



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

December 2012

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BFMS Holds Its Second Gentle English Country Dance*

*Sunday December 2, 2:30-5:00 p.m., St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall
1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville 21209 (0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South)*

Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon of lovely, gentle English dancing. **Christopher Field** will call to music by **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Brian Cardell** (recorder and flute), and **Ben Hobbs** (piano). Admission is \$8.00 for BFMS, FSGW or CDSS members, \$12.00 for non-members.

What is Gentle English? Gentle English Dances consist of beautiful, flowing English dances that are gentle on the knees, hips, feet, and backs of the dancers. Some of the dances are easy, but some are difficult dances. All of them are dances that don't stress the joints. If you do English dancing, it probably includes many of your favorite dances

For more information, contact Eileen Franch at franch [at] verizon.net or visit bfms.org/gentleEnglish.php

More BFMS Events

BFMS American Contra & Square Dance*

*Lovely Lane United Methodist Church
2200 Saint Paul St, Baltimore 21218
Use parking lots on either side of 23rd St. at Saint Paul*

Wednesday evenings, 8-10:30 pm
New dancer session at 7:30 on the second and fourth
Wednesdays of the month
Admission: \$13/\$9 for BFMS members & affiliates.

December 5

Becca Denison calls to **Elke Baker** (fiddle), **Ken Kolodner** (fiddle, hammered dulcimer), and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, guitar).

December 12

Janine Smith calls to **Waverley Station - David Knight** (fiddle), **Liz Donaldson** (piano), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass).
New dancer orientation at 7:30PM

December 19

April Blum calls to **Taylor Among the Devils - Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **Marty Taylor** (concertina, pennywhistle), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, ocarina).

December 26

Ann Fallon calls to **Marc Glickman and Friends!**
New dancer orientation at 7:30PM

BFMS Second Saturday Contra Dance*

*December 8, 8-11 pm
Saint Mark's on-the-Hill Parish Hall
1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville 21208
0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South*

Dick Bearman calls to **Contra Rebels: Todd Clewell** (fiddle), **Barb Schmid** (fiddle), **Bruce Campbell** (bass) & **Henry Koretsky** (guitar).

Admission is: \$9 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$13 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$4/\$6. Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No Experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner.

For more information call Becca at 301-606-7115 or email: nutritionexpeditions [at] yahoo.com

BFMS English Country Dance*

*Saint Mark's on-the-Hill Parish Hall
1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville 21208
0.5 miles from Balt. Beltway Exit 20 South*

Monday evenings, 8-10:30 pm; New dancer session at 7:45 on the first Monday of the month
Admission: \$11/\$8 for BFMS members & affiliates
\$2 student discount

Fun, flirty, elegant movement to live music. All dances are taught and walked through. For more info, contact Emily Aubrey at 410.433.4419 or engdance [at] bfms.org

December 3

April Blum calling to **Emily Aubrey** (violin), **Steve Epstein** (clarinet), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

December 10

Diane Schmit calling to **Three Tenors: Paul Oorts** (tenor banjo and mandolin), **Dave Crandall** (tenor sax and flute), and **Jonathan Jensen** (tenor banjo, piano, and toolbox).

December 17

Tom Spilsbury calling to **Becky Ross** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute & concertina), and **Judy Meyers** (piano).

No dancing at St. Mark's on the 24th or 31st.

BFMS Board Meeting*

Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 pm

Meetings are open to BFMS members, and all are encouraged to attend. Ice cream social follows meeting. For directions, agenda, and other information, please contact the President at: president [at] bfms.org.

Fourth at Four StoryFolk*

Towson Unitarian Universalist Church

Fourth at Four does not meet in November or December

Seasoned and fledgling storytellers meet to swap tales. This is an open, warm group of supportive storytellers, and listeners are always welcome.

Please call Diane at 410-321-8419 or Barbara at 410-252-1438 for more information

More BFMS & Member-Sponsored Events

Get your MidWinter Ball Tickets now!

On Saturday, January 12, 2013, we will be dancing to the toe-tappin', foot-stompin', shoe-shufflin', heel-clickin', booty-shakin' music of **Nor'Easter**

Cedar Stanistreet, fiddle

Julie Vallimont, piano

Max Newman, mandolin and guitar

Adina Gordon will bring her elegant energy to calling the figures.

6:00 Reception

7:30 Grand March

7:40 – 11:30 Contra and Couple Dancing

The theme is Time Travel. Dress in the style of your favorite era. White/Silver/Blue and all colors of the rainbow are encouraged

Tickets available in person, by mail or online at www.bfms.org/midwinter2.php Tickets will arrive by email. To receive tickets by snail mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Join us in the beautiful Ballroom of the Temple of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry, 3800 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218.

To download a flyer or for more information, go to www.bfms.org/midwinter.php Questions? Contact Joyce: midwinter [at] bfms.org.

Geud Band of Baltimore‡

The Geud Band of Baltimore, a rehearsed open band for English Country Dancing, practices monthly and plays for Monday night English Dances every 2-3 months. Newcomers welcome. For information, contact Eileen Franch, at: franch [at] verizon.net.

Perry Hall Folk Music Night‡

Saturday, December 1, 7:00-10:00 pm

*Perry Hall United Methodist Church
9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore, MD 21236*

Featured Performer: [Rob Kelly](#). Admission is free, but donations are welcome. This is an "open mike" event.

<http://home.comcast.net/~ndzimmer/folkmusic/>
Info: ndzimmer@comcast.net (Neil Zimmerman)
410-529-7176

Ballroom Dancing ‡

Every Friday, 7:50 pm

ROTC building at Johns Hopkins University

Waltz, rumba, tango and more. Always free.

All are welcome. Goodies for snack time are welcome, too. For more info call Anne and Dave Greene at 410-599-3725 or email Anne: agreene @ all-systems.com, Dave: DGSG @ all-systems.com

International Folk Dancing‡

Saturdays, 7:30 - 10:30 pm, lessons in first hour

*Homewood Friends Meeting House,
3107 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218*

Dances from Europe, Israel and other countries of the Near and Middle East. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. Admission \$2; first time free. Lessons given in the first hour.

Al & Hildy Sanders 410-484-9392 (check answering machine message to confirm dancing is on) or Paul & Elise Kreiss 410-367-8194 (evenings & weekends) or pkreiss@toadmail.com. Across Charles St. from Museum Drive (just east of Johns Hopkins). Enter down outside stairs from side porch. Call to arrange handicapped access.

Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

*Sunday, Dec 9, potluck 11:30, dancing at 1
9512 St. Andrews Way, Silver Spring, MD 20901*

Norwegian-style house party. Halloween theme—costumes encouraged! Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-US **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (w/ sympathetic strings under the bowed strings--see HFAA.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners, singles/couples, watchers/listeners all welcome. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare.

Hosts Phyllis & Steve's phone just in case: 301.585.5806
Info & directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or Jenny, pi @ xecu.net, 301.371.4312.

Singing for Everyone‡

Sunday, December 2, 7-9 pm

*Homewood Friends Meeting House library
3107 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218*

Everyone is welcome. Snacks are welcome, and will be confined to the Susan B Anthony room across the hall. You do not need to feed the parking meters on Sunday. For more information, contact Susan Warner: scwarner@hotmail.com

Member-Sponsored Events

333 Coffeehouse‡

Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm
Annapolis Friends Meeting
351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Tinsmith in concert (Celtic-American fusion trio)

\$10, or \$8 for seniors, students, and members of ATDS and affiliates (including BFMS). Refreshments served.

More info: fsgw.org/333, 333coffeehouse [at] gmail.com, or (443)-333-9613.

Common Ground on the Hill Concert Series ‡

Friday & Saturday, December 7-8, 8 pm

Common Ground on the Hill announces the **Walt Michael & Co. Annual Holiday Concert**. In one of the most anticipated concerts of the season, Walt Michael & Co. share their wide-ranging repertoire of tunes and songs reflecting the rich musical heritage of the Appalachians. Walt Michael is joined by the celebrated musicians **Alexander Mitchell** (fiddle), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), **Tom Wetmore** (bass), **Barry Mitterhoff of Hot Tuna** (mandolin), **Evan Stover of Fiddle Fever** (fiddle and viola), and **Shelley Ensor** (vocals).

Friday, December 7, 8 pm

Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church
6200 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21212

Saturday, December 8, 8 pm

Carroll Arts Center
91 W Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157

General admission tickets are \$19 for adults; \$17 for seniors 65+, teens, and students with ID. To purchase by phone call Common Ground on the Hill at 410-857-2771.

To order online visit www.commongroundonthehill.org. Tickets are sold at the gate as available.



The Baltimore Folk Music Society is funded by an operating grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. Funding for the Maryland State Arts Council is also provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

Helicon's Winter Solstice Concert‡

Saturday, December 22, 3:30 pm and 8 pm
Kraushaar Auditorium at Goucher College
1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson MD 21286

The **Baltimore-based** trio, *Helicon*, celebrates their 27th reunion appearance in this year's **Winter Solstice Concert**.

Helicon blends the talents of **Ken Kolodner** (hammered dulcimer, fiddle, hammered mbira), **Chris Norman** (wooden flutes, tin whistle, small pipes, vocals, piano) and **Robin Bullock** (guitar, cittern, fiddle, piano) and a repertoire spanning the traditional folk music of nearly 30 countries, along with the sounds of the season. Joining *Helicon* is Kolodner's son, **Brad** (clawhammer banjo, vocals, gourd banjo and banjo). While *Helicon*'s style is clearly Celtic flavored, the concert will feature a unique blend of seasonal and traditional music from Appalachia, Israel, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Europe, Africa, the Far East, Ireland, and Scotland and beyond. The show is a perfect way for the whole family— young and old—to celebrate the winter holidays.

Tickets are available at www.kenkolodner.com via credit card or call 410-243-7254 kenkolodner [at] aol.com ; \$29 at the door; \$26 in advance; group discounts available. Directions to the campus and Kraushaar Auditorium can be found on Goucher's website at www.goucher.edu/about/

Uptown Concerts at The Cellar Stage‡

5315 Harford Rd * Baltimore, MD 21214

Friday, December 7th

Flatpicker and songwriter **Jonathan Byrd**. Singer-songwriter **Loretta Hagen** opens. Tickets \$16; Show 8 pm.

Friday, December 14th

Celtic Holiday Extravaganza with **Maggie Sansone, Paul Oorts, Karen Ashbrook, Seth Kibel, Matt Bell, and Andrea Hoag**. Tickets \$24; Show at 8 pm.

For tickets and reservations, call: 410-521-9099

www.uptownconcerts.com

Uptown Concerts at Baldwin's Station‡

7618 Main Street * Sykesville, MD 21784

Thursday, December 6th

An Irish Christmas with **Laura Byrne, Jim Eagan, & Pat Egan** —Tickets \$18; Show at 8 pm.

Thursday, December 13th

Mary McCaslin & Rick Shea sing the songs of Jim Ringer & Mary McCaslin —Tickets \$20; Show at 8 pm.

For tickets and reservations, call: 410-795-1041

www.uptownconcerts.com

Other Local Contra & Square Dances

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

Traditional American Contra and Square Dancing
Saturday, December 15, 7-10 pm; Lesson 6:30
Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall
351 Dubois Road , Annapolis MD

We've got something to crow about! **Ann Fallon** will teach and call dances to the lively music of **A.P. and the Banty Roosters: Andy Porter** (fiddle), **Joe Langley** (guitar), **Mark Lynch** (mandolin) and **Art Abrams** (bass).

Admission for dance, \$10, with discounts for seniors, students, families and members of Annapolis Traditional Dance Society (ATDS). All ages welcome. All dances taught and walked through. No experience or partner required. Snacks to share at the break are welcome!

Questions?? Contact Jan Scopel at 443-540 0867 or janscope@hotmail.com; or Ann Fallon, 410 268 0231, aefallon@verizon.net. www.contradancers.com/atds

Frederick Contra Dance

Trinity School
6040 New Design Rd, Frederick MD 21703

There will be NO Frederick dance in December. We hope you enjoy your holidays in your favorite tradition, and join us again in January.

Contact person is Boe Walker at 301.694.6794.
Please check our website for details and directions:
www.contradancers.com

FSGW Sunday Night Squares & Contras

Sundays, 7:30-10:30 pm, Beginner Workshop 7pm
Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

Contras and squares for new and experienced dancers. No partner necessary. New dancers please arrive early.
Admission \$12, \$9 for members, \$4 ages 17 and under.
www.fsgw.org

Dec 2— Jack Mitchell with Gypsy Meltdown

Dec 9—Mary Wesley with Crowfoot

Dec 16—Bev Bernbaum with Perpetual e-Motion

Dec 23—Warren Doyle with Morrison Brothers Band

Dec 30—Adina Gordon with Magic Foot Trio

Friday Night Dance

Fridays, 8:30-11:30. Beginners' workshop 7:30
Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, MD

Weekly contra dances to live music. Admission \$9.
www.fridaynightdance.org Facebook: [Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park](https://www.facebook.com/FridayNightDanceatGlenEchoPark/)

Dec 7 -- Mary Wesley calls to Crowfoot

Dec 14 -- Warren Doyle with the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band. Free 17 and under. Salty Dog Rag workshop during the break continuing later on at 11:30 pm

Dec 21 -- David Giusti calls to Corachree

Dec 28 -- Bob Isaacs calls to New Hip Trio

Locust Lane Contra Dance

2nd, 4th & 5th Fridays; 8-11pm; lesson 7:30
Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
5501 Locust Lane, Harrisburg PA 17109

Dec 14—Steve Gester calling to Streak O'Phat

Dec 28—Ridge Kennedy calling to Dancewiz

Admission \$9/\$8 members. For more info or directions, call 717-770-1477 or e-mail [dance\[at\]harrisburgcontra.org](mailto:dance[at]harrisburgcontra.org)
http://locustlanecontra.freesevers.com/index.html

Lancaster Traditional Society Contra Dance

Saturday, December 15, 8-11 pm.
St John's Episcopal Church
321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA.

Sargon DeJesus calls to **The Gooseberries** with **Matthew Burke** (fiddle), **Rich Dodson** (tenor banjo), **Dave Cottrell** (accordion), and **Jill Smith** (piano).

Beginner's workshop at 7:15.
\$8/\$5 students. Children 15 and younger FREE.
For information call Karen at (717) 951-4317 or visit our website at www.lancastercontra.org.

Other Local Dances

Shepherdstown Contra Dance

Saturday, December 1, 8 pm
War Memorial Building.
German & King St. Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Jack Mitchell calling to **Gypsy Meltdown** with **Kathy Kerr** on fiddle, **Colleen Reed** on flute, and **Keith Gillis** on piano. \$10 adults; \$7 SMD members; \$4 under age 12. Workshop at 7:30. All levels welcome, no partner needed.

6 pm pre-dance Special Event! Join us for our annual Happy Holidays Potluck!

For information contact Becky at 876-2169 or see the web page at www.smad.us/dance/

Elverson Contra Dance

Saturday, December 1, 7:30 pm
Birdsboro Community Memorial Center
201 E Main St (Rte 724), Birdsboro PA.

Diane Hartzell calls to **Contra Deceptives**.

\$9/\$8 for members. Info: www.elversoncontra.org

Great American Square Dance Revival, Pt. XV

Saturday, December 1, 8:30-11:30 pm
St. Stephens Church, 1525 Newton St. NW
Washington, DC (near Columbia Heights Metro)

FSGW's DC Square Dance Collective presents yet another amazing traditional Appalachian Square Dance! Come see what all the buzzzzzz is about right in the heart of DC on a swingin' Saturday night. All are welcome—young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta the loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. \$5 at the door.

Music by **The Weiss Geys**: **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar), **Kate Brett** (banjo), and **Kevin Enoch**. **Grant Hunnicutt** calls the figures. More info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com

First Square Dance of the New Year

Tuesday, January 1, 2-5 pm
Ballroom Blum, Adelphi MD

The Hot Square Babes are busy cookin' up a mighty fine start to your 2013! Save the date and check the January Newsletter or [FSGW website](http://www.fsgw.org) for more details.

Arden Contra Dance

2126 The Highway, Arden, DE 19810

No dance in December

Lessons 1:30-2:00 PM . Cost \$10/\$9 Arden Club members. More info call: 302-478-7257 or 610-277-0844
www.ardenclub.org

FSGW English Country Dancing

Wednesdays 8-10:30pm
Glen Echo Town Hall
6106 Harvard St. Glen Echo MD 20812

Dec 5 - Melissa Running calls while **Colleen Reed** (flute), **David Knight** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes.

Dec 12 - Stephanie Smith leads the dancing to the music of **Susan Brandt** (flute), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina), and **Francine Krasowska** (piano).

Dec 19 - Joseph Pimentel calls to the playing of **Barbara Heitz** (flute), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Melissa Running** (piano).

Dec 26 - Bob Farrall calls while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) make the music.

English Country Dances For Fun

Sunday, December 9, 2:30-5:30 PM
Glen Echo Park, Spanish Ballroom Annex

This series concentrates on simpler, fun dances and is very suitable for new dancers and dancers of other dance forms. Experienced dancers are very welcome as good role models on the dance floor. All dances are taught, walked through, and called. Admission price is \$10.

This dance series will continue in 2013 but will move to the 3rd Sunday of each month

For more information, tel 703-992-0752. or see www.michaelbarraclough.com/ECD4FUN

Other Local Dances

Contra Sonic

*Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm lesson, dance 8-11pm
Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Rd. Arlington, VA*

Dark Side of the Earth Sonic—back at Artisphere (with its great floor, lights and space, and Metro accessibility) for a special Solstice edition, Thursday brings **Anna Rain** and **dJ improper** together again. How best to usher in the end of the world as we know it? Dance.

\$8, \$6 members, youth, and students. More information at <http://fsgw.org/>

FSGW Family Dance

Glen Echo Town Hall Upstairs, Glen Echo, MD

There is no family dance in December.

Admission \$5 per person aged 4 and older.
More info: fsgw.org

Afternoon Waltz

*Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park
7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812*

*Sunday, Dec 2—Some Assembly
Sunday, Dec 16—Rose by the Door
Sunday, Dec 30—Gigmeisters*

Dance to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission \$10. No partner required.

The waltz lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour of beginner instruction and 15-minutes for an intermediate move. Dancing follows until 6 p.m

For info: go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org, or e-mail: info [at] WaltzTimeDances.org.

Hot Society Sunday Afternoon Dance

*Sunday, December 9 3-6 pm
Glen Echo Park, MD*

The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, featuring music and dances from the '20s, '30s and '40s. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha cha, rhumba, swing and more in the Spanish Ballroom. No partner or experience necessary. Tango lesson at 3:00. \$14

Info: www.glenechopark.org and www.hotsociety.net.

Emerald Isle Club Monthly Ceili

*Saturday, December 1, 7-11 pm
American Legion Post #183 Hall
2301 Putty Hill Ave. Parkville, MD 21234*

Music by **Peter Fitzgerald & the J Patrick's All Star Ceili Band**, with Special Guest **Billy McComiskey**. **Marilyn Moore** will call dances & teach the workshop. No experience necessary! Come and learn to do Irish Set and Ceili Dances. Bring a snack or dessert to share.

Families & Children of all ages welcome. Regular Admission: Adults \$18, children over age 7—\$9. Join the club and receive discounted admission.

Cajun and Zydeco Dancing

*Saturday, December 8, 8:30 pm-midnight
Blobs Park
8024 Max Blobs Park Rd. Jessup, MD 20794*

Join us for a Cajun Dance Party at Blobs Park. **Ray Abshire**, the stellar accordion player, and his band play authentic Cajun music that will make you want to jump up and dance. The 30-minute Zydeco dance lesson given by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro begins at 8:30 pm with dancing until midnight. Admission is \$15.

For more information, call Michael Hart at 301.762.6730 or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com

Special Dance Events

New Years Contra Ball

*Monday, December 31, 8:00pm—12:15 am
Women's Club of Chevy Chase*

Ring in the New Year with **Adina Gordon** calling and the energetic **Magic Foot Trio** playing: **Brendan Taaffe** (guitar), **Christian "Junior" Stevens** (button accordion), and **Sarah Blair** (fiddle).

Look for the flyer or visit fsgw.org, as advance registration is required by December 17th.

Special Dance Events & Concerts

Gala New Year's Eve English Country Dance

Monday, December 31, 6:30pm—12:30 am

Women's Club of Bethesda

5500 Sonoma Rd. Bethesda, MD 20817

Dances led by **Anna Rain**, music by **Becky Ross** (fiddle),
Melissa Running (piano), and **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon).

6:30 Decorating & Set-up

7:30 Potluck Supper

8:30-12:30 Dancing

10:30 Dessert

Midnight Champagne Toast

Advance Registration Necessary. FSGW, BFMS, & CDSS
Members \$32. Guests \$35. FSGW and BFMS members reg-
istering by December 1 are guaranteed to be admitted.

For information or to offer help call: Bob Farrall, registrar
(301.577.5018) or Will Strang (703-967-8797) or Sharon
McKinley (410-740-3250)

More information at fsgw.org



Concerts

Institute of Musical Traditions Rockville

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville, MD

Mon. Dec. 3: **Robin Bullock** returns for our annual Celtic
holiday concert. This year, he'll be joined by hammered
dulcimer player **Ken Kolodner** and fiddler **Elke Baker**.
7:30 pm. \$20 advance; \$25 door; Students \$15/\$20.

Mon. Dec 10: **Crowfoot** weaves musical influences from
England, Ireland, Québec, and the Appalachian Moun-
tains into a captivating fusion that delights dancers and
listeners alike. 7:30 pm. \$12 advance; \$14 door; Stu-
dents \$9/\$12.

INFO: call 301-970-3655 and visit www.imtfolk.org



Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley, and Charlie Pilzer
will perform at IMT on December 12 (below)

Institute of Musical Traditions Takoma Park

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD

Wed. Dec. 12: A Scandinavian Christmas with **Andrea
Hoag, Loretta Kelley, and Charlie Pilzer**, with special
guests Arna Rennan and Melissa Running.
7:30 pm. \$15 advance, \$20 door; Students \$10/\$15.

Sat. Dec. 15: First Annual IMT Kids & Family Talent
Show 2 pm. \$12 advance, \$14 door .

Fri. Dec 21: **Ensemble Galilei** Holiday Concert
7:30 pm. \$22 advance, \$26 door; Students \$18/\$22

INFO: call 301-970-3655 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Roots Café Singer-Songwriter Series

Sunday, December 9, at 5 pm

An Die Musik Live

409 Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201

Sandy Asirvatham & **Savannah Valentino** perform their
own songs and some holiday favorites in the round with your
singing host Geoffrey Himes.

\$7 in advance, \$9 at door. (410) 385-2638

Concerts



Sue Richards, Carolyn Surrick, and Hanneke Cassel will perform in Shepherdstown on December 23 (below)

Shepherdstown Music & Dance International Concert Series—Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 23, 4 pm

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

King & Washington Streets, Shepherdstown WV

Rekindling a passion for Early music, [Ensemble Galilei](#) trio melds the elegance of chamber music with the excitement of traditional music in a repertoire that move flawlessly from lush Baroque interpretations of 18th century Irish airs to infectious reels and jigs, from haunting Welsh melodies to Galician Waltzes and Breton dance tunes, stitching a tapestry of texture, harmony, and rhythm. With founding members of the 5 piece national touring ensemble **Carolyn Surrick** on viola da gamba, and harpist **Sue Richards** joined by 1997 Scottish fiddle champion **Hanneke Cassel** on violin; this holiday concert is sure to please all of your family members and be a highlight of this year's celebration..

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$12 for SMaD members and \$8 for children and students, for more info call 304) 263-2531, email Joanie at [updf\[at\]earthlink.net](mailto:updf[at]earthlink.net), or see the web page at <http://smad.us/concerts>

Focus Music Rockville

Tuesday, Dec 11, 8 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville

100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville, MD 20850

[The Sea, The Sea](#) is Mira Stanley and Chuck E. Costa. The duo offers smooth, intricate harmonies anchored by award-winning songwriting. Baltimore-based [Beggars Ride](#) is the contemporary folk duo of Claudia SanSoucie and Kate Maguire.

Info: (301) 275-7459

Venue Host: David Spitzer: [david\[at\]focusmusic.org](mailto:david[at]focusmusic.org)

Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance at

www.focusmusic.org.

Natalie MacMaster: Christmas in Cape Breton

Thursday, December 6, 8 pm

The Music Center at Strathmore

5301 Tuckerman Lane, N. Bethesda, MD 20852

That she is one of the most talented performers of Celtic music on the scene today cannot be disputed: [Natalie MacMaster](#) has won high praise from critics around the globe. But this fiddling dynamo is also “as congenial, funny and irresistible a host as you're likely to find on a concert stage” (Cleveland Plain Dealer). This is holiday cheer with a capital C, as Natalie invokes the traditions of her native Cape Breton with foot-tapping rave-ups, heart-wrenching ballads, and world-class step dancing combined with Natalie's fiddling fireworks!

Tickets \$28–\$58 (Stars \$25.20–\$52.20) www.strathmore.org
(301) 581-5100

Washington Revels 30th Annual Christmas Revels

December 8-9, 14-16, 2012

GWU Lisner Auditorium

For our 30th annual celebration of the Winter Solstice, we call upon well-loved elements of Christmas Revels past to renew the spirit of joy that marks this time of the year. Enjoy favorite Revels sing-alongs, a madcap “Twelve Days of Christmas,” new music of the season, lively country and Morris dancing, the mysterious Abbots Bromley Horn Dance, a delightful Mummer's play with a surprise ending, and a special Revels evocation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol that will touch the heart.

Tickets & info: www.revelsdc.org

The Celtic Tenors

Wednesday, Dec 12, 7:30 pm

Preakness Ballroom, Hilton-Pikesville Hotel

The [Celtic Tenors](#) return to Baltimore for an intimate Christmas concert. Expect to hear Celtic renditions of your favorite Christmas music, as well as classical and popular tunes that will fill you with the Holiday spirit.

Tickets \$30, available [HERE](#) or by calling 800-838-3006

Classes & Workshops

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat

Friday, January 4 - Sunday, January 6
Shepherdstown, WV

Join some of our finest local fiddlers and special guests for a weekend featuring over 20 different workshops for fiddle and mixed instruments, and dance band classes in a variety of styles in historic Shepherdstown, WV, on the campus of Shepherd University. Weekend's staff includes [Oisin MacDiarmada](#) (Irish), [Kimberley Fraser](#) (Scottish, Cape Breton), [David Kaynor](#) (New England, Scandinavian), [Andrea Hoag](#) (English, Scandinavian and more), [Joe Herrmann](#) (Seasoned Beginners class in Old Time Fiddle), [Karen Ashbrook](#) (Hammered Dulcimer), and [Paul Oorts](#) (mandolin) and [Dave Wiesler](#) (piano, accompaniment, band classes). Friday night features a showcase concert; Saturday night has a contra dance with the weekend's open band led by our instructors as well as jam sessions nearby.

For information see <http://upmw.smad.us/fiddleretreat/index.html> or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email [updf\[at\]earthlink.net](mailto:updf[at]earthlink.net). Now payable by PayPal.

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend

Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20
Shepherdstown, WV

Weekend retreat featuring classes, individual tutoring, concert and sessions for a wide variety of bellows-blown bagpipes, percussion, flute and mixed instruments. Piping staff includes [Ivan Goff](#) (Irish uilleann pipes), [Ian Lawther](#) (Northumbrian smallpipes), [EJ Jones](#) (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes), and [Iain MacHarg](#) (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes) along with [Shannon Heaton](#) on Irish flute and whistle and [Matt Heaton](#) on bodhran and Irish style accompaniment on guitar and bouzouki.

For more information call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 email updf@earthlink.net or see the webpage at <http://upmw.smad.us/squeezethebag/index.html> Early Bird registration by Dec 15 offers a substantial discount on tuition! Now payable by PayPal.

Scandinavian Dance Classes

Tuesdays, December 5, 11, 18; January 1
7:30 - 9:30 pm
NIH, Bethesda, MD

Mixed beginner and advanced classes. Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn Springleik, Boda, Orsa, Föllinge, Finnskogspols, Gammalvånster, Telespringar, Halingspringar, and requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5.

First time free.

Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, [lisa \[at\] HamboDC.org](mailto:lisa[at]HamboDC.org), or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the new Gateway Drive Visitor Entrance (south of South Dr., reachable ONLY from the north on Wisconsin Av.). Park there, or drive to the south center of NIH and park in NIH permit parking next to Building T-39. Or walk 12 minutes from the Medical Center metro stop. See map on website.

Javanese Gamelan

Thursdays 6:30 pm, Sundays 1pm
Indonesian Embassy, Washington DC

Bring your enthusiasm (and possibly a cushion to sit on) to the Indonesian Embassy, 2020 Massachusetts Ave, just off Dupont Circle. Make mesmerizing music on the *new* instruments of the Embassy's central Javanese gamelan. (See embassyofindonesia.org and www.gamelan.org for general info.) Beginners and more advanced players welcome. Some rehearsals are unavoidably cancelled on short notice, so please contact either the Embassy, at 202.775.5200 (ask for Mr. Muryanto -- he's the gamelan teacher), or Jon Singer: 240.604.4495 (voice/text).



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