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■ FSGW CONCERTS ■

~ **Jake Blount** ~

CAPITOL HILL, DC • FEBRUARY 23 • 6 PM

Presented in collaboration with
the **Homegrown Concert Series** at the
American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress,
and **Live! At the Library**

A powerfully gifted musician and a scholar of Black American music, **Jake Blount** speaks ardently about the African roots of the banjo and the subtle yet profound ways African Americans have shaped and defined the amorphous categories of roots music and Americana. His music highlights the Black and Indigenous histories of popular American folk tunes, as well as reviving songs unjustly forgotten in the whitewashing of the canon. His 2020 album *Spider Tales* was named one of the year's best albums by NPR and *The New Yorker*, earned a perfect 5-star review from *The Guardian*. Jake Blount's new album, *The New Faith*, is a towering achievement of dystopian Afrofuturism. *The New Faith* is spiritual music, filled with hope for salvation and righteous anger in equal measure. The album manifests our worst fears on the shores of an island in Maine, where Blount enacts an imagined religious ceremony performed by Black refugees after the collapse of global civilization due to catastrophic climate change. Jake Blount's music is rooted in care and confrontation. On stage, each song he plays is chosen for a reason — because it highlights important elements about the stories we tell ourselves of our shared history and our endlessly complicated present moment. The more we learn about where we've been, the better equipped we are to face the future.

Jake Blount was born and raised in Washington, DC. About half of the songs on *The New Faith* were sourced from field recordings in the collections of the American Folklife Center (AFC) at the Library of Congress. FSGW is therefore very happy to bring both Jake and the songs home during African American History Month, working



with AFC and other Library of-
fices to present
Jake as part of
*Live! At the
Library*, a series
of Thursday night
events in the
Library of Con-
gress Thomas
Jefferson Build-
ing. As part of
this special even-
ing, some of the
Library's exhibits
will remain open,
and refresh-
ments will be
available. The
event is free but
a free timed
entry pass for the

Library may be required. It's easy to sign up for one—find out how at the Library of Congress Website, or arrive a few minutes early with a mobile phone and someone can show you how.

Tickets: FREE at The Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC (Just steps from Capitol South
Metro and a short walk from Union Station!)

This is an FSGW Tier 2 event. COVID protocols will be those of the
Library of Congress.

Info: Steve Winick, concerts@fsgw.org

FSGW IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook:
facebook.com/fsgw_org/



Twitter:
twitter.com/fsgw_org/



Instagram:
instagram.com/fsgw_org/



Meetup: [meetup.com/
folklore-society-of-greater-washington/](https://meetup.com/folklore-society-of-greater-washington/)

Check Us Out!

GRAPEVINE ONLINE STORYTELLING!
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
7:30 PM • ONLINE

Join us on February 8 at 7:30 pm EST via Zoom
 for our featured storytellers this month:

the amazing **Antonio Sacre** and the jubilant **Johnny Moses**!

The Grapevine is spoken-word performance for adults and teens,
 celebrating the timeless art of the story, hosted by storytellers **Renée
 Brachfeld** and **Tim Livengood**.

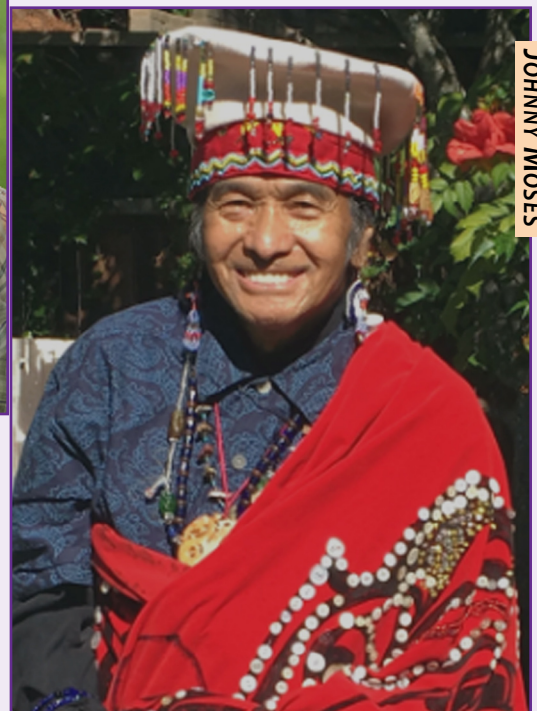
Please **register** at: fsgw.org/grapevine to get the necessary Zoom
 information.

Antonio Sacre tells
 stories. His tales of
 growing up bilingual in
 a Cuban and Irish-
 American household
 have inspired audiences
 worldwide to gather
 their own family stories
 and become
 storytellers. Now his
 stories are being
 developed for film and
 television. He lives in
 Los Angeles with his
 wife, two children, and two cats. Yes, he's a cat guy.

Find out more at antoniosacre.com/



ANTONIO SACRE



JOHNNY MOSES

**Johnny
 Moses**
 is a Tsalap
 Native
 American

raised in the remote Nuu-chah-nulth village of Ohlat on
 the west coast of Vancouver Island. He was raised in the
 traditional ways by his grandparents, and sent by his
 elders to share their teachings with all people. Fluent in
 eight Native languages, Johnny shares the knowledge
 and richness of his spiritual and cultural traditions.

More about Johnny at johnnymoses.com

FSGW & VITG (VOICES IN THE GLEN)
MONTHLY STORY SWAP • ONLINE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 7:30 PM

Storytellers and listeners are invited to an
 evening of shared stories. Anyone is welcome to
 tell a tale; no one ever has to.
 For adults or families. Free.

Info: Jane Dorfman, 301-654-5818,
dorfmanjo@gmail.com;
[voicesintheglen.org/event/
 vitg-monthly-story-swap-online-28/](https://voicesintheglen.org/event/vitg-monthly-story-swap-online-28/)

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

IN-PERSON: GLEN ECHO, MD • WEDNESDAYS • 8 – 10:30 PM

AND ONLINE: FOURTH THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 • 8 – 10:30 PM

The English Country Dance committee has initiated the resumption of in-person Wednesday night dances at Glen Echo Town Hall. The online Zoom dance has moved to 4th Thursdays.

Check our web page (fsgw.org/ecd) for the latest information on dancing in-person.

Interested in the Zoom dance?

See the schedule at:

fsgw.org/english-country-dance-online

Stay tuned for up-to-date information about each week's dance, including information about the Zoom dance and any changes resulting from a return to in-person dances if conditions improve.

Info: fsgw.org/ecd

February Lineup:

- 1 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute), and **Neil Epstein** (piano)
- 8 **Ann Fallon** leads the dancing while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Elisabeth Epstein** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play
- 15 **Kappy Laning** calls while **Colleen Reed** (flute), **Sophie Chang** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** make the music
- 22 **Dan Gillespie** calls to the music of **Mari Carlson** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders), and **Melissa Running** (piano)

Virtual Dance - Thursday, Feb 23 - April Blum



Feb. 1 - Andrea Nettleton



Feb. 8 - Ann Fallon



Feb. 15 - Kappy Laning



Feb. 22 - Dan Gillespie



Feb. 23 - April Blum

Fourth Thursday Virtual Dance

■ FSGW DANCES ■

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IMPORTANT NOTE

The FSGW Board has rescinded the Policy on Calling Terms adopted on January 14, 2020.

Non-gendered terms will now be used, and the specific terms for each dance will be publicized in the calendar, on the website, the e-blast, the newsletter, and social media.

FSGW AND THE FRIDAY NIGHT DANCERS JOINT CONTRA DANCE
GLEN ECHO, MD • FRIDAYS
LESSON AT 7:30 PM,
DANCE AT 8 PM

FSGW and FND have joined to present four dances in February. There is a limit of 175 dancers for each dance. We will require everyone to be fully vaccinated and a booster if eligible, and masks will be worn by all. Vaccination cards will be checked at the door. Full information will be on the FSGW calendar and FND Facebook page.

Info: fsgw.org/Friday-contrasquare-dance

Please pre-register so we can manage participation.

February...

3 Janine Smith with Brad & Ken Kolodner, Megan & Charley Beller fsgw.org/event-5101504/Registration

10 Steve Gester with *Black Oranges*:
Cynthia Marie Dillard (piano),
Gary Prince (guitar and mandolin),
Manny Arciniega (percussion),
Sarah Foard (fiddle and foot percussion)
fsgw.org/event-5101517/Registration

17 TBA with *Rambling House*:
Joe DeZarn (fiddle), **Tina Eck** (flute), **Marc Glickman** (piano)
fsgw.org/event-5101521/Registration

24 TBA with *Some Assembly*:
Mary Flora (Woodwinds),
Donny Boylan (Keyboards),
Adam Lee (Guitar)
Joe Klausner (Fiddle/mandolin)
fsgw.org/event-5103218/Registration

FSGW CO-SPONSORED
SILVER SPRING CONTRA DANCE
SILVER SPRING, MD
FEBRUARY 9 • 7:30 PM

Kappy Laning
 with **Sligo Creek Stompers**
(Chris Ousley, Sarah Foard, Adrian "Clamp" Erlinger)

Register at: fsgw.org/event-5091704/Registration

Location: Silver Spring Civic Building
 8525 Fenton Street
 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Free introductory lesson 7 to 7:30 pm
 Dance 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

\$15 general admission

\$12 Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) Members

\$5 ages 21 and under and those with limited income.

Masks are recommended but not required—in compliance with Montgomery County's current Covid 19 protocols. All ages welcome. No partner needed!

Great exercise. Fabulous live music!

Info: fsgw.org/calendar

This dance is presented by FSGW and Carpe Diem Arts and is funded in part by Montgomery County Recreation, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, and the Maryland State Arts Council, plus individual donors and dancers!



FSGW
Family Dance!

GLEN ECHO, MD
FEBRUARY 12 • 3 PM

In the:

Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion

Penelope Weinberger
 with **String Art:**
Chuck Becker (mandolin),
Clara Becker (fiddle),
Leah Becker (guitar),
Serafia Cecil (fiddle)

The Family Dance is comprised of easy contra (partnered dances), circle dances and live music for kids and their siblings, parents and caretakers to jump around! The Family

Dance allows you to experience the joy of dancing with your children and your community.

*No experience necessary,
all ages are welcome,
just come out and dance!*

Our dance caller will get everyone onto the floor to have fun. We aim to inspire younger generations to get involved in dancing and to have a good time. While the target age is children age 4-12, many babies have started dancing by bouncing along in a parent's baby backpack.

Please note:

Masks are required for dancers over 2 years old.

Vaccines are required for dancers 12 years and older.

Register at: fsgw.org/event-5113296/Registration

FSGW Co-SPONSORED
GLEN ECHO INTERNATIONAL
FOLK DANCERS
GLEN ECHO, MD & ONLINE
WEDNESDAYS • 8 PM

Until further notice, the in-person dances are limited to those who have been fully vaccinated. Everyone will need to show proof of vaccination and provide their name, email address, and phone number for contact tracing. No exceptions. Masking is required at all times.

These dances are instruction-oriented from 8 to 9 pm with open request dancing after 9 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Jamie at dancingplanet@erols.com to RSVP before attending.

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom. You can enter by clicking onto the following link:

us02web.zoom.us/j/87152651884?pwd=QWVyeVFc1cmguWTNqTkwrYTdPWIRdz09

Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884

Password: 145

If you click on the link, you may not need to enter a password.

Info: dancingplanet@erols.com

FSGW Co-SPONSORED
GREENBELT INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE • GREENBELT, MD
FRIDAYS • 8 PM

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others will be hybrid (in-person AND through Zoom). Occasionally, due to dance studio unavailability, some events will be Zoom only.

We do a variety of line, circle and couple dances mostly from the Balkans, Scandinavia and other parts of Europe. If you've ever wondered about music in odd rhythms – like 7, 9 and 11 – come and get hooked on this wonderful music, which includes these great dance rhythms and more.

The room where we dance has a beautiful sprung wood floor (please bring a clean change from your street shoes). We sometimes have special events, including dance workshops and live music nights.

*Newcomers and beginners
are welcome!*

When: (almost) Every Friday night
from 8 - 9:30 pm

Where: Greenbelt Community
Dance Studio
15 Crescent Road
Greenbelt MD 20770
(NEW! enter and depart the community center through the front door).

For the zoom link,
contact John Robinson.

COVID POLICY: To participate in the In-Person programs at the Greenbelt Community Center you must comply with the Greenbelt IFD Covid-19 masking & vaccination policy.

larryweiner.com/FridayDance-Covid-19%20-%202022-08-01a.htm

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539
or John and Sheila Robinson,
410-715-9210

More Info:

visit larryweiner.com/FridayDance.htm or
facebook.com/GreenbeltInternationalFolkDancing/?ref=page_internal

FSGW SINGS

FSGW OPEN SING • ONLINE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 • 7:30 PM

Host **Don Chauls** will lead the sing.

Topic: Questions

Reminder: Registration will be open till Noon on the day of the Sing.

Zoom Link will be sent to the Open Sing Mailing List; if you're not a

member, **sign up at:**
groups.io/g/FSGWOpenSings

*****Only those wishing to sing
need to register.*****

Registration Page: bit.ly/Feb2023-OpenSingSignup

Singer's List: bit.ly/Feb2023-OpenSingList

General Info: fsgw.org/open-sings

Event Page: fsgw.org/event-5115156

Info: Vince@VinceWilding.com

**SCHWEINHAUT SONG CIRCLE
SILVER SPRING, MD AND ONLINE
SECOND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
1:30 – 3:30 PM**



SUSAN MCNELIS

The monthly Schweinhaut Song Circle provides a daytime opportunity to enjoy delightful songs, old or new, humorous or serious, timeless or topical. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. Come for informal group singing or just to listen.

With Valentine's Day coming up on February 14, **bring or request your**

favorite love songs—or any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using the form in the registration link below.

Susan McNelis will lead songs with guitar accompaniment, and any participant may lead any song *a cappella* or self-accompanied.

The Song Circle will be held in person at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register (see below), to show proof of having completed a full course of a COVID-19 vaccine (including boosters if eligible) before January 27, and to wear a mask except while leading a song.

If you can't come in person, you can join us on Zoom or by phone. The Zoom link and phone number will be sent Friday morning to those who have attended the Schweinhaut Song Circle via Zoom and to others who register at forms.gle/jr4sR9tmu6VRMBdN8 by **Thursday, February 9.**

For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see:
fsgw.org/event-5094758

**FSGW GOSPEL SING
TAKOMA PARK, MD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 • 2 – 4 PM**

Gospel Sings are held outdoors the second Sunday of every month. Group singing will take place for two hours, from 2 to 4 pm. Please dress

for cold weather. Hymnals provided. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are vaccinated and symptom-free, and please bring your mask with you. The Sing will take place in the back garden of Arthur & Barbara Karpas in Takoma Park, MD, only two blocks from the Takoma Metro Station on the Red Line.

General Info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings

RSVP/directions: email
bakbeat@verizon.net or
kpmack2@gmail.com, or
call 301-270-4239

■ OPEN DANCES ■

**BFMS CONTRA
(BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY)
BALTIMORE, MD
1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS
8 – 10:30 PM**

Wednesday Night Contra Dance Series! Every other Wednesday, 8 – 10:30 pm.

Lovely Lane Church
2200 St. Paul St., 21218

Beginners always welcome! New dancer workshops at 7:30. BFMS and FSGW members \$10, non-members \$15. Student discount.

Pre-registration info: bfms.org

February . . .

- 1 **Janine Smith** calls to the music of ***the Strings on Wings:***
Todd Clewell (guitar), and
Barb Schmid (fiddle)

15 Wombat Crossing:

Carl Friedman (fiddle),
Robin Wilson (flute, sax,
concertina),
Ralph Barthine (guitar), and
Charlie Pilzer (piano) play to the
calling of a TBD caller. Check the
website for updates!

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING, MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7:30 – 9:30 PM

Bob Farrall calls to music by
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.)

BFMS (BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC
SOCIETY) • BALTIMORE, MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
8 – 10:30 PM

Caroline Barnes calls to
the *Contra Rebels*:
Henry Koretzky (guitar),
Barb Schmid (fiddle), and
Todd Clewell (fiddle)

New dancer lesson: 7:30 Online
payment only, via BFMS Website,
bfms.org/secondsatpay.php
Pre-payment preferred. Payment
can be made onsite.

BFMS and FSGW members \$10,
non-members \$15.

Under 21 and full-time students with
ID: \$7 members, \$10 non-members

Proof of vaccination and, if eligible,
booster, shown at the gate.
Masks (N95, KN95 or KF94), or
double masked, with at least one
surgical mask.

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

BFMS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
BALTIMORE, MD
ALTERNATE MONDAYS
8 – 10:30 PM; NEW DANCERS'
WORKSHOP 7:45 PM

New Dancers' workshop 7:45 pm.

English country dancing is lively
movement to elegant music in a
friendly, informal setting. All dances
are taught and walked through.

Preregistration required at bfms.org,
vax/mask required.

Church of the Nativity and Holy
Comforter: 6112 York Rd, 21212.
[bfms.org/directionstoChurch
oftheNativity.php](http://bfms.org/directionstoChurchoftheNativity.php)

\$15 for non-members; \$10 BFMS,
ATDS, FSGW, CDSS members;
\$7 student non-members,
\$5 student members.

Info: Ann Fallon 410-507-0934, or
engdance@bfms.org

February . . .

13 Andrea Nettleton calls with
Jeff Steinberg (violin),
Ben Hobbs (piano),
Steve Epstein (clarinet).

27 Emily Aubrey calls with
Elke Baker (violin),
Paul Oorts (mandolin,
concertina),
Jonathan Jensen (piano)

SWING DANCE
GLEN ECHO, MD
FEBRUARY 11 & 26 • 8 PM

- Beginner swing lesson 8 – 9 pm;
dance 9 – 11:30 pm (band plays
two sets)
- Admission \$20/person advanced
sales (credit card only);
\$30/person at the door.
Advanced ticket sales ends at 12
noon on the day of the dance. All
ticket sales are final; no refunds
or credits.

Register at:

Gottaswing.com/calendar
where you can buy tickets
online for each dance.

THE NOT-SO-FINE PRINT:

- All attendees must be fully-
vaccinated (no exceptions).
- Please show your proof of
vaccination at the door.
- All advanced ticket sales are final;
no refunds, no credits.
- Masks are optional. If you do
wear one, masks must stay over
your nose securely, N95 or KN95
recommended.
- We reserve the right to change
policy.

Info: gottaswing.com/calendar/

February . . .

11 Valentine Red Swing Dance with
Craig Gildner and the Blue Sky 5
25 Swing Dance with Dr. Zoot

AFTERNOON WALTZ
GLEN ECHO, MD
FEBRUARY 5 & 19 • 2:45 PM

Join us for an afternoon of waltzing in the Spanish Ballroom! Take our beginner waltz lesson from 2:45 to 3:30 pm and enjoy dancing from 3:30 until 6 pm. No partner required.

Admission is \$15, \$5 for full-time students with ID.

Info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222

Proof of fully vaxed status is required. Masks requirements change; please bring one. More info on our website.

February . . .

5 Devine Comedy with
Marty Taylor (winds, concertina),
Steve Hickman (fiddle,
harmonica, vocals),
John Devine (guitar, vocals)

19 Valse Impressions with
Elke Baker (fiddle),
Carrie Rose (flute),
Liz Donaldson (piano), and
Ralph Gordon (bass)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
ANNAPOLIS, MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7 – 9:30 PM
(INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM)

Tom Spilsbury calls to the music of
Melissa Running (piano),
Edith Coakley-Stowe (fiddle)
and **Anna Rain** (recorder)

Capped attendance, so pre-registration required via email to aefallon@verizon.net. Required of each attendee at door: ID, proof of vaccination (including booster), verbal assurance of being COVID symptom-free, medical grade face mask (e.g. N-95/KN-95/KN-94/surgical mask), contact information (for contact tracing if needed). Venue will have fans for ventilation.

No experience or partner required. No food/drinks provided; please bring own drinking water. \$10.

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall
351 Dubois Road
Annapolis, MD 21401

Info: Jan Scopel, 443-540-0867,
janscope@hotmail.com or
Ann Fallon, 410-507-0934;
facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057517095183

SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT, MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
3:30 – 5:45 PM, SIGN-IN AT 3:15

Scandia DC will be holding its monthly Third Saturday dance/music event IN PERSON for the fourth time since February 2020. In future months it may also be available on Zoom but that is TBD.

The February event is expected to be a party with no teaching. Live music will be provided for the afternoon dancing. The second music set will allow musicians to play along with one of the lead musicians after a practice session in a separate room during the first

45 minutes. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the evening.

Proof of up-to-date vaccinations plus high quality masks will be required. More details on COVID precautions will be in the announcement email.

Info: Linda@ScandiaDC.org to get on the list to receive the latest information on the event if you are not already on the list. More information will be available at ScandiaDC.org and in the invitation email closer to the event.

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN
DANCERS

ONLINE, POSSIBLY IN-PERSON!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
6:30 PM POTLUCK,
7:30 PM MUSIC/DANCING

Our Monthly Zoom potluck & music/dancing with MAND (Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers). In lieu of our famous traditional cozy potluck socials, let's take potluck from our own fridges/pantries and chat while eating.

Then, at 7:30, listen/dance/watch to our featured Hardanger fiddler, **Loretta Kelley**, and possibly a featured guest.

Then some folks will stay for the afterparty, with more chat and BYO dessert/snacks (at home!), as others drift offline. Check our website to find out how we are gathering in-person this month.

Info: MAND.fanitull.org

**THE NORDIC DANCERS OF
WASHINGTON, DC
SILVER SPRING, MD
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15,
AND 22 • 7:30 – 9:50 PM**

The Nordic Dancers preserve the traditions of community dance groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

Music by **Paul Carlson**.

Proof of vaccination and high-quality masks are required.

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
[sites.google.com/site/
nordicdancersdc/](https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/)

**CUBAN SALSA CLASS
WASHINGTON, DC
SATURDAYS • 1:15 – 3:45 PM**

We dance at:

Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave NW
Washington, DC 20015

Proof of full vaccination, and
booster if eligible, are required.
Masks required.

Class starts at 1:30 pm. \$15/person.

Details & online registration:
danceintime.com/classes

Info: Barb@DanceInTime.com
or Barb: 301-773-2623

**HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCE CLASS
(SERIES OF 6)
SILVER SPRING, MD
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 –
MARCH 8 • 8 – 9:30 PM**

PFA102 Hungarian Dance/CRN 11231
[montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-
development-continuing-
education/community-arts/](https://montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/community-arts/)

To register: Download one of the
fillable PDF forms from here and
send registration form to
[john.deamond@montgomery
college.edu](mailto:john.deamond@montgomerycollege.edu). You still have to pay
online or by check.

Montgomery College
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
\$39
(Non-Maryland Resident add \$30)

**SMTMD CONTRA DANCE
CHAPTICO, MD
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 7 PM**

The 2nd Saturday of the month
September through June. The
evening starts at 7 pm with a half hour
beginner's dance workshop followed
by live music and dance from 7:30 to
10 pm. We will have a caller and live
acoustic string band music by the
Southern Maryland Open Band. Check
the website calendar for the lineup of
dances! Weather related cancellations
are posted on the website.

Admission is \$12 for non-SMTMD
members; \$8 for members. Children
17 and under, when accompanied by
an adult, and band members are free.

Info: smtmd.org/#/dances/



OPEN CONCERTS, SINGS, & PERFORMING ARTS

**CARPE DIEM ARTS
DAILY ANTIDOTE OF SONG
ONLINE • DAILY • 12 NOON**

Daily at noon, Carpe Diem Arts offer
“notes of hope” as a song leader from
our roster of OVER ONE HUNDRED
local, national and international guest

artists shares a song online. Watch
our website for announcements
about specially-themed weeks.

Great for all ages! Attend in the vir-
tual concert room or sing along on
Facebook Live; see our website for
participation instructions.

Free; donations to the “Antidote Fund” are encouraged and support the artists.

Info: carpediemarts.org/daily-antidote-of-song

ILYAIMY AND AYREHEART CATONSVILLE, MD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 7 PM

ilyAYREheart - a collaboration of percussive acoustic rock-folk group **ilyAIMY** and Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane's **Ayreheart**. Seen rarely on stages as strange and varied as Epicure in Northern VA and 98 Rock in Baltimore, MD, the combination of modern interpretations of Renaissance music and award-winning percussive acoustic original singer/songwriter tunes may not seem immediately natural, but the ebb, flow, beauty and sheer mutual admiration of putting these two acts together is NOT to be missed!

FocusMusic and Baltimore County Arts Guild Present **ilyAIMY** and **Ayreheart** at Catonsville Arts Guild Clubhouse, 10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228. Tickets \$25, available at focusmusic.org

Info: rob Hinkal
publicity@imtfolk.org

BREABACH | ROCKVILLE, MD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 • 7:30 PM

Securely ranked among Scotland's most skilled and imaginative contemporary folk acts, Breabach unite deep roots in Highland and Island tradition with the innovative musical ferment of their Glasgow base.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, available at imtfolk.org. Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD.

Info: rob Hinkal
publicity@imtfolk.org or
imtfolk.org

CABOMA JAM • ARLINGTON, VA FEBRUARY 12 & 26 • 2 PM

Caboma's jams are regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Regular time and place: 2 to 6 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22204.

We have three rooms for jamming. The slow jam starts in the chapel (the big basement room with the circular ceiling fixture) from 2 to 3 pm. Room 13/15 houses a regular tempo jam. And room 14 is also available to us. Room 14 is not used a lot; it's available for creative uses — small breakout groups or perhaps a continuation of the slow jam.

Info: caboma.org/

TAKOMA OLD TIME JAM TAKOMA PARK, MD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 6:45 – 9 PM

Jonathan Vocke will host the Takoma Beverage Company Jam on Wednesday 2/15 from 6:45 to 9 pm. We'll have a 30 - 40 minute slow jam to start.

This jam is open to all skill levels and instruments. Please come with whatever you play and plan on supporting the restaurant who is generously hosting us!

BevCo is at 6917 Laurel Ave, Takoma Park, MD.

Info: takomabevco.com

TAKOMA MANDOLEERS ARLINGTON, VA TUESDAYS • 7:30 – 9:30 PM

The *Takoma Mandoleers* are a community orchestra comprised of mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar and string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 20th and 21st centuries.

Info: Mandoleers.org/contact

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM BALTIMORE, MD TUESDAYS • 8 PM

Howdy folks! The legendary Baltimore Old Time & Bluegrass jam is now at R. House! All are welcome to play along in the jam regardless of skill level or instrument. Even if you don't play, you can come to soak in the scene, listen to the music and grab a bite to eat from one of the ten food stalls or a drink from R. Bar. It's THE happening spot in town for food and community. We're thrilled to be partnering with R. House! Learn more about the venue r.housebaltimore.com/

Every other Tuesday, **Ken & Brad Kolodner** will lead the **Baltimore Old Time Jam** from 7 to 10 pm. The first hour of the jam will be a “slow jam” so anyone can hop in and play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they'll kick up the tempo for the “fast jam.” Imagine a sea of fiddles,

banjos, guitars and more all swelling together in a chorus of joyous tunes!

On the opposite Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the **Baltimore Bluegrass Jam** from 7 to 10 pm for a jam featuring bluegrass songs and instrumentals. Come with a song or two to lead—or just show up and jam along.

There is an abundance of free parking at R. House next to the space or caddy-corner in the police department parking lot (available to R. House patrons).

Best of all, the jam is FREE!
R. House - 301 W. 29th Street

**BLUEGRASS/OLD-TIME, CELTIC,
BLUES/FOLK JAMS
WESTMINSTER, MD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 • 7 PM**

Each genre will have a separate space but participants are welcome to spend time in each one! All ages and skill levels are welcome. Leaders will help everyone take part. No enrollment necessary. Listeners welcome.

Carroll Arts Center
91 West Main St.
Westminster, MD 21157

First Wednesday of every month,
7 to 9 pm.

**ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
KENSINGTON, MD
SUNDAYS • 10 – 11:30 AM**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings, and socializes

together. No dance experience necessary! Email if interested.

White Flint Park, 11525 Rokeby Ave.,
Kensington, MD 20895

Info:
rockcreekmorriswomen@gmail.com
and
rockcreekmorriswomen.weebly.com

**FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN
ARLINGTON, VA
SATURDAYS • 11 AM – 1 PM**

Learn traditional English morris dances from the Cotswold villages of Bampton, Bledington, and more. New and experienced dancers are wanted to join our community that dances, socializes, and sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

Welburn Square, 901 N. Taylor St.,
Arlington, VA 22203

Info: Jud McIntire
squire@fbmm.org or
Nat Brown
foreman@fbmm.org

**SHIP'S COMPANY CHANTYMEN
FAIRFAX, VA, BALTIMORE,
WHEATON, & WOODSTOCK, MD
1ST THURSDAY, 2ND WEDNESDAY,
& 3RD THURSDAY: 8 PM
4TH SUNDAY: 2 PM**

1st Thursdays are at the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub & Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.
(8 to 10 pm)

The 2nd Wednesday (Baltimore) is in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell's Inn, 815 S. Broadway. (8 pm)

The 3rd Thursday folk sing hosted by

Johnny Strumm is at the Limerick Pub, 11301 Elkin Street, Wheaton, MD 20902. (8 pm)

The 4th Sunday monthly, at NEW LOCATION (NW of Ellicott City MD)... Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant, 10805 Birmingham Way #24, Woodstock, MD.

NOTE: **NOT** 8 pm as usual for Pub-sings, but rather 2 pm start. Still approximately two hours. Same format, same lead host **Brad Graham**, different location, food, & daylight vice nighttime.

Info: Brad Graham
blgraham_99@yahoo.com
Subscribe to Ship's Company Chantymen open Chantysings events newsletter at
SCC-ChanteySings-Invitation-subscribe@groups.io

**ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING • ONLINE
MONDAYS • 7 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 but during the shutdown, we've been rehearsing on Zoom. (It works – it really does!) No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155
orfeiaensemble@gmail.com
orfeia.wordpress.com
facebook.com/orfeiamusic/

■ FESTIVALS ■

Ski-Dance Weekend

FEBRUARY 17 – 20

Cross-country ski or snowshoe in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania during the day and contra dance at night! Do you have two left feet? Bring both of them because **Janine Smith** will have you moving to the music of **Dave Wiesler** and **Mat Clark**. Not sure how to cross-country ski? No worries, free ski instruction is provided! Lots of fun, and prices range from \$95 to \$325 depending on your accommodations.

For more information go to <https://www.skidance.org> or call Bob Mathis at 240-858-9341 or email talibob@starpower.net or Jody Blatt at jodyblatt@hotmail.com.

This event is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club Potomac Region Outings (SCPRO) and the Ski Touring Section of the Potomac Appalachian Club.

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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.”

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Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818.

Announcement and Call for Volunteers for the 41st FSGW Washington Folk Festival SATURDAY, JUNE 3 & SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The **FSGW Washington Folk Festival** at historic Glen Echo Park is back for its 41st year. The Festival will run from 12 noon to 7 pm on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4. This free, rain-or-shine event is a celebration of the many cultural traditions that are a part of our Greater Washington community.

This year's Festival will again provide a wide array of international culture along with American blues, bluegrass, old-time string bands, contemporary singer-songwriters, gospel, western swing, storytellers, craft market place and more. With over 85 hours of performances in multiple performance areas, there is something for everyone at the Washington Folk Festival.

The Festival is currently accepting applications for performers and for crafters for the crafts marketplace. See washingtonfolkfestival.org to apply.

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 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 and June to help with setup and take-down.

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, fundraising, performer/ staff food coordinator, stagehands, 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.

To volunteer, fill out the volunteer form at washingtonfolkfestival.org. Volunteer for one full day (8 hours) or two half days (4 hours each, ex: 8 am to 12 pm or 12 to 4 pm) during WFF and get a free annual membership to FSGW! If you're already a member, we'll renew your membership in person as a massive thank you for volunteering.

FSGW POLICY REGARDING COVID-19 AND PARTICIPATION AT IN-PERSON EVENTS

is being revised as we watch the spread of variants and their effect on the community. A current version is posted on our website at <https://www.fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response>

The goal is to keep all of us healthy and to enable everyone to feel safe. FSGW hopes that everyone will approach participating at in-person events from a “good neighbor” perspective. Each of us is essential to keeping the community healthy. Thank you!

Charlie Pilzer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) • TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 • 8 PM

Monthly FSGW Board meetings are all electronic via Zoom. Meetings are open to all FSGW members; contact president@fsgw.org or webmaster@fsgw.org for a link to the meeting. If you wish to have the Board consider a particular matter, please contact the appropriate Board member or **Charlie Pilzer** at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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FSGW NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. We are an all-volunteer society. **We need Board Members!** —Please consider donating your time and interest to make the Society successful. The 200+ events we sponsor each year rely on membership fees but it's not enough to cover expenses. —Please help us by donating this month.

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Noon Every Day! Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song</p>			<p>1 7 Westminster OT Jam 7:30 Nordic Dance 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Andrea Nettleton 8 Glen Echo International 8 BFMS Contra Dance</p>	<p>2 8 Ship's Company Chantey Sing</p>	<p>3 7:30 FSGW Open Sing 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW & FND Contra w/ Janine Smith</p>	<p>4 11 Foggy Bottom Morris</p>
<p>5 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 2:45 Waltz at Glen Echo</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7 Baltimore Jam 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers 8 FSGW Board Meeting</p>	<p>8 Newsletter Deadline! 7:30 Nordic Dance 7:30 FSGW Grapevine 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Ann Fallon 8 Glen Echo International 8 Ship's Company Chantey Sing</p>	<p>9 7:30 FSGW Silver Spring Contra w/ Kappy Laning</p>	<p>10 1:30 FSGW Schweinhaut Song Circle 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW and FND Contra w/ Steve Gester and Black Oranges</p>	<p>11 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 6:30 MAND potluck/dance 7 FamilyAmy Concert 7:30 FSGW & VITG Story Swap 7:30 Silver Spring ECD 8 BFMS Dance 8 Valentine's Swing Dance w/ Craig Gildner</p>
<p>12 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 2 FSGW Gospel Sing 2 CABOMA Jam 3 FSGW Family Dance w/ Penelope Weinberger</p>	<p>13 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p>14 7 Baltimore Jam 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers</p>	<p>15 7 Old Time Jam at BevCo 7:30 Nordic Dance 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Kappy Laning 8 Glen Echo International 8 BFMS Contra Dance</p>	<p>16 8 Ship's Company Chantey Sing</p>	<p>17 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW and FND Contra w/ Rambling House</p>	<p>18 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 3:15 Scandinavian Dance 7 Annapolis ECD</p>
<p>19 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 2:45 Waltz at Glen Echo</p>	<p>20 7:30 Concert w/ Breabach</p>	<p>21 7 Baltimore Jam 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers</p>	<p>22 7:30 Nordic Dance 8 FSGW English Country Dance w/ Dan Gillespie 8 Glen Echo International</p>	<p>23 6 FSGW and LoC Concert w/ Jake Blount 8 Virtual FSGW English Country Dance w/ April Blum</p>	<p>24 7:30 Greenbelt Int'l Folk Dance 8 FSGW and FND Contra w/ Some Assembly</p>	<p>25 11 Foggy Bottom Morris 8 Swing Dance w/ Dr. Zoot</p>
<p>26 10 Rock Creek Morris Women 2 Ship's Company Chantey Sing 2 CABOMA Jam</p>	<p>27 8 BFMS English Country Dance</p>	<p>28 7 Baltimore Jam 7:30 Takoma Mandoleers</p>				



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