



■ FSGW Co-Sponsored Festival ■

POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION

Saturday April 11 • Silver Spring MD: 10:30 am – 4 pm; Brentwood MD: 7–9 pm
 Sunday April 12 • Arlington VA: 10 am – 3:30 pm

This gathering is a traditional and powerful singing of American shape-note hymns, fuguing tunes, and anthems in unaccompanied four-part harmony from [The Sacred Harp \(2025\)](#) and [The Shenandoah Harmony](#) — both books all day, in alternating sessions.

~ This gathering attracts singers from across the country for spirited singing. ~

The convention is free and open to the public. All are welcome: beginners, experienced singers and listeners.

Latest info: fsgw.org/event-6546201

Schedule / Locations

Saturday April 11: Church of the Ascension
 Silver Spring Parish Hall, 633 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring MD
 Registration begins at 10 am.

Parish Hall entrance is down a short path to the right of the main entrance. Accessible entrances available. Parking is available at East Silver Spring Elementary School (behind the church).

Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner (lunch) on the grounds around 12:30 pm. *Note: microwave available, but no oven.

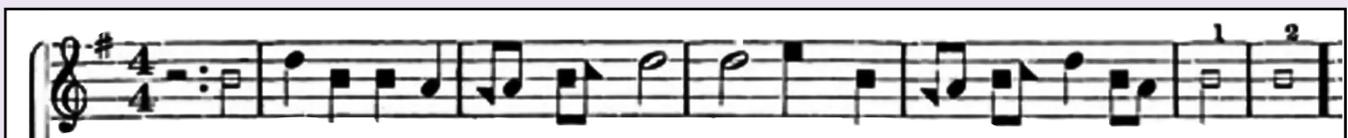
****Bonus Saturday Night Sing During Social!****

7–9 pm from *The Valley Pocket Harmonist* in Brentwood MD.
 Email jonathaneennewton@gmail.com for address
 (will be announced at singing)

Sunday April 12: Outdoors! Lacey Woods Park rear picnic shelter,
 1200 N George Mason Dr., Alexandria VA

This is an outdoor, covered location. We will sing, rain or shine!
 Registration begins at 9:30 am.

Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner (lunch) on the grounds around 12:30 pm. **Note: no power or refrigeration.**

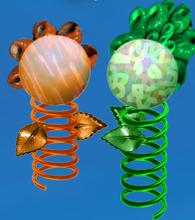


Shape note singing is an American a cappella tradition with roots in the Colonial period. Characterized by open 4-part harmonies and a powerful sound, shape note singing is music designed primarily for participation, rather than for performance.

Registration is open!

40th Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 16 • Silver Spring MD



The ball dances will be taught during the practice session. In the evening at the ball, all dances will be briefed (talked-through) and then prompted for the first few rounds.

Dancers are encouraged to attend FSGW's weekly Wednesday night ECD at Glen Echo Town Hall. There, dancers can learn basic figures and ball dances in advance.

Instructions, videos and sheet music for dances: fsgw.org/page-18610



A joyful yearly event of English Country Dancing to glorious music!

Practice Session: 2 – 5 pm: Anna Rain calls to music by **Elke Baker** (fiddle) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

Ball: 7:30 – 11 pm: Music by **Karen Axelrod** (keyboard), **Audrey Jaber** (violin) and **Miranda Weinberg** (violin).

The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. Dancers wear what makes them feel happy and festive; some choose attire from the 18th or 19th century.



fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball

Save the Date! ■ Call for Volunteers! ■ Join the Festivities!

~ 43RD ANNUAL ~

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

Sun. Aug. 23 • Glen Echo Park MD • 12–9 pm



The Washington Folk Festival returns on August 23!

A one-day event, jam-packed roster with dancing, storytelling, and music ranging from American to International styles: bluegrass to Celtic, Klezmer to Americana, blues to Zydeco, we cover folk music from around the world! Five stages, hundreds of performers, and it's all FREE!

Performer applications

are now open for the festival.

~ Get Involved! ~

This is an all-volunteer event: everyone, including the performers, planners, technicians, and sound engineers; EVERYONE donates their services.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact wff@fsgw.org.

To volunteer, email wffvolunteers@fsgw.org.

DONATE TO SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL

We rely on donations, large and small, to make this festival possible.

Info: fsgw.org/washington-folk-festival



The **7th Annual Baltimore Old Time Music Festival** —a joyous, interactive and inspiring celebration of where this wonderful style of music exists today. We’ve adjusted the schedule to offer even more music across all three stages. Join your festival hosts and beloved local roots musicians **Ken & Brad Kolodner** as they welcome you to the Baltimore Museum of Industry for a music celebration fun for all ages! Concerts, workshops, square dancing, jamming, kids programming and more on the gorgeous waterfront campus of the Baltimore Museum of Industry with stunning views of the Baltimore skyline.

Featured artists include **Rhiannon Giddens & Kristina Gaddy; Jerron Paxton; The Wild Shoats; Tessa McCoy & The State Birds; Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer & Chao Tian; Joseph Decosimo & Stephanie Coleman; Eddie Bond Trio; Golden Shoals; Stanley & The Ten Sleepless Knights; Mark Schatz & Bryan McDowell** and your festival curators and hosts **Ken & Brad Kolodner**. [More about the lineup.](#)

Tickets: Low ticket warning.

Info: baltimoreoldtimefest.com

The festival is co-produced by the Center for Cultural Vibrancy.



The [DC Square Dance Collective](#) and our friends at the [Baltimore Square Dance](#) are excited to host another year of **Dare to Be Square DMV!**

This is a fun, affordable, 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!

We’re thrilled to welcome back **Will Mentor** and to introduce **Charmaine Slaven** as dance callers and instructors. We’ll also have performances and workshops from an all-star lineup of musicians, including **Steam Machine** (Minneapolis) and **Big Cricket** (Baltimore). [Find out more](#) about these amazing and talented people.

Registration is now open! Everyone must register in advance because we cannot sell onsite registrations at the park. This almost always sells out. No experience is needed to attend!

Location: [Prince William Forest Park](#), Cabin Camp 4 - Pleasant, 16675 Pleasant Rd., Dumfries VA

More details: daretobesquaredmv.com

55th Deer Creek Fiddlers Convention

Westminster MD • Sat. May 30 • 9 am – 7:30 pm

~ Band & Individual Competition ~ Shade Tree Picking
~ Craft and Food Vendors ~ Clogging & Flatfooting

FEATURING:

- Performances by [The Black-Eyed Suzies](#)
- A demonstration by the [Carroll County Cloggers](#)
- [The Claude Martin Memorial Fiddle Award](#)

Location: Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St.

Info: commongroundonthehill.org/festival/deer-creek-fiddlers-convention

Red Wing Roots Music Festival XIII

Mt. Solon VA • Fri. June 19 – Sun. June 21

Red Wing organizers are excited to introduce an outstanding lineup of regionally- and nationally-acclaimed musicians for the 3-day festival located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Along with hosts [The Steel Wheels](#), 50 artists will perform across 5 stages during the event.

Location: Natural Chimneys Park, 94 Natural Chimneys Ln.

Info: redwingroots.com/

Save the date! Catoctin Mountain Music & Dance Weekend • Thurmont MD

Fri. –Sun., June 19–21 (Father's Day Weekend)

Music, Dance and Song—Fun for All Ages! Couples, singles, families. Young folk, old folk, and those in the middle all become part of the Catoctin community.

Play with the *Catoctin Open Band*. Join or lead a workshop. Swim in the pool, hike up the Cunningham Falls, climb on the rocks, read a book. Listen to the birds, go fishing, swap recipes from the Friday night potluck, start a jam session.

How is it so affordable? It's an all-volunteer weekend. All campers sign up for two short jobs when they arrive. Anticipate good conversation and sometimes singing!

Location: [Camp Misty Mount](#), 14764 Park Central Rd.

Registration opening soon: bfms.org/catoctin.php

Common Ground on the Hill

[Traditions Weeks](#) • Monday–Friday

Classes 9 am – 5:30 pm w/evening events

June 22–26: VIRTUAL; July 6–10: Westminster MD

Celebrating 32 Years in 2026!

Music, Visual Arts, Dance, Discussion, Indigenous Culture, Film, Writing, Yoga, Wine Appreciation and MORE! Including World Village and the new Rising Pickers kids academy!

- [Traditions Week 1](#) VIRTUAL: June 22–26
- [Traditions Week 2](#) IN-PERSON: July 6–10
On the campus of McDaniel College

Takoma Park Folk Festival • MD

Sun. Sept. 27 • 10:30 am–5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for September 27! Because of early-September holidays, this year's Takoma Park Folk Festival will be held later than usual.

We are seeking musicians of all genres—with a focus on original compositions in addition to traditional folk music—from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and DC. The Festival will have 6 stages, including a children's area, and over 40 performances. Applications go live at tpff.org/performers on April 1 with a deadline of June 7.

The Festival includes a Juried Craft Show featuring artists who design, execute, and sell their own work. Information and applications will be available on or about April 1 at tpff.org/crafts. Questions may be sent to crafts@tpff.org.

We are also seeking food vendors to provide full meals, snacks or drinks, and non-profit organizations to provide information, advocate for causes, and recruit members. Applications will be opening soon at tpff.org/participate.

TPFF is run entirely by volunteers, and we need your help! Find out more at tpff.org/volunteering.



Location:

Takoma Park
Middle School

More info: tpff.org

Live music is proof that there's some things the Internet can't kill.

– Jim James

PHOTO: MAURA B. MCCONNELL



FSGW Co-sponsored House Concert

Trio Sefardi

Takoma Park MD • Saturday April 25

Doors open at 7:30. Music begins at 8.

Trio Sefardi celebrates the musical heritage of the exiled Jews of Spain, the Sephardim, with songs in Ladino about love and courtship, holidays and hope. Trio members

Susan Gaeta (vocals/guitar),

Tina Chancey (bass viol/
Renaissance violin/rebec/Pontic lyra) &

Howard Bass (guitar/lute)

are dedicated to bringing the vibrant past into the living present and to continuing the musical traditions of those who created and sustained Sephardic song traditions over the centuries. Formed in 2010, the trio draws on experience in folk music, jazz, early music and the influence of their mentor, the Bosnian-born Sephardic singer/composer Flory Jagoda (1923 – 2021).

Suggested Donation: \$25. Resident cat.

Reservations at grpm.us/5yrKcc

Info: Stephanie Kaufman at kaufmansi@gmail.com or 202-316-8776.

VOLUNTEER



Help Keep FSGW Events Thriving!

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington depends on volunteers to make our concerts, dances, jams, festivals, retreats and other events possible.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with check-in at events, equipment load-in/load-out, room setup/breakdown, and more!

Volunteers often enjoy free or discounted admission to events as well as the satisfaction of being part of our vibrant folk community.

Interested or have questions?

Contact president@fsgw.org to get involved!



Technology Administration Assistance Needed

FSGW is looking for volunteers to assist with technology administration to help keep our events running smoothly.

Do you have experience with website development, event data tracking, Google suite management, or similar skills?

Do you have an interest in learning or strengthening any of these skills?

If so, we would love to have your assistance keeping our digital “house” organized! Please contact president@fsgw.org to hear about how you can help.

THE GRAPEVINE

Takoma and Online
Wed. Apr. 8 • 7:30 pm

STORYTELLING

Our featured tellers this month are **Carolina Quiroga** and **Kona Morris!**



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.

Kona Morris is a storyteller, writer, and educator. With equal parts humor and heart, she tells true stories of her extraordinary adventures and lessons learned. Kona has won The Moth StorySLAM in NYC, LA and Boston, and she came in first place at the Ojai Storytelling Festival. She was featured on Stories From The Stage (PBS) and the RISK! podcast. Kona teaches story-crafting workshops to inspire others to share their stories. [More about Kona](#)

Carolina Quiroga is a storyteller from Colombia who came to the U.S. for grad school and ended up with a husband, a Southern drawl, and a lot of stories. She mixes humor, heart, and a dash of cultural confusion to tell tales about identity, language, and what it really means to belong. You'll laugh and maybe tear up — and definitely never look at biscuits the same way again. [More about Carolina](#)



FSGW & VITG (Voices in the Glen) Monthly Story Swap

Online

Sat. Apr. 18 • 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

[VITG Zoom Info](#) / fsgw.org/story-swaps

Join us
on Apr. 8
at 7:30 pm live at
Busboys and Poets
Takoma and also
via Zoom!

Register For free access to the live stream or to catch the recorded show later. You will get emails with reminders on the date, time and location, as well as Zoom information. No registration needed for in-person participation; but if you register you will have access to the live stream and the recorded show for later.

We ask for donations to support our tellers; suggested contribution \$20 per person (feel free to give more!). Donations can be made online before, during or after the show.

Location: Busboys & Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

Info: fsgw.org/grapevine

FSGW ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE

Glen Echo Town Hall, MD
Wednesdays • 8–10:30 pm

Location: 6106 Harvard Ave.

Latest info: fsgw.org/eccd

The FSGW weekly English Country Dance offers delightful dancing at Glen Echo Town Hall led by talented callers, accompanied by top-notch musicians playing a wide variety of instruments.

The crowd is friendly; new dancers are always welcome and can get an informal lesson if they arrive around 7:30.

No need to bring a partner, or dress up.

April lineup . . .

- 1 **Andrea Nettleton** calls while **David Knight** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon) & **Ralph Gordon** (cello) play.
- 8 **April Blum** calls to the playing of **Mari Carlson** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute) & **Diane Sorenson** (piano).
- 15 **Kappy Laning** leads the dancing while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute) & **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music.
- 22 **Dan Gillespie** & **Wendy Clarke** call to the music of **Niki Yeracaris** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin/accordion) & **Neil Epstein** (piano).
- 29 **Anna Rain** leads the dancing to the playing of **Tina Chancey** (fiddle), **Carrie Rose** (flute) & **Bobby LaRose** (piano).

Registration
is open!

40th Annual Washington Spring Ball

May 16 • Silver Spring MD

Learn the dances we will dance at the Spring Ball; beginners are welcome during Wednesday ECDs.

Join us! Weekly beginner lesson at 7:30.

More info: fsgw.org/washington-spring-ball

Come have a ball with us!



Apr. 1 - Andrea Nettleton



Apr. 22 - Dan Gillespie



Apr. 8 - April Blum



Apr. 22 - Wendy Clarke



Apr. 15 - Kappy Laning



Apr. 29 - Anna Rain



PHOTO: Carpe Diem Arts

FSGW Co-sponsored
Silver Spring Contra Dance

Silver Spring MD • 2nd Thursday April 9

Lesson: 7 pm | Dance: 7:30–10 pm

Dave Popkin calling to music by
Sarah Collins, Marty Frye &
David McKindley-Ward



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!

Admission:

- \$15 general admission
- \$12 FSGW members
- \$5 ages 21 & under / limited income

Location: The Great Hall,
 Silver Spring Civic Building,
 8525 Fenton St.

[More Info](#) / [Registration required](#) —pre-registration preferred



FSGW BARN DANCE

Bumper Car Pavilion • Glen Echo Park MD • 2nd Sunday April 12 • 1–3 pm

Penelope Weinberger will call to music by **Gina Faber & Kirk Evans**

Come join us at the barn dance!

This fun-spirited dance event is suitable for all ages and ability levels, and features live music and calling. There will be circle dances, ceilidhs and a variety of mixers. This dance fits the bill for families with preschool children, just as well as older groups of tweens and teens. Our intergenerational community is what makes this dance unique and fun. **So grab a friend or your kids and come join us!**

Admission: FREE! (no need to register, just show up at the door)

Info: fsgw.org/barn-dance / [April Barn Dance](#)





Glen Echo Park MD
Sunday April 19 • 3 – 6 pm
Introductory Session 2:30 pm

Contras & Squares in the Bumper Car Pavilion

Immersed in traditional dance and music from a young age, **Chloe Levine** leads us through this unique afternoon of dancing with enthusiasm and some oontz oontz, too.

Neon Creek is a fresh “electro-trad” duo from Philadelphia, blending driving fiddle tunes with electronic textures. Featuring **Chloe Rosenthal** (keyboard/synth/computer) & **Jared Bishop** (fiddle), the duo reimagines trad tunes as high-energy sets built on live looping, layered effects, and in-the-moment improvisation. If you’re wondering what electronica-infused contra dance feels like, the answer is simple: come find out! Their sound is playful, pulsing, and full of momentum—perfect for dancers who like their trad with a twist.



Admission: \$15. Cash, check, or credit cards accepted at the door. (Credit card fees apply).

Info: dancingplanetproductions.com/contrafsgw.org/event-6508099

Upcoming dances: 6/28: **Gaye Fifer** calling with **Box & String Trio** (Bill Quern, Sarah Gowan & Laura Alexander). Then 9/13, 10/25 & 11/22

FSGW NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL AND ADVERTISING POLICY

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington endeavors to print copy it deems relevant to its membership and purpose as stated in its by-laws: “The main purpose of the Society is to further the understanding, investigation, appreciation, and performance of the traditional folk music and folklore of the American people.”

- All copy must be submitted by e-mail to newsletter@fsgw.org in text format in the body of the e-mail by the 8th of the preceding month.
- All listings must be submitted in the format set out on our website (fsgw.org). Just click on [Newsletter](#) and scroll down to Guidelines for Submitting Copy for Publication.
- The Editor reserves the right to edit or omit copy as necessary. Ad content must be approved by the Editor.

Basic Ad charges: 1/4 page ads (3.4” x 4.5” or 7.25” x 2.5”): \$65 for one month, \$120 for two. Commercial business: \$8 for 10 words. Noncommercial and individual: \$4 for 10 words. 25% discount for any single ad placed in 12 consecutive issues (one year) and paid in advance. We will work with you on larger ads. Copy, with check made payable to FSGW, must be received by the newsletter deadline.

Mail to FSGW, P.O. Box 323, Cabin John, MD 20818. Memo on the check should read, “Advertising for ...”

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them. – Vicki Baum

FSGW Co-sponsored **Glen Echo International Folk Dancers**

Glen Echo Park MD & Online
Wednesdays • 7:30 pm

To register, please provide an email address for possible contact tracing. Masks and vaccinations are urged, but not required. These dances are instruction-oriented from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with open-request dancing after 8:30 pm. \$10 at the door. If you wish to attend, please contact [Jamie](#) to RSVP before attending.



More info: [Jamie](#), [FSGW](#),
[Dancing Planet](#)

For out-of-towners, we will try to show the class via Zoom.

You can enter by clicking [here](#).

Meeting ID: 871 5265 1884 , Password: 145
If you click on the link, you might not need to enter a password.

FSGW Co-sponsored **Greenbelt International Folk Dance**

Greenbelt MD & Online • Fridays • 8–9:30 pm

Weekly in-person international folk dancing has returned to Greenbelt with some sessions being in-person only, and others 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!

Location: Greenbelt Community Dance Studio,
15 Crescent Rd.
(Enter and depart the community center through the front door.)
For the **Zoom link**, contact [John Robinson](#).

Admission: \$5 (unless otherwise noted. 21 years old and younger and first-timers are free); Zoom is Free

Info: Larry Weiner, 301-565-0539
or [John and Sheila Robinson](#), 410-715-9210

More Info: [FridayDance](#) or [Facebook](#)



Love, I find, is like singing. Everybody can do enough to satisfy themselves, though it may not impress the neighbors as being very much.

– Zora Neale Hurston

FSGW Song Circle

Silver Spring MD and Online • 2nd Fri. Apr. 10 • 1:30–3:30 pm



The monthly 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 income taxes due on April 15 and Earth Day on April 22, bring or request your favorite Spring songs, songs about taxes or the environment, or any other songs! To keep the singing going, it's helpful if you send your requests in advance using [the form here](#).

Elizabeth Rosenberg and Joe Whitesell will lead songs with guitar accompaniment; 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 Rd., Silver Spring. Participants should read and follow FSGW's [Policy Regarding Respiratory Viruses and In-Person Event Participation](#).

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 are on the Song Circle email list and to others who [register here](#) by Thursday, April 9.

For the latest updates about the Song Circle, see fsgw.org/event-6605778.

FSGW Gospel Sing

Hyattsville MD
2nd Sun. Apr. 12
4–6 pm

The April 2026 Gospel Sing will take place at Maryland Meadworks.

Group singing for two hours, from 4 to 6 pm.

Hymnals provided. Everyone is welcome, but be sure you are symptom-free.



Location: [Maryland Meadworks](#), facebook.com/marylandmeadworks, 4700 Rhode Island Ave., Ste. Bee

Maryland Meadworks, or “Hyattsville’s Living Room,” is a warm and homey venue and a great supporter of

community music events of all kinds, and we’re excited to partner with them for April’s Gospel Sing. Free parking is available on nearby side streets and at the skate park across the street, and the P1X and P10 buses

stop right at the corner. Outside food and snacks are welcome, but patrons are respectfully requested not to bring outside drinks; a variety of tasty meads and nonalcoholic drinks are available for purchase.

Latest info: fsgw.org/gospel-sings



Life's too short to stand on the sidelines
—take more chances, dance more dances!

– anon.

BFMS CONTRA • BALTIMORE MD
WEDNESDAYS • 8–10:30 PM

New dancer workshops at 7:40 pm
Beginners always welcome!

April . . .

- 1 **Qwill Duvall** calls to the music of **Contre Temps:**
McGregor Yatsevitch (fiddle/mandolin),
Andrew Tomlinson (flute/piccolo) &
Mark Vidor (piano/accordion)
- 8 **Rebecca Anger** calls to the music of **Waxwing:** **Tyler St. Clare** (flute) &
Todd Shelar (guitar)
- 15 **Ann Fallon** calls to the music of **Some Assembly:**
Mary Corletta Flora (flute/alto sax/
penny whistles),
Adam Lee (guitar),
Donna Moore Boylan
(keyboard/accordion),
Iain Sturrock (vocals/cajon/guitar) &
Joe Klausner
(fiddle/mandolin/banjo)
- 22 **Colette Mrozek** calls to the music of **Strings on Wings:**
Todd Clewell (guitar),
Barb Schmid (fiddle) &
Aaron Blouin (bass)
- 29 **Kappy Laning** calls to the music of
the **Treblemakers:**
Liz Donaldson (piano),
Robin Wilson (flute/sax) &
Emily Aubrey (fiddle)

Location: Lovely Lane Church,
2200 St. Paul St.

Cost: BFMS and FSGW members \$10,
non-members \$15. Under 21 and
students dance for free.

Online payment only

Info: bfms.org or Hannah Mueller



Friday Night Dancers

GLEN ECHO PARK MD: FRIDAYS
LESSON: 7:30 PM; DANCE: 8–11 PM

Friday Night Dancers, a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization, in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, and Montgomery County, sponsors weekly contra dances to live music in the historic Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom or the Glen Echo Bumper Car Pavilion.

April . . .

- 3 **Sue Gola** calls to **High Strung**, which is **Adam Bodine** (guitar/bass/feet),
Jared Bishop (fiddle),
Max Thoburn
(guitar/mandolin/cajon)
& **Alec Charon** (tenor banjo/guitar)
- 10 **FREE ANNIVERSARY DANCE!**
Penelope Weinberger calls to the
fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**,
led by **Bobby LaRose**

- 17 **Melissa Chatham** calls to **O-A-O:**
Oliver Scanlon (fiddle/mandolin/
viola/foot percussion),
Alex Fortier (piano) &
Owen Morrison (guitar)
[ed. note: **Wow!**]
- 24 **Andrea Nettleton** calls to
Frog Hammer:
Jim Besser (Anglo concertina),
Dave Casserly (saxophone),
Bob Collins (drums),
Glyn Collinson (bouzouki/acoustic
guitar/electric guitar/vocals),
Michael Ferguson (harpejji) &
Andrew Marcus (piano accordion)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Tickets: online or at the door: adults \$5-
\$30, pay what you can; teens, 13-19:
\$5; children 12 & under: free

Info: fridaynightdance.com or
info@fridaynightdancers.org

MID-ATLANTIC NORWEGIAN DANCERS
COLUMBIA MD • SAT. APR. 4
6:30 PM DOORS/POTLUCK,
7:30 PM MUSIC FOR DANCE

Loretta Kelley on Hardanger fiddle and
Sonia White on nyckelharpa plus other
guest musicians will play Norwegian
and Swedish tunes for dancing.

Beginners, singles/couples,
watchers/listeners all welcome.

Please bring food to share and clean
shoes to wear.

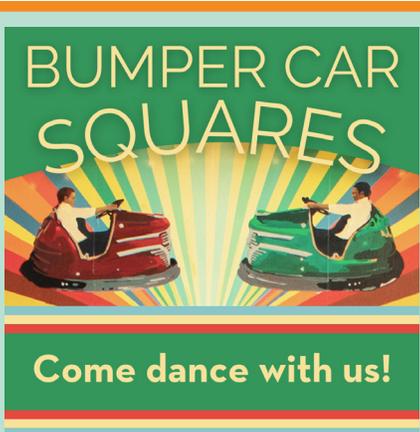
Donations gratefully accepted.

Location:

At Deb's place (no pets);
if you need the address contact
debweinreich@hotmail.com

More info:

MAND.fanitull.org
MAND@fanitull.org



Bumper Car Squares

GLEN ECHO PARK MD
1ST SUNDAY APRIL 5
3-5:30 PM (LESSON 2:45)

Square dance intro session for all skill levels from 2:45 to 3 pm.

Then, caller **Dakota Karper** leads a rousing square dance invigorated by music from the **William Brauneis Trio**: **William Brauneis** (fiddle), **Jonathan Vocke** (guitar/banjo) & **Dan Klingsberg** (bass).

Square dance from 3 to 5:30 pm. Short hydration break midway, but mostly FUN, lively square dancing the whole time. All ages welcome, no partner, prior dance experience, or special outfit needed.

Location: Bumper Car Pavilion

Admission: \$15/adult, \$5/teen, FREE for ages 12 and under. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted at the door.

Details/discounted advanced tickets: glenechopark.org/dances

More info: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/glenechopark), info@glenechopark.org or 301-634-2222

Upcoming 2026 dances:
May 3, June 7 & more to come

Brought to you by Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

SWING DANCE • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
SAT. APR. 4 & 11
LESSON 8 PM; DANCE FOLLOWS

April . . .

- 4 **Gottaswing**—featuring London’s **Jive Aces**
- 11 **Gottaswing**—featuring Craig Gildner’s **Blue Crescent Syncopators**

Info: glenechopark.org/events-calendar

WALTZ TIME • GLEN ECHO PARK MD
AFTERNOON WALTZ
SUN. APR. 5 & 19
LESSON 2:45 PM; DANCE 3:30-6 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 until 6 pm. No partner required.

April . . .

- 5 **Trio con Brio:** **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (accordion/mandolin) & **Jonathan Jensen** (piano/vocals)
- 19 **Vintage Virtuosos:** **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Paul Oorts** (accordion/mandolin), **Liz Donaldson** (piano) & **Ralph Gordon** (bass)

Location: 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

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

More info: WaltzTimeDances.org or 301-634-2222

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

English country dancing is joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a

friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through.

April . . .

- 6 **Christopher Field** calling to **Steven Epstein** (clarinet), **Mark Vidor** (accordion) & **Janina O’Brien** (piano)
- 13 **Kappy Laning** calling to **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (recorders/whistles/concertina) & **Carl Friedman** (piano)
- 20 **Andrea Nettleton** calling to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute/concertina) & **Jonathan Jensen** (piano)
- 27 **April Blum** calling to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Andrew Tomlinson** (flutes) & **Janina O’Brien** (piano)

Admission: \$10 members, \$15 non-members, under 21 and full-time students with IDs: free.

Advance registration only

Location: Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd. ([directions](#))

Info: engdance@bfms.org or [Janina O’Brien](http://JaninaO'Brien.com), 443-722-5805

CAPITOL HILL CAJUN DANCE
WASHINGTON DC
1ST TUE. APR. 7 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Laminate wood-like floor. Open Band.

Admission: Free. Donations and snacks welcome.

Location: St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 301 A St. SE; *some parking available.*

Contact: Joel Bailes, rollingpiano@gmail.com

SMTMD CONTRA DANCE
CHAPTICO MD • 2ND SAT. APR. 11 • 7 PM

See website for rescheduled or canceled events

The evening starts at 7 pm with a half-hour beginner's dance workshop followed by live music performed by the **SOMD Open Band**. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm. Check the [website calendar](#) for the lineup of dances and callers.

Admission: \$8 for members; \$12 for non-SMTMD members; children 17 and under (when accompanied by a paying adult) and band members are free.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com, smtmd.org/new-events



PHOTO: ELAINE SZYMKOWIAK

Location: Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall,
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
SILVER SPRING MD
2ND SAT. APR. 11 • 7:30-9:30 PM

Bob Farrall calls to music by
Peascods Gathering.

Beginners and singles welcome.

Admission: \$5

Location: Glen Haven Elementary
School, 10900 Inwood Ave.
(Parking and entrance in rear.)

Info: Carl Minkus, 301-493-6281 or
Bob Farrall, 301-577-5018

BFMS 2ND SATURDAY CONTRA
DANCE • BALTIMORE MD • SAT.
APR. 11 • 7-9:30 PM
(6:30 PM DANCE LESSON)

Colette Mrozek calling to
Zachary Mills (fiddle/feet),
Bobby LaRoss (mandolin) &
Charlie Pilzer (piano).

Potluck snacks at the break.

Location: Church of the Nativity and
Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd.

Admission: \$10 BFMS members &
affiliates, \$15 non-members.
People under 21 and students with
ID: free.

Online payment only
Pre-payment is encouraged.

Contact: Carol Fleishman



THE CAPITOL HILLBILLIES HOST THE
CAPITOL HILL SWING DANCE
WASHINGTON DC
3RD THUR. APR. 16
7:30-9:30 PM (LESSON 7 PM)

Live music. Laminate wood-like floor.

Admission: \$10, teens \$5

Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church,
301 A St. SE; some parking available.

Latest info:
facebook.com/rollingpiano/events

Contact: Joel Bailes,
rollingpiano@gmail.com

Upcoming events: 5/21, 6/18 & 7/16



BALTIMORE SQUARE DANCE AT THE
BALTIMORE OLD TIME MUSIC
FESTIVAL • SAT. APR. 18 • 8-11 PM

Dust off your dancing shoes and join
us for a hilariously fun evening of
square dancing, live music and
plentiful silliness.

No experience or partner is needed.

Janine Smith calling and walking you
through all the moves.
Music by Tessa McCoy &
The State Birds and Friends

Location:
Pavilion Stage, Baltimore Museum of
Industry, 1415 Key Hwy.

Info / tickets:
baltimoreoldtime.com/
baltimore-square-dance
[baltimoreoldtimefest.com/](http://baltimoreoldtimefest.com/schedule.html)
schedule.html

**SCANDIA DC DANCE/MUSIC EVENT
GREENBELT MD
3RD SAT. APR. 18 • 6:45–9:30 PM**

The event will feature dance teaching at the beginning to recorded music followed by live music sets. The first music set will allow musicians to play along with the lead musician, **Loretta Kelley**, after a practice session in a separate room during the dance teaching. Tunes in that set will be available on the website in advance of the event. Please don't attend if you are feeling sick or have been in recent contact with someone with COVID.

Location: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

Info: Email 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.info and in the invitation email closer to the event.

**ANNAPOLIS ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE
ANNAPOLIS MD • SAT. APR. 18
7–9:30 PM, INTRO LESSON: 6:30 PM**

Jackie McCabe calls to the music of **Charlie Pilzer** (piano), **Susan Brandt** (flute) & **Paul Oorts** (harp guitar/mandolin/more).

Pre-registration is not required but please email aefallon@verizon.net to let us know if you can help with pre-dance setup and/or post-dance hall restoration. Such help is much appreciated!

Face masks are optional. Venue has windows and filter fans for circulation and ventilation. Please bring your own water bottle. Snacks to share are welcome if you bring napkins, appropriate paper goods and utensils, and plan to clean up after snack time.

No experience or partner required.

Admission: \$15; students \$5; children through 5 years old free

Location: Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall, 351 Dubois Rd.

Info: [Ann Fallon](mailto:Ann.Fallon@scandia.org), 410-507-0934 or [Jan Scopel](mailto:Jan.Scopel@scandia.org), 443-540-0867
[Facebook](#)

**GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ CLUB
CÉILÍ • SANDY SPRING MD
SUN. APR. 26
4–8 PM (3 PM WORKSHOP)**

GWCC sponsors, supports and encourages céilís, dance classes, concerts and other programs for the enjoyment of its members and the community at large.

Workshop: Newport Set

Single dancers and listeners welcome!

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck supper (1st break)

Location: The Lyceum, 17801 Meeting House Rd.

Admission: \$25/GWCC members, \$30/non-members, ages 11-20 half-price, under 11 free

Info: gwcc-online.org

**JUST IN TIME PERCUSSIVE DANCERS
SILVER SPRING MD
SUNDAYS OR MONDAYS • 4 PM**

We are a performing dance company in the DC Metro area, specializing in Appalachian, Canadian, English and Irish step dance. We are recruiting new adult members!

Weekly rehearsals on Sundays or Mondays.

More Info

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
GREENBELT MD
TUESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM**

Dancing and instruction to recorded music. Wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes. No partner required.

Location: Dance Studio, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

Cost: \$10 (first time free)

Info: [Anne Dempsey](mailto:Anne.Dempsey@scandia.org) or [Larry Wegehaupt](mailto:Larry.Wegehaupt@scandia.org), 240-645-2776

Additional Scottish Country dances in Arlington VA and in Silver Spring, Baltimore and Frederick MD

**NORDIC DANCERS OF WASHINGTON
DC • SILVER SPRING MD • MOST
WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:50 PM**

The Nordic Dancers of Washington DC have in-person sessions at Highland View Elementary School. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

We welcome new dancers anytime, no prior experience or partner needed.

Questions: NordicDancers@aol.com or call 301-864-1596

Info: sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/

**ROCK CREEK MORRIS WOMEN
TAKOMA PARK MD • WEDNESDAYS**

Learn English morris dancing and become part of a community that dances, sings and socializes together. No dance experience necessary! Email if interested.

Location: Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd.

Info: [email](#), [website](#)

**THE GREATER WASHINGTON CÉILÍ
CLUB: IRISH SOCIAL DANCE CLASS,
SPRING SESSION
SILVER SPRING MD
THURSDAYS • 7 PM**

GWCC sponsors, supports and encourages céilís, dance classes, concerts, and other programs for the enjoyment of its members and the community at large.

Thursdays Mar. 19 – May 21:

7 pm: basics;
8–9:30 pm: continuing

Any interested adult is welcome; no experience or partner needed. 10 lessons / \$50 (either or both sessions), try your first class for free, register & pay at class! Wear comfortable clothes and smooth-soled shoes.

Location: Pinecrest Local Park,
301 St. Lawrence St.

Info: gwcc-online.org, [email](mailto:)

**BETHESDA INTERNATIONAL FOLK
DANCE GROUP
THURSDAYS • 7–8:45 PM**

Join our friendly dancers for dances from around the world.

Masks are optional.

Location: Church of the Redeemer,
6201 Dunrobbin Dr.

Info: [Carl Minkus](mailto:Carl.Minkus) or 301-493-6281
for info on our First Time Free
policy and subscription policy
(can't accept money on premises).

**FOGGY BOTTOM MORRIS MEN
WASHINGTON DC
SATURDAYS • 10 AM–12 PM**

Learn traditional English morris dances.
Join our community that dances,

GLEN ECHO PARK

In addition to dances listed here and on the FSGW Dance pages, Glen Echo Park features dancing many nights in the week. For more information about blues, tango, ballroom and other styles of social dancing, look at the [Glen Echo Park calendar](#).

socializes and sings. It's as easy as step-hop, step-hop.

Location:

Rotates throughout the DMV

Info: fbmm.org

[Jud McIntire](#), [Nat Brown](#)

**CUBAN SALSA CLASS & SOCIAL
DANCING • WASHINGTON DC
SATURDAYS • 1:15–4 PM**

Location: Chevy Chase Baptist Church
5671 Western Ave. NW

Admission: \$15/person

Details: danceintime.com/classes

Questions: Barb@DanceInTime.com
or call Barb: 443-773-262

FSGW Co-sponsored Jam

Takoma Park Old-Time Jam • Takoma DC • 3rd Wed. Apr. 15 • 7:30–9:45 pm

We'll have a 30- to 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 that is generously hosting us!

Our location: Busboys and Poets,
235 Carroll St. NW, Washington DC

Info: fsgw.org/Takoma-Park-Old-Time-Jam
[Jonathan Vocke](#)



Daily Antidote of Song

Changing the world one song at a time.



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.

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Great for all ages!

Attend in the virtual 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.

MANOR MILL OLD-TIME JAM
MONKTON MD • 4TH *1ST SUN.
APR. 5 • 2:30–5:30 PM

*Note new date this month.

Feel free to bring a dish. BYOB!

Questions: otj@manor-mill.com

Info: manor-mill.com/otj

DC BLUEGRASS UNION
DUPONT CIRCLE BLUEGRASS JAM
WASHINGTON DC
1ST & 3RD SUN. APR. 5 & 19 • 1–4 PM

This jam plays mainly bluegrass songs and tunes, and welcomes new beginners and experienced jammers.

Location: [The Mansion at O St.](#)
 2020 O St. NW

Info: [DCBU Facebook](#)

IRISH MUSIC • SILVER SPRING
WED. APR. 8 • 7-9:30 PM

Stop in at the upstairs in McGinty’s for a bite to eat or a pint and some fine traditional Irish music by

Karen Ashbrook
 (hammered dulcimer/Irish flute),
Pádraic Keane (fiddle) &
Matthew Ward
 (vocals/guitar/whistle).

Admission: Free!

Location: McGinty’s Public House,
 911 Ellsworth Dr.

Info: McGinty’s Public House,
 301-587-1270,
mcgintyspublichouse.com/



COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL
ACOUSTIC ROOTS
SONGWRITING CONTEST
SUBMISSION DEADLINE APR. 30

The contest is open to any original acoustic song in the bluegrass, old-time, Americana or folk genres.

Performance quality will not be judged. It’s all about the song!

Winners will be announced by May 15. Win cash prizes!

SHIP’S COMPANY CHANTEYMEN
THUR. APR. 2: FAIRFAX VA
WED. APR. 8: BALTIMORE MD
THUR. APR. 16: WHEATON MD
8–10 PM

1st Thursdays (except March) are at the Auld Shebeen Irish Pub & Restaurant:
 3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax VA

2nd Wednesdays (Baltimore) are in Fells Point in the Anchor Bar at Admiral Fell’s Inn: 815 S. Broadway

3rd Thursday folk sings are hosted by Johnny Strum at the Limerick Pub: 11301 Elkin St., Wheaton MD

Info: [website](#), [Brad Graham](#),
 Subscribe to Ship’s Company Chanteymen open Chanteysings events [newsletter](#)

CHARM CITY JUNCTION W/ CALEB STINE AT ENCORE COLLECTIVE COLUMBIA MD
THUR. APR. 9 • 7:30 PM

Baltimore's premier acoustic roots quartet *Charm City Junction*: **Brad Kolodner, Patrick McAvinue, Sean McCominsky & Alex Lacquement** joins forces with **Caleb Stine** at Columbia's Encore Collective for a night of Irish, Bluegrass and original music.

Info / Tickets: [Event Brite](#)

Location: The Encore Collective,
10221 Wincopin Circle

WASHINGTON'S SPELMANSLAG KENSINGTON OR HYATTSVILLE MD
SAT. APR. 11 & 25 • 2:30-4 PM

Rehearsals: Come play Scandinavian music with us!

Info: washingtonsspelmanslag.com
dcspelmanslag@gmail.com
Catherine Chapman, 240-461-9244

CONCERT: DEBI SMITH ALEXANDRIA VA
SAT. APR. 11 • 7 PM

'Soaring,' 'ethereal,' 'radiant,' 'lilting,' 'majestic'- just a few of the adjectives critics use to describe the voice of Grammy-nominated musician **Debi Smith**. Drawing upon her own life experiences, observations and emotions to create her pop/folk sound and heartfelt lyrics that range from the sad to the funny, introspective to up-tempo, Smith's performances at festivals and concert halls across North America uniformly garner plaudits from audiences and reviewers alike.

Location: Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd.

Tickets: \$25 in advance (WFMA / Focus members 10% discount) / \$30 at door (members \$25)
Virtual Tickets: \$15 in advance (members \$13.50)

Info / Tickets: focusmusic.org/sat-4-11-debi-smith-alexandria-virtual

CAPITOL AREA BLUEGRASS JAM ARLINGTON VA
2ND & 4TH SUN. APR. 12 & 26
2-6 PM

We have three rooms for jamming.

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd.

Info: caboma.org

BREABACH • ROCKVILLE MD
MON. APR. 13 • 7:30 PM

Institute of Musical Traditions presents **Breabach**. 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.

They have released six increasingly acclaimed albums, while fuelling their creative appetites in collaborations with indigenous Australasian artists, Quebec's Le Vent du Nord, and most recently as artists-in-residence at 2019's Celtic Colours festival with Cape Bretoners, Beolach.

Location: Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd.

Tickets:
\$30 advance (+\$2 box office fee) / \$35 door,
\$25/30 for children/students w/ID

Info / Tickets: imtfolk.org/4-13-breabach

BALTIMORE SHAPE NOTE SINGING
2ND MON. APR. 13, 4TH TUE. APR. 28
7-9:30 PM (6:30 PM DOORS)

Join us in America's oldest musical tradition! Experience the joy of singing a *cappella* choral music in four-part harmony. Shaped note heads aid sight reading. No experience needed and loaner books are available.

Attendance is free. All are welcome!

Location: Four Hour Day Lutherie
4305 Harford Rd.

Info: baltimoreshapenote.org
facebook

BFMS SONG SWAP
BALTIMORE MD
2ND TUES. APR. 14 • 7:30-9:30 PM

We're delighted to be singing in person!

Bring a favorite folk-genre song or two to share with our community of singers. Chorus songs or repeated refrains are encouraged. You can lead a song, sing along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space!

REMEMBER: If you are sick, not feeling well, etc., please stay home.

Admission: Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome)

Location: 4 Hour Day Lutherie in
Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd.

CAPITOL HILL SHAPE NOTE SINGING WASHINGTON DC
3RD WED, APR. 15 • 7-9 PM

Shape note singing from the 2025 *Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony: a cappella* community singing in a style

rooted in colonial America. All are welcome! Songbooks available to share.

Location: Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St SE

Info: dcshapenote.squarespace.com
silvermanalexa@gmail.com

WESTMINSTER MD JAMS WED. APR. 15 • 7–9 PM

All ages, skill levels and listeners are welcome.

Combined jam: bluegrass/old-time/
folk/blues free-wheeling

Location: St. Paul's, 17 Bond St.

Info: [Website](#), [email](#) or 410-857-2771



DICK HENSOLD & ROSALIND BUDA HOUSE CONCERTS FRI., APR. 17: GERMANTOWN, MD 7:30 PM (DOORS 7 PM) SUN. APR. 19: ANNAPOLIS MD 3 PM (DESSERTS & WINE 2:30 PM)

Dick & Rosalind present a varied program of Celtic and other music with a dizzying variety of instruments—and what could be more fun than bagpipes and bassoon?

Rosalind Buda (Scottish smallpipes/
bassoon/bombard/whistles/voice)

Dick Hensold (Northumbrian
smallpipes/Scottish reel pipes/
whistles/recorder)

RSVPs required: venue address will be given with reservation confirmation. For reservations, contact:

- Germantown, Apr. 17:
susanfrase@gmail.com
Suggested donation: \$25
- Annapolis, Apr. 19:
gambaville@mac.com
Tickets: \$30

More info: dickhensold.com/hensold-buda-samples

TRET FURE • SILVER SPRING, MD SAT. APR. 18 • 7–9 PM

Award-winning singer-songwriter **Tret Fure** will give a concert of her music.

Location: Church of the Ascension, Parish Hall, 633 Sligo Ave.

Parking behind the church on Silver Spring Ave. in the Elementary School parking lot.

Info / \$25 advance tickets

recommended but tickets will be available at the door.

tretfure.com/event/tret-fure-to-perform-at-ascension-silver-spring-md/

More info: Chris Parker Hunt,
301-318-7877,
chrisparker208@yahoo.com

SCHOOL OF MUSICAL TRADITIONS CLASSES • TAKOMA PARK MD

The School of Musical Traditions offers many classes on various types of music-making, for adults and kids! These include: How to jam, Celtic music, bluegrass, old timey, jazz, songwriting, vocals and more.

See their website for details and to sign up.

Location: School of Musical Traditions, 7112 Willow Ave.

Info: schoolofmusicaltraditions.com/classes-workshops

COMMON GROUND ON THE HILL DOWNTOWN CONCERT WESTMINSTER MD SAT. APR. 18 • 7:30–9:30 PM

DOUBLE BILL!

Appalachian String Bands Old and New

Critton Hollow & Benny Bleu–Dakota Karper

American string band music that spans generations. For 50 years,

Critton Hollow:

Joe Herrmann (fiddle/banjo),
Sam Herrmann
(hammered dulcimer/guitar) &
Joe Fallon (guitar/bass)

has delighted audiences throughout the U.S., Canada, Japan, Ireland and Scotland with traditional American string band music.

Acoustic duo **Dakota Karper** (fiddle) & **Benny Bleu Haravitch** (banjo) present a fresh perspective with music grounded in Appalachian old-time and New York's Finger Lakes banjo tradition.

Location:

Carroll Arts Center,
91 W. Main St.

Info / Tickets: \$28, Seniors \$25

Thank you to our generous sponsor:
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Two Concerts with [Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas](#)

CHAPTICO MD: FRI. APR. 24 &
SILVER SPRING MD: SAT. APR. 25

SMTMD SPRING CONCERT:
CHAPTICO MD • FRI. APR. 24
7:30 PM, 7 PM DOORS

Complimentary refreshments offered.

Admission: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and children under 17 are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. See the website for more details.

Location: Christ Church Parish Hall
37497 Zach Fowler Rd.

Info: smtmd2@gmail.com,
smtmd.org/#/concert/

SILVER SPRING • SAT. APR. 25 • 7 PM

Location: Montgomery College
Cultural Arts Center, Theater 2
7995 Georgia Ave.

Tickets: \$5 MC Students, \$10 other students, \$25 general admission.

Info / Tickets: tix.com/ticket-sales/mcpac/7088/event/1457196



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Cutting-edge fiddle and cello explorations of Scottish and global music

The musical partnership between consummate performer **Alasdair Fraser**, “the Michael Jordan of Scottish fiddling,” and brilliant California cellist, **Natalie Haas**, spans the full spectrum between intimate chamber music and ecstatic dance energy. Over the last 16 years of creating a buzz at festivals and concert halls across the world, they have truly set the standard for fiddle and cello in traditional music. They continue to thrill audiences internationally with their virtuosic playing, their near-telepathic understanding, and the joyful spontaneity and sheer physical presence of their music.

Editor’s note: Alisdair & Natalie always put on extraordinary concerts.

No familiarity with Eastern European music required.

Info: Diane, 202-274-4155
[email, orfeia.org](mailto:email@orfeia.org)

TAKOMA SPARK OPEN MIC TAKOMA PARK MD & ONLINE TUESDAYS • 7 PM

The Institute of Musical Traditions presents a cauldron of creativity from local and not-so-local artists. You’re invited to come and play, or just listen.

Admission: Free, but we DO solicit donations for our featured artists every week. Sign up at 6:30 pm, music at 7 pm, webcast live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitch.

Location: School of Musical Traditions
7112 Willow Ave.

Info: [imt folk SPARK](http://imtfolkSPARK), rob@ilyaimy.com,
301-910-2575

BLUEGRASS AND OLD TIME JAM BALTIMORE MD • TUESDAYS • 7–10 PM

The weekly jam is held in The Green Room with wonderful acoustics. 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.

Every other Tuesday, **Ken & Brad Kolodner** will lead the *Old Time Jam*. The first hour of the jam will be a “slow jam”: anyone can play along at a moderate tempo. From 8 to 10 pm, they’ll kick up the tempo for the “fast jam.”

On the other Tuesdays, **Alex Lacquement & Lucas Chohany** will lead the *Bluegrass Jam* featuring songs and instrumentals.

Best of all, the jam is FREE!

Location: The Green Room,
3600 Hickory Ave.

Info: [Facebook](#), bmoreoldtime.com

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

The *Takoma Mandoleers* are a community orchestra playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, classical guitar & string bass. Founded in Takoma Park in 1923, we play the mandolin orchestra repertoire from classical to the 21st century.

Info: Mandoleers.org

WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY (WBS) • ARLINGTON VA WEDNESDAYS • 7:30–9:30 PM

We are a community-based orchestra of more than 50 volunteer musicians. The orchestra plays Eastern European folk instruments including balalaikas and domras in various sizes and some Western percussion and wind instruments.

We are seeking musicians to join us to play domra, balalaika, accordion and percussion. We perform music from around the world, led by our conservatory-trained conductor, **Svetlana Nikonova**.

Info: balalaika.org
balalaika@balalaika.org

BFMS ZOOM SONG SWAP 4TH TUES. APR. 28 • 7:30 PM

It’s a place for folks to come together and share songs, community, and keep the live singing tradition thriving. While we have been getting together on Zoom, the 4th Tuesday BFMS song swap has become transcontinental. You can drop in on the Zoom and meet (and hear / sing with) some nice folks you’re not likely to meet in person!

ORFEIA ENSEMBLE SING CHEVY CHASE MD

REHEARSALS: SUNDAYS • 12–2 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 Eastern Europe. *Orfeia’s* repertoire spans the rich and diverse musical heritage of the Balkans. We are always seeking new members.

FSGW POLICY REGARDING RESPIRATORY VIRUSES AND IN-PERSON EVENT PARTICIPATION

FSGW's goal is to keep in-person event participants healthy and safe. FSGW requests that participants approach attendance at in-person events from a "community care" perspective, including respecting the personal choice to mask/not mask. Each of us plays an essential role in keeping the community healthy so thank you for your collaboration! A current version is posted on our website at fsgw.org/FSGW-covid19-response

Lucia Schaefer, FSGW President

FSGW BOARD MEETING (ONLINE) • 8 PM TUESDAY APRIL 7

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 Lucia Schaefer at president@fsgw.org at least two days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>KEY</p> <p>Bold text — FSGW sponsorship</p> <p>FSGW — Folklore Society of Greater Washington</p> <p>FND — Friday Night Dancers</p> <p>BFMS — Baltimore Folk Music Society</p>	<p>Contra —Contra Dance</p> <p>ECD —English Country Dance</p> <p>Ann.—Annapolis MD</p> <p>Arl.—Arlington VA</p> <p>Balt.—Baltimore MD</p> <p>Beth.—Bethesda MD</p> <p>CC—Chevy Chase MD</p> <p>GEP— Glen Echo Park MD</p> <p>Gbelt—Greenbelt MD</p> <p>Rock.—Rockville MD</p>	<p>SS— Silver Spring MD</p> <p>TPark—Takoma Park MD</p> <p>CDA—Carpe Diem Arts</p> <p>DPP—Dancing Planet Productions</p> <p>GWCC—Greater Washington Céilí Club</p> <p>MAND—Mid-Atlantic Norwegian Dancers</p> <p>SCC—Ship's Company Chanteyman</p> <p>SMTMD—Southern Maryland Traditional Music & Dance</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark</p> <p>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</p> <p>7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP</p> <p>7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</p> <p>7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 GWCC Céilí class, SS</p> <p>7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.</p> <p>8 SCC Chantey Sing, Fairfax</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 FSGW Open Sing, online</p> <p>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</p> <p>8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</p> <p>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</p> <p>6:30 MAND Norwegian Dance, Columbia</p> <p>8 Swing Dance, GEP</p>
<p>5</p> <p>12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC</p> <p>1 Dupont Circle Bluegrass Jam, DC</p> <p>2:30 Old-time Jam, Monkton</p> <p>2:45 Waltz Time, GEP</p> <p>2:45 Bumper Car Squares, GEP</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 Old Time Jam, Balt.</p> <p>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</p> <p>7:30 Cajun dance, DC</p> <p>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt</p>	<p>8 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark</p> <p>7 Irish music, SS</p> <p>7:30 FSGW Grapevine, Takoma & online</p> <p>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</p> <p>7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP</p> <p>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</p> <p>7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl.</p> <p>7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.</p> <p>8 SCC Chantey Sing, Balt.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 FSGW/Carpe Diem Arts Contra, SS</p> <p>7 GWCC Céilí class, SS</p> <p>7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.</p> <p>7:30 <i>Charm City Junction</i> w/Caleb Stine, Columbia</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:30 FSGW Song Circle, SS & online</p> <p>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</p> <p>8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt & online</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 Potomac River Shape Note Singing Convention, SS</p> <p>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</p> <p>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</p> <p>2:30 Spelmanslag, Kensington</p> <p>6:30 BFMS Contra, Balt.</p> <p>7 SMTMD Contra, Chaptico</p> <p>7 Concert: Debi Smith, Alex.</p> <p>7:30 ECD, SS</p> <p>8 Swing dance, GEP</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:30 Potomac River Shape Note Singing Convention, Arl., then continues in Brentwood—7 pm</p> <p>12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC</p> <p>1 FSGW Barn Dance, GEP</p> <p>2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl.</p> <p>4 FSGW Gospel Sing, Hyattsville</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 Shape Note Singing, Balt.</p> <p>7:30 Concert: <i>Breabach</i>, Rock.</p> <p>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt.</p> <p>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</p> <p>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt</p> <p>7:30 BFMS Song Swap, Balt.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark</p> <p>7 Capitol Hill Shape Note Singing</p> <p>7 Combined Jam, Westminster</p> <p>7:30 Takoma Park Old-time Jam</p> <p>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</p> <p>7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP</p> <p>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</p> <p>7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl.</p> <p>7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 Capitol Hill Swing Dance, DC</p> <p>7 GWCC Céilí class, SS</p> <p>7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.</p> <p>8 Folk Sing, Wheaton</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 Baltimore Music Festival</p> <p>7 Concert: Dick Hensold & Rosalind Buda, Germantown</p> <p>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</p> <p>8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 Baltimore Music Festival —incl. 8 pm Square Dance</p> <p>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</p> <p>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</p> <p>6:30 ECD, Ann.</p> <p>6:45 Scandia DC Dance/music, Gbelt</p> <p>7 Concert: Tret Fure, SS</p> <p>7:30 Concert: <i>Critton Hollow</i> / Benny Bleu-Dakota Karper, Westminster</p> <p>7:30 FSGW/ITG Story Swap, online</p>
<p>19</p> <p>12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC</p> <p>1 Dupont Circle Bluegrass Jam, DC</p> <p>2:30 Concert: Dick Hensold & Rosalind Buda, Annapolis</p> <p>2:30 FSGW/DPP Contra, GEP</p> <p>2:45 Waltz Time, GEP</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7 Old Time Jam, Balt.</p> <p>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</p> <p>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark</p> <p>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</p> <p>7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP</p> <p>7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</p> <p>7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 GWCC Céilí class, SS</p> <p>7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 SMTMD Concert: Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, Chaptico</p> <p>7:30 FND Contra, GEP</p> <p>8 Int'l Folk Dance, Gbelt & online</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 Foggy Bottom Morris Men, DC</p> <p>1:15 Cuban Salsa class, DC</p> <p>2:30 Spelmanslag, Kensington</p> <p>7:30 Concert: Trio Sefardi, TPark</p> <p>7 Concert: Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, SS</p>
<p>26</p> <p>12 Orfeia rehearsal, CC</p> <p>2 Bluegrass Jam, Arl.</p> <p>3 GWCC Céilí, Sandy Spring</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8 BFMS ECD, Balt.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7 Bluegrass Jam, Balt.</p> <p>7 Takoma SPARK Open Mic</p> <p>7 Shape Note Singing, Balt.</p> <p>7:30 Takoma Mandoleers, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Scottish dance, Gbelt</p> <p>7:30 BFMS Zoom Song Swap</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rock Creek Morris Women, TPark</p> <p>7:30 FSGW ECD, Glen Echo</p> <p>7:30 Int'l Folk Dance, GEP</p> <p>7:30 Wash. Balalaika, Arl.</p> <p>7:30 Nordic Dancers, SS</p> <p>7:40 BFMS Contra, Balt.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 GWCC Céilí class, SS</p> <p>7 Int'l Folk Dance, Beth.</p> <p>Midnight: Acoustic Roots Songwriting Contest submission deadline</p>	<p>Noon Every Day!</p> <p>Carpe Diem Arts Daily Antidote of Song</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p><i>Status of ongoing events may vary.</i></p> <p><i>Please confirm with the organizer.</i></p>	

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