



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

January 2014

*BFMS MidWinter Ball**

You are cordially invited to the Baltimore Folk Music Society MidWinter Ball Saturday, January 11 at the Ballroom of the Temple of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Dance to the **Avant Gardeners**: Laura Light, fiddle, George Paul, keyboards and accordion, Dave Weisler, guitar and keyboards and Loren Oppenheimer, percussion. **Beth Molaro** will be calling the dances. The theme is "Green."

A reception will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the Grand March led by Stan Fowler at 7:30, with contras and couple dances from 7:40 – 11:30.

Tickets purchased by January 2 are \$37 general, \$33 members, and \$15 students. After January 2 and at the door, prices increase to \$42/\$38/\$20.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is located at 3800 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218



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.
<http://bfms.org/squarecontra.php>

January 1—**Susan Taylor** calls to **OMG** – **Paul Oorts** (mandolin, accordion, banjo), **Rodney Miller** (fiddle), and **Ralph Gordon** (bass).

January 8—**Dave Colestock** calls to **Baltimore Open Band**.
New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.

January 15—**David Giusti** calls to **Celador** – **Gretchen Caverly** (fiddle) and **David Hayes** (guitar).

January 22—**George Mercer** calls to Taylor **Among the Devils** – **Marty Taylor** (whistles, concertina), **Steve Hickman** (fiddle), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, ocarina). New dancer orientation at 7:30 pm.

January 29—Brian Hamshar calls to Waverley Station – David Knight (fiddle), Liz Donaldson (piano), and Ralph Gordon (bass).

BFMS Second Saturday Dance*

The MidWinter Ball takes the place of the Second Saturday dance this month.

Join us February 8 for the **Valentine's Day Extravaganza!** Calling by Ron Buchanan, music by Steve Hickman, Marty Taylor & Dave Wiesler. In addition to the regular evening dance, there will be an afternoon waltz workshop, couple dancing, and advanced contra dance. Chocolate dessert contest at the break! ♥

\$25 BFMS members and affiliates, \$29 non-members
Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Reduced admission available for attendance at portions of event.

For more information call Becca at 301-606-7115
or email: nutritionexpeditions@yahoo.com
<http://www.bfms.org/saturdayDance.php>

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
\$11/\$8 for BFMS members & affiliates; \$2 student discount
<http://bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

January 6—**Rich Galloway** calls to music by **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, etc.). New Dancers Workshop at 7:45

January 13—**Jenny Beer** calls to music by **Wayne Hankin** (winds), **Elke Baker** (fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

January 20—**Ann Fallon** calls to music by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Marty Taylor** (winds, concertina), and **Judy Meyers** (piano).

January 27—**Tom Spilsbury** calls to music by **Becky Ross** (violin), **Paul Oorts** (strings, accordion), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano).

The Friendly Coffeehouse*

*Friday, January 10, 8-11 pm
Calvary Baptist Church, lower level
120 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Towson, MD*

Join us for the monthly open mic (every 2nd Friday) co-hosted by Meg Banter and Rick Millman. Welcome to Musicians, Poets, Comics, Storytellers and more. Hope to see you there to showcase your talent. Please also bring a small contribution for the snacks if you wish to partake (and perhaps a little something for our featured performer).

For info writerbayou@gmail.com or check our "BFMS Open Mike: The Friendly Coffeehouse" Facebook page

BFMS Board Meeting*

Tuesday, January 7, 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](mailto:president[at]bfms.org).

Member-Sponsored Events

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.

Baltimore Old-Time Jam‡

Tuesdays, January 7 and 21, 7:00-10:30 pm
Liam Flynn's Ale House
22 W North Ave, Baltimore, MD 21201

NEW FORMAT: Slow jam at 7:00, fast jam at 8:00. Sometimes square dancing. Free and open to all. Listeners welcome! Please RSVP if you intend to attend the slow jam so we know what to expect.

Info: e-mail bradkolodner [at] gmail.com or join:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/445722452176784/>

Baltimore Singers Club‡

Wednesday, January 1, 7:30-10:30 pm
Admiral Fell Inn (in the Fells Point neighborhood)
888 S Broadway St. Baltimore MD 21231

All levels of singers (and all you ballad loving listeners) are welcome for singing, exchanging and development of performance of songs in the oral tradition, with songs sung to tavern patrons, as well. Chorus songs are welcome, but not necessary and you have a chance to air out your ballad repertoire.

Free and open to all. Meetings continue on the first Wednesday of each month

For more information, find [Baltimore Singers Club](#) on Facebook, visit baltimoresingersclub.blogspot.com
Or email Severn Savage: severn.savage [at] att.net

Singing for Everyone‡

Sunday, January 5, 7-9 pm
6213 Sareva Dr. Baltimore, MD 21209
(Mount Washington Area)

We will gather for 'Singing for Everyone' at the home of Judy Davidoff, phone number 410-484-3246.
Bring a copy of Rise Up Singing if you have one.

Contact Susan Warner: scwarner [at] hotmail.com

BFMS Open Sing‡

Tuesday, January 14, 7:30-9:30 pm
Second floor of Bertha's, 734 S Broadway,
Baltimore, MD 21231 (in Fells Point).

Calling all traditional singers, acoustic instrument players, and singer/songwriters. Join us for the BFMS Open Sing, where we can share songs in a welcoming and informal setting. Everyone is invited, regardless of skill level. There will be chorus songs, so even if you aren't comfortable singing in front of a crowd, you can sing along with the crowd.

The Open Sings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month. Questions? Contact Michael Quitt at mqpens [at] gmail.com

Perry Hall Folk Music Night‡

Saturday, January 4, 7-10 pm
Perry Hall United Methodist Church
9515 Belair Rd., Baltimore, MD 21236

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

<http://home.comcast.net/~ndzimmer/folkmusic/>

Info: ndzimmer [at] comcast.net (Neil Zimmerman)
410-529-7176

333 Coffeehouse‡

Friday, January 17, 7:30-10 pm
Annapolis Friends Meeting
351 DuBois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

From Asheville, North Carolina, [Dana and Susan Robinson](#) bring to the stage an exciting blend of original songs of the American landscape and old-time Appalachian mountain music. With Dana on guitar and fiddle, Susan's clawhammer banjo playing, and strong, sweet harmony singing, they bring a joyful energy to their concerts.

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

Info: Tom Rhoads & Amy Ksir, 333coffeehouse [at] gmail.com, or (443)-333-9613. fsgw.org/333

More Member-Sponsored Events

Uptown Concerts at The Cellar Stage‡

*Faith Community United Methodist Church
5315 Harford Rd. Baltimore, MD 21214*

Friday, January 24th

Showcase of previously featured opening acts: **Lynn Hollyfield, Midway Fair, Neptune's Car, and Jessica Smucker**
Tickets \$16.00 ~ Showtime 8:00 pm

Friday, January 31st

RUUT, with **Eric Scott** opening
Tickets \$16.00 ~ Showtime 8:00 pm

For more information on the artists and their music, see our website: www.uptownconcerts.com

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

Uptown Concerts at Baldwin's Station‡

*7618 Main Street * Sykesville, MD 21784*

Thursday, January 9

The Sound of Sleat
Tickets \$18.00 ~ Showtime 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 16th

Toby Walker
Tickets \$18.00 ~ Showtime 8:00 pm

For more information on the artists and their music, see our website: www.uptownconcerts.com

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

Baltimore Square Dance‡

Saturday, January 25, 8 pm

Mobtown Ballroom

861 Washington Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21230

If you attended the first Baltimore Square Dance, you know that it was essentially the most fun that you have ever had. If you missed it, don't be sad—come join us for the sequel!

Anna Roberts-Gevalt will call the dances. The star-studded **Vacuutones** will provide the live old-time stringband music: **Bill Schmidt** (fiddle), **Ann Porcella** (guitar), **Kate Brett** (banjo) and **Kevin Enoch** (bass).

No experience or partner necessary. All dances will be taught. \$10/\$7 for students with ID. Info: Brad Kolodner, 410.404.9270 or bradkolodner [at] gmail.com.

<http://mobtownballroom.com/>

Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

*Saturday, Jan 4, Potluck 6:30 pm, dancing 8:00
6807 Westmoreland Ave. Takoma Park MD 20912*

Norwegian-style house party! Mesmerizing live music by foremost-in-US **Loretta Kelley** on the unique Hardanger fiddle (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 Loretta & Tony's phone just in case: 301.270.4925
Info & directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or Jenny, pi @ xecu.net, 301.371.4312.

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. Enter down outside stairs from side porch. Call to arrange handicapped access.



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.

Other Local Contra & Square Dances

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

Traditional American Contra and Square Dancing
Saturday, Jan 18, 7-10 pm; Intro lesson 6:30
Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall
351 Dubois Road, Annapolis MD

DeLaura Padovan will teach and call dances to music by **Devine Comedy** (Steve Hickman, fiddle; Marty Taylor, whistle and concertina; John Devine, guitar).

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

Saturday, January 25, 8-11 pm. Lesson at 7pm.
Trinity School
6040 New Design Rd, Frederick MD 21703

Eva Murray will call to music provided by **Treble Makers**, featuring **Emily Aubrey**, fiddle; **Liz Donaldson**, piano; **Robin Wilson**, flute and concertina.

Admission \$10, Students \$5.
Contact person is Boe Walker at 301.694.6794.
Please check our website for details and directions:
<http://contradancers.com/mmfac>

Silver Spring Contra Dance

Thursday, Jan 9, 7-10pm (Workshop 7-7:30)
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring MD

Contras and Squares, Circle and Line Dances featuring the **Treble Makers**: **Robin Wilson** (flute & concertina), **Liz Donaldson** (keyboard), **Emily Aubrey** (fiddle). Caller: **Valerie Young**

\$10 general admission / \$8 FSGW and BFMS members and Revels/ \$5 students and those without income. Plenty of parking in public lot across the street, 801 Ellsworth Dr.

For more info: busygraham[at]gmail.com / 301-466-0183
Bob Mathis: talibob[at]starpower.net -- or Jeff Kenton:
jmkenton[at]verizon.net

www.CarpeDiemArts.org

www.FSGW.org

*BFMS Event † Member-sponsored event

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

Jan 5—**Bill Wellington** with **Ken & Brad Kolodner**

Jan 12—**Paul Rosen** with **Ricochet**

Jan 19—**Perry Shafran** with **Sibling Ribaldry**

Jan 26—**Valerie Helbert** with **STEAM!**

Friday Night Dance

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

Weekly contra dances to live music. Admission \$10, \$5 for ages 17 and under.

Jan 3—**Laura Brown** calls to **AP and the Banty Roosters**

Jan 10—**Perry Shafran** calls with the **Glen Echo Open Band**.

Jan 17—**David Giusti** calls to **Waverly Station**

Jan 24—**Tom Hinds** calls with **STEAM!**

Jan 31—**Rebecca Lay** calls with **Sharktones**

Info: 301-634-2222 (Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture) or www.fridaynightdance.org
Facebook: [Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo Park](https://www.facebook.com/FridayNightDanceatGlenEchoPark)

Lancaster Traditional Society Contra Dance

Saturday, January 18, 7-10 pm, workshop 6:15
St. John's Episcopal Church
321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA

Ladies in the Parlor with **Barb Schmid**-fiddle, **Sharon Sacks**-banjo, **Freya Qually**-guitar, **Suzanne Gates**-bass. **Terry Bachmann** calling.

\$9/\$6. Children 15 and under free. For information call Karen at (717) 951-4317 or visit our website at www.lancastercontra.org.

www.bfms.org

888-646-BFMS

Other Local Dances

Shepherdstown Contra Dance

Saturday, January 3, 8pm

War Memorial Building

Corner of German & King St., Shepherdstown, WV

Tom Hinds calls lively contra dances to the fine music of an open band of the students and faculty of the Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat led by fiddlers **Rodney Miller** and **Lisa Ornstein** along with the accompaniment of multi-instrumentalist **Paul Oorts**.

Beginners workshop at 7:30PM. All levels welcome, no partners needed. Please wear clean, soft-soled shoes to protect the floor. Admission is \$10 adults, \$7 SMD members, \$4 dancers under 12 years old. For information contact Becky at 876-2169 or see the web page at www.smad.us.

Galesville Community Square Dance

Saturday, January 11, 2013

*Galesville Memorial Hall—952 Galesville Road,
Galesville MD (Near Annapolis)*

Live music - Traditional Appalachian Dance Tunes
Played by **Leah Weiss** (fiddle), **Gary Wright** (guitar), and Friends. Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, and clawhammer banjo. Dance Squares, Circles, Longway Sets & Waltzes
Janine Smith calling the figures. **ALL ages welcome!**

5:30pm Doors Open

6:00pm Potluck Dinner (Optional)

7:00pm Family-Friendly Dancing

8:30 -10pm More Challenging Dancing

Adults \$10, Ages 5-17 \$5, Under 5: Free

<http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/>

More info: (301) 926-9142

The Great American Square Dance Revival

Saturday, January 18, 8:30 - 11:30 pm

*St. Stephen's Church, 1525 Newton St. NW, DC
near the Columbia Heights Metro*

FSGW's DC Square Dance Collective presents another amazing traditional Appalachian Square Dance! The one and only **T-Claw** calls the figures with **The Corn Potato String Band** - that's **Aaron Jonah Lewis** (fiddle), **Ben Belcher** (banjo), **Lindsay McCaw** (guitar) and **Sabra Guzman** (bass). Come see what it's all about, right in the heart of DC on a swingin' Saturday night. All are welcome – young and old, brand new and experienced dancers, hipsters and total outta the loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed. \$5 at the door.

More info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com

Hot Squares in the Olde Town Tonight!

Wednesday, January 1, 2 - 5 pm

Ballroom Blum

8300 Osage Terrace, Adelphi, MD

The Hot Square Babes (Laura Brown, Ann Fallon, Eva Murray, Janine Smith, and Susan Taylor) are throwing our annual Square Dance Party on New Year's Day. Fabulous live music by **OMG!** That's Paul Oorts, Rodney Miller, and Ralph Gordon. We'll dance from 2 - 5 pm, and share a potluck dinner until 7 pm. A paltry \$10 gets you in. No prior dance experience or partner needed.

More info: www.fsgw.org

Hot Society Sunday Afternoon Dance

Sunday, January 26, 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. **Rhumba** lesson at 3:00. \$14

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

Sunday Afternoon Waltz

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812

Sunday, January 5 – Waltz du Jour

Sunday, January 19 – Hickman, Glickman, & Devine

Dance to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, 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.

Other Local Dances

FSGW English Country Dancing

Wednesdays 8-10:30pm

Glen Echo Town Hall

6106 Harvard St. Glen Echo MD 20812

January 1 - **Michael Barraclough** calls while **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Karin Loya** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes.

January 8 - **Joseph Pimentel** leads the dancing to the playing of **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute), and **Melissa Running** (piano).

January 15 - **Tom Spilsbury** leads the dances while **Wayne Hankin** (recorders), **Ralph Gordon** (cello), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play the tunes.

January 22 - **Susan Taylor** calls to the playing of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Susan Brandt** (flute), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

January 29 - **Stephanie Smith** calls while **Edith Coakley** (fiddle), **Anna Rain** (recorders), and **Melissa Running** (piano) make the music

Admission: \$8 for FSGW members, \$10 for non-members.
Info: Stephanie Smith at 301.229.3577 or e-mail Roger Broseus at English [at] fsgw.org

GWCC NEW YEAR'S DAY CEILI

Wednesday, January 1st, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Cherry Hill Park Conference Center
College Park, MD

Workshop at 2:30 pm with Ann Marie Breheny

Excellent & Exciting Music by Ellis Island
Dave Abe ~ Fiddle
Myron Bretholz ~ Bodhran
Peter Fitzgerald ~ Tenor Banjo
Andy Thurston ~ Guitar, Mandola

Free raffle entry with every paid admission!

POT LUCK SUPPER DURING THE 1st BREAK

ADMISSION: GWCC Members-\$20- Nonmembers-\$25
Kids under 11-Free-Students 11 to 20-Half Price
For more information, call (301) 512-4480 or visit <http://www.GWCC-online.org>

Concerts

Roots Café Singer-Songwriter Series

Sunday, January 26, at 5 pm

An Die Musik Live

409 Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201

Letita Van Sant and **Mac Walter** perform their own songs in the round with your singing host **Geoffrey Himes**.

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

More info: www.rootscafe.org or www.andiemusiklive.com

House concert and Workshop with Panache

Sunday, January 5, 1:30-7:30 pm

Home of Ann Fallon and John Wells

Annapolis, MD

Panache Quartet is Four Fiery Female Fiddlers whose masterful fiddling and joyous music will put a smile on your face and set the tone for a wonderful year to come!

Panache Quartet features fiddlers and singers **Andrea Beaton** (Cape Breton), **Donna Hébert** (Celtic/New England), **Veronique Plasse** (Québécois), **Jane Rothfield** (Old Time).
www.panachequartet.com

WORKSHOP 1-3:30pm

(Open to melody players (not just fiddlers!))

Learn 4 tunes from four master fiddlers and great teachers (Old Time, Cape Breton, Québécois and Celtic). Tunes will be taught by ear and a recording (Audio/Video) device is highly recommended! \$30

HOUSE CONCERT 4-5:30pm. \$20

POTLUCK/JAM 5:30-7:30pm Bring something to share and have some tunes with Panache Quartet after we eat!

For those who want to come to the workshop AND concert there is a special combo price of \$40. *All proceeds go directly to the artists*

RSVP by Friday January 3 to aefallon@verizon.net, 410 268 0231. **Please indicate if you plan to attend workshop, concert, or both.** Address to be furnished when RSVP is received. CASH or CHECK payable to Panache Quartet at time of event.

Concerts

Fiddle Summit

Friday, January 3: 8 pm

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

This annual concert presents some of the finest fiddlers from a variety of traditions into a showcase concert. This year, our special guests include French Canadian-style fiddler, **Lisa Ornstein** who befriended old-time fiddle legend Tommy Jarrell in her teens, and mastered the "Round Peak style." She went on to tour for twelve years with the internationally acclaimed La Bottine Souriante and is widely known for her compelling and inventive playing and her impeccable tune choice. **Rodney Miller** is widely considered to be the foremost exponent of New England style fiddling and was designated a "Master Fiddler" by the National Endowment for the Arts for his sweetly melodic playing. **Kimberley Fraser** has been playing Cape Breton style fiddle and piano since early childhood, and though still in her twenties she is artistic director of the fabulous Celtic Colours festival in Cape Breton Nova Scotia and tours widely, teaching and performing the music of her home. U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion, **Elke Baker**, whose lyrical melodies combined with driving dance rhythms characterize her energetic fiddling has just completed a recording with hammered dulcimer virtuoso and fiddle player **Ken Kolodner**, and his son, **Bradley** on banjo. **Joe DeZarn** is a gifted performer of Irish music on the fiddle and has been heating up dance floors all over the mid-Atlantic region for decades. No fiddle retreat would be complete without old-time fiddler, **Joe Herrmann**, who toured as the fiddler for West Virginia's own Critton Hollow String Band. Co-sponsored with Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat.

Admission is \$18 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 SMD members, \$8 students, Free to Shepherd Students with Rambler ID. For more information call Joanie at (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net, on the web at www.smad.us

Focus Music Alexandria

Sunday, January 19, 7 pm

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

2280 N. Beauregard St. Alexandria, VA 22311

Contemporary folk singer-songwriter [Joe Crookston](#), with [Tiffany Thompson](#)

Tickets: \$18/\$15 for advance sales and members
Focus Info: 703-501-6061, Kay Coyte, venue host
http://www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php

"Squeeze the Bag"

Saturday, January 18: 8PM

Reynolds Hall, Shepherd University

Corner of King and German Streets in Shepherdstown, WV

Bring a new warmth to a cold winter's night as you experience the magic of the bellows-blown bagpipes played by some of the finest masters on these unique instruments. Kinder and gentler cousins of the great highland pipes, they are designed for playing indoors with other instruments and are mellow and expressive. **Cillian Valleley** is a world renowned Irish piper, who tours with the band Lunasa, with flautist, Kevin Crawford and his brother, Niall Valleley. Born in Armagh, in Northern Ireland, he learned both low A whistle and uilleann pipes while studying at the Pipers Club. Multi-instrumentalist **Ian Lawther** is an undisputed master of the Northumbrian smallpipes and plays lively dance repertoire associated with these tiny pipes. **EJ Jones** performs Scottish music on the highland, Scottish smallpipes and border pipes with the international touring group Clandestine as well as medieval and renaissance music on historically inspired bagpipes with the groups Brizeus and Istanpitta. **Will Woodson** is an innovative and powerful performer of traditional and contemporary music on the Scottish smallpipes and Border pipes, and a recent graduate of the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow, Scotland; he currently lives in Portland, Maine where he apprentices smallpipe maker, Nate Banton and leads weekly sessions. **John Skelton** returns with his magical Irish flute and a variety of pipes including the Spanish gaita, the Breton veuze and the binou koz. **Bob Mitchell** returns as our host piper on Scottish smallpipes and border pipes to round out a magical evening where all will be accompanied by percussionist extraordinaire, **Matthew Bell**.

Admission is \$18 adults, \$15 seniors, \$12 SMD members, \$8 students, Free to Shepherd Students with Rambler ID. For more information call Joanie at (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net, on the web at www.smad.us.

Maggie's New Year's Day Concert

Jan. 1, 2014 (Wed.) 5pm - 7pm

Rams Head On Stage

33 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401

A double billing with Maggie Sansone's Wind Drift Celtic band / Robin Bullock. Seth Kibel on flute, clarinet and sax, Matthew Bell in Irish bodhran & percussion, plus Irish Step Dancers.

For tickets, 410-268-4545 or
<http://www.ramsheadonstage.com/page/5/>

Workshops

Scandinavian Dance Classes

*Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7:30 - 9:30pm
NIH, Bethesda, MD*

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Beginners learn Hambo, Schottis, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn Boda, Orsa, Föllinge, Finnskogspols, Viksta, Gammalvånster, Telespringar, Valdressingar, 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, or www.HamboDC.org.

Directions: Enter NIH at Wisconsin Av. and the 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 (essential) on website.

Upper Potomac Spring Music Weekend

*Friday, March 7– Sunday March 9, 2014
Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV*

Workshops, classes, concerts and jam sessions for hammered dulcimer, fiddle, banjo and mixed instruments with special guest instructors including hammered dulcimer players **Cindy Ribet**, **Deborah Justice**, **Andy Young**, fiddler **Jane Rothfield** and banjoist, **Hilarie Burhans** teaching an old-time music class, and multi-instrumentalists **Paul Oorts** and **Steve Schneider** teaching ensemble and musicality classes.

All weekend workshops take place in the relaxed, retreat setting of the Shepherd University Student Center and surrounding historic buildings in scenic Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

To find out more, visit our web site at upperpotomacmusic.info or call (304) 263-2531, or email upperpotomac@gmail.com for a brochure.

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Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat

*Friday, January 3 -Sunday, January 5
Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV*

Join some of our finest local fiddlers and special guests for a weekend featuring over 24 different workshops for fiddle, hammered dulcimer, 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 **Lisa Ornstein** (French Canadian), **Kimberley Frasier** (Cape Breton), **Rodney Miller** (New England), **Joe DeZarn** (Irish), **Joe Herrmann** (Old Time Fiddle), **Elke Baker** (beginning fiddle), **Ken Kolodner** (Hammered Dulcimer), **Paul Oorts** (mandolin and mixed instruments) and special guest, Cape Breton pianist, **Doug MacPhee**. 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://upperpotomacmusic.info/fiddleretreat> or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net.

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend

*Friday, January 17 -Sunday, January 19
Shepherd University, 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 **Cillian Valleley** (Irish uilleann pipes), **Ian Lawther** (Northumbrian smallpipes), **Laura MacKenzie** (Scottish smallpipes, border pipes and flute), and **Will Woodson** (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes) along with **John Skelton** on Irish flute and whistle plus Breton and Galician Repertoire and **Matt Bell** on bodhran and our host piper, **Bob Mitchell**. All classes are held in the relaxed retreat atmosphere of the Shepherd University campus center and the surrounding historic buildings.

For more information see the webpage at <http://upperpotomacmusic.info/squeezethebag/>, call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net.

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