practices are at Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road 20910. **Info:** rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com or rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com.

WASHINGTON BALALAIIKA 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

CARPATHIA 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 • 8–10 PM

Join the **Foggy Bottom Morris Men**, DC's premier men's Morris team! Learn and perform dances from the English Cotswold

Sundays

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.

REVELS PUB SING AT IRELAND'S FOUR PROVINCES FALLS CHURCH, VA

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 • 7–9 PM

Warm up your vocal cords and join in on rollicking melodies and glass-raising favorites at Washington Revels' Spring Pub Sing, featuring musical hosts and local folk performers **Jennifer Cutting** and **Steve Winick!** Food and drink (not included in ticket price) may be ordered beginning at 6 pm. Singing begins at 7 and formally ends at 9, with a brief intermission. All songs are sing-alongs, with song sheets and song leaders provided. Kids and teens welcome

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and become a member of a vibrant, international community. No experience necessary. We practice at Knock on Wood Tap Studio, 6925 Willow Ave, Takoma Park. **Info:** Alan Peel, squire@fbmm.org, fb.com/foggybottom

MARYLAND YOUTH PIPE BAND • ROCKVILLE, MD

THURSDAYS • 7–9 PM

Maryland Youth Pipe Band provides free lessons in piping and in tenor, bass, and snare drumming for students (typically ages 10–16). We perform in the greater DMV area and have a 58-year history of excellence. We practice at the Washington Rockville Elks Lodge 15, 5 Taft Ct, 20850. **Info:** Lisa Frazier, 301-946-0211, info@mypipeband.org

INDONESIAN EMBASSY GEMELAN ENSEMBLE

MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS

See Monday's listing.

Fridays

GLEN ECHO OPEN BAND • GLEN ECHO, MD

2ND FRIDAYS • 8:30–11:30 PM

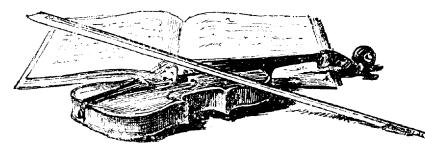
The fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band** plays for the second-Friday contra dance. All instruments and levels of ability welcome. Find recordings, tune book names, and page numbers of tunes played by the **Open Band** at OpenBandOnline.com (site works best using iTunes on a PC or Mac). Glen Echo Park. **Info:**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

Saturdays

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.



sings

(kids must be supervised). Ireland's Four Provinces, 105 W. Broad Street, 22046. Tickets: [Online in advance, no fees!] Adults: \$20; Youth (ages 13–18): \$15; Kids (12 & under): \$10. [At the door, space permitting] Adults: \$23; Youth (ages 13–18): \$18; Kids (12 & under): \$13. **Info:** info@revelsdc.org or 301-587-3835; revelsdc.org/2019/mar8-pub-sing-falls-church/.

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

DC SHAPE NOTE SINGING • WASHINGTON, DC

3RD TUESDAYS • 7–9:30 PM

We sing from both *Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*. Loaner

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books available and books for sale. Everyone is 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

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • BALTIMORE MD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 • 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open-mic chantey sing on the second Wednesday of each month at Wharf Rat, 801 S. Anne Street (Fells Point), 21231. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. **Info:** Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org.

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • SILVER SPRING, MD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 • 7:30–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open-mic chantey sing on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Silver Strings 8630 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910 **Info:** Myron Peterson (ructic@yahoo.com), Dallas Valley (parad0cz@hotmail.com), Brad Graham (blgraham_99@yahoo.com)

Thursdays

SEA CHANTEY OPEN PUB SING • POTOMAC, MD THURSDAY, MARCH 5 • 8–10 PM

The Ship's Company chanteymen host an open-mic chantey sing the first Thursday of each month. No cover or minimum; arrive early for a table. Participation encouraged but not mandatory. Requests honored if possible. Mostly *a cappella* but instruments welcome. Lahinch Tavern and Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Ln, 20854. **Info:** Myron Peterson, ructic@yahoo.com, ShipsCompany.org

FOLKSONG SING-IN • WHEATON, MD THURSDAY, MARCH 19 • 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

Storytelling

“WE WERE THERE” • TAKOMA, DC TUESDAY, MARCH 17 • 6 TO 8 PM

In celebration of Women's History Month, local labor activists will bring the history of the struggles of women workers to life, depicting our sisters' struggles from abolitionist Sojourner Truth fighting for women's rights to Dolores Huerta fighting on behalf of the farmworkers of today. Directed by **Elise Bryant** and featuring members of the **DC Labor Chorus**. At Takoma Busboys & Poets, 235 Carroll Street NW, 20012. Admission free; RSVP at bit.ly/DCLFF-WeWereThere2020 or search EventBrite.com for March 17, “Bread and Roses” (a monthly labor series that features a variety of events focused on workers and organized labor). **Info:** Chris Garlock cgarlock@dclabor.org.

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.

Saturdays

SHAPE NOTE SINGING • BOYCE, VA 1ST SATURDAYS • 4–8 PM

All are welcome to sing from *Shenandoah Harmony* and *Sacred Harp*. Potluck dinner at 6 pm. Locations vary. **Info:** Kelly or John, jdelre@visuallink.com, 540-336-8112; Northern Shenandoah Valley Facebook page; or dcshapenote.squarespace.com/nsvl.

THE BEATLES SING ALONG • LEESBURG, VA 2ND SATURDAYS • 7–9:30 PM

Come sing and play along with the great music of *The Beatles*. **Lawrence Brand** leads the singing, which starts with singing an album. All levels of musicianship are welcome. Acoustic and electric guitars okay. Songbooks are provided. United Methodist Church, 107 W Market St, 20176 (Plenty of free parking). Free. **Info/RSVP:** Lawrence Brand, 301-639-7608, Lawrence@RLBrand.com, or meetup.com/The-Beatles-Sing-Along.

CARPE DIEM-REVELS COMMUNITY FAMILY SING TAKOMA, DC

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 6:30–8 PM; SOCIAL TIME 8–8:30 PM

At The Seekers Church, 276 Carroll St. NW DC (across from Takoma metro). Celebrating the welcoming of Spring / Songs for Gatherings (spring equinox); Irish Heritage Month: Celebrating Celts & Ceilidhs; Women's History Month. Feel free to bring instruments, songs, and refreshments to share. Presented by Carpe Diem Arts and Washington Revels with in-kind media support from Takoma Radio. Contact: BusyGraham@carpediemarts.org/ or jrasi@revelsdcc.org. **Info:** www.carpediemarts.org/sing-with-us/ www.revelsdcc.org 301-466-0183 \$5-10 donation requested to help cover rent and guest song leader honoraria.

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Submit entries to newsletter@fsgw.org

weekends

UPPER POTOMAC SPRING MUSIC WEEKEND SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 20-22, 2020

Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions for hammered dulcimer, fiddle, uke, and mixed instruments with special guest instructors including hammered dulcimer players, **Mark Alan Wade**, **Ruth Smith** and **Colin Beasley**, plus multi-instrumentalist, **Paul Oorts** teaching a class for all instruments on Waltzes (with a special afternoon tea waltz) and **Steve Smith** teaching a class on Ukelele. Workshops take place in the relaxed, retreat setting of the Shepherd University campus and the surrounding historic buildings in Shepherdstown, WV. **Info:** Joanie 304.263.2631, upperpotomac@gmail.com. On the web at upperpotomacmusic.info.

SAVE THE DATE! DARE TO BE SQUARE / DMV • DUMFRIES, VA FRIDAY, MAY 8-SUNDAY, MAY 10 • 4-5 PM

The DC Square Dance Collective and our friends at the Baltimore Square Dance are teaming up again to bring Dare to Be Square / DMV back to the DC area for the fourth year in a row! This is a fun, VERY affordable, all inclusive (food too!), weekend-long gathering and getaway featuring sessions where you can square dance to your heart's content, learn to call your first dance, hone your calling skills (any and all levels), enjoy instrument and singing sessions, learn clogging/flatfooting, play lawn games (for real), or take advantage of oodles of opportunities to jam and just hang out! **Info:** <http://www.daretobesquaredmv.com/> for details and registration.

GWCC SPRING FLING • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 27-28

GWCC sponsors two Irish set dance weekend get away 'Fling' events every year. This year's Spring Fling will be held again at the lovely War Memorial Bldg. in nearby Shepherdstown, WV, just over an hour west of the DC area. There will be ceilis with live music from 7:30-11:30 on Friday and Saturday night (different bands); and two instructional workshops with **Ann Marie Breheny** on Saturday, 10am-noon & 2-4pm. Registration for the full package is closed, but there will be a la carte admission at the door for all workshops and ceilis: ceilis: \$25, workshops: \$15. **Info:** Molly Rehbehn, 240-888-3012, www.gwccfallfling.com/springfling [be sure to open the flyer for complete details].

AMERICAN BANJO FRATERNITY • NEWARK, NY THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 28-30, 2020

Banjo players and listeners are invited to attend the spring American Banjo Fraternity event. 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. Neither bluegrass nor clawhammer, most of the music dates from 1880 - 1920, and is played on 5-string banjos of various sizes, using nylon strings, with bare fingers (no picks). (Check You Tube under the title "Classic Banjo.") Newark Garden Hotel, 125 N. Main St., Newark, NY, 14513. 315-331-9500. The event is free, except for food and lodging. **Info:** about ABF, contact Joel Hooks at joelhooks@me.com. **Info:** and updates about the event, www.banjofraternity.org.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3 • 8 PM

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