



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Contry Dance & Song Society

December 2016

<http://www.bfms.org>

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Special Events

2017 Mid Winter Ball

January 14 2017

I heard it through the Grapevine. Luke Donforth calls to the Free Raisins. Tickets are on sale now.

<http://www.bfms.org/midwinter.php>

Wednesday Contra Dance

American Contra and Square Dancing at 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Admission is \$9 for members, \$13 for nonmembers. Under 21 and full-time students with IDs: \$4 members, \$6 non-members. All dances are taught and walked through beforehand.

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

December 07 2016

Kathy Anderson calls to the Tater Patch Kids: Patrick McAvinue (fiddle), Brad Kolodner (banjo), Luke Chohany (guitar), and Alex Lacquement (bass).

December 14 2016

George Mercer calls to the Baltimore Open Band. The BOB is composed of local musicians, many of whom play in contra dance bands, who get together and play for their local dance community. They play great tunes; come out and dance to their music!

December 21 2016

Hilton Baxter calls to the Devine Comedy: Marty Taylor (whistles, concertina), Steve Hickman (fiddle), and John Devine (guitar).

December 28 2016

Tom Hines calls to the Lovely Lane String Band - Brenna Hogan (fiddle), Shane Knudsen (fiddle), John Sauer (guitar), Jay White (banjo), Artie Abrams (bass).

Monday English Dance

English Country Dance - Pikesville, MD - Mondays 8 to 10:30 pm English Country Dancing is lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. All dances are taught and walked through. Admission \$8 Members, \$11 Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. Info: Carl Friedman at 410-321-8419 or engdance@bfms.org

<http://www.bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

December 05 2016

Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45 Ann Fallon calls to the music of Elke Baker (violin), Robin Wilson, (flute and concertina), and Liz Donaldson (piano and accordion)

December 12 2016

Diane Schmit calls to the music of Emily Aubrey (violin), Paul Oorts (strings and things), and Jonathan Jensen (piano and more things)

December 19 2016

Tom Spilsbury calls to the music of Jeff Steinberg (violin), Dave Crandall(winds), and Janina O'Brien (piano)

December 26 2016

Sharon McKinley calls to the music of Carl Friedman (violin), Steve Epstein (clarinet), and Judy Meyers (piano)

Saturday Contra Dance

American Square and Contra Dancing on the 2nd Saturday of the month running from 8:00 'till 11:00 pm, with a short break in the middle. Admission is: \$9 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$13 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$4 members, \$6 non-members.

Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No Experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner. St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road. <http://www.bfms.org/saturdayDance.php>

December 10 2016

Bob Isaacs calls to Contranella Featuring: Megan Wobus Beller on (Fiddle), John Wobus on (Piano) and Charley Beller on (Percussion, Mandolin, and Banjo) Workshop for beginners starts at 7:30pm. Bring a snack & bring a friend.

Family Dance

The BFMS Family Dance is geared towards young children and families. All ages are encouraged to attend. Dances are all taught and dancing is to live music. This event is enjoyed by children, parents, and grandparents as they dance and sing together. \$4 for member, \$6 for non-members, children under age 3 are free. 5:00 to 6:00 PM at St. Mark's on the Hill, Parish Hall 1620 Reisterstown Road Pikesville, MD. <http://www.bfms.org/familyDance.php>

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Rebecca Dnison calls to Megan Beller & The Charles Street Fiddlers There is a potluck from 6:30-7:20 Come and join in some good food and conversation. The BFMS Family Dance is geared towards young children and families. All ages are

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Fourth at Four

The Fourth at Four Storyfolk is the most active storytelling group in the Baltimore area. Seasoned and fledgling storytellers meet to swap tales at 4 pm on the 4th Sunday of each month. This is an open, warm group of supportive storytellers, and listeners are always welcome. We also share potluck goodies at the break. 4th Sunday of each month at 4 pm - No meeting in November and December Pickersgill Retirement Community 615 Chestnut Avenue in Towson. MD 21204 <http://www.bfms.org/Fourth-at-Four.php>

December 25 2016
We do not meet in December

Member Sponsored Events

<http://www.bfms.org/membersponsored>

BFMS Song Swap

December 27 2016

The Four Hour Day Lutherie 4305 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21214 7-9 PM Admission - FREE A good old-fashioned acoustic group sing: chorus songs, chanteys, traditional, standards, contemporary, or original songs, all genres (well maybe not heavy metal). A warm, welcoming place to sing together, add harmony (or just listen) or even try out a new song. Bring lyrics if you need them. We'll take turns around the room singing, whether unaccompanied, or grab an instrument and let's sing! No sound system. Just us folks. Non-performance oriented, so don't feel shy. Great room, great acoustics. Seasonal songs welcome but not required. <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#songswap>

International Folk Dancing

Every Saturday, 7:30-10:30 pm, lesson in first hour. Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 N. Charles St. Dances from Europe, Israel and other countries of the Near and Middle East. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. Admission \$2; first time free. <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#intFolkDancing>

Ballroom Dancing

Every Friday, 8:00 pm (waltz, rumba, tango and more) - in the ROTC building on the Johns Hopkins University campus. <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#ballroom>

Circle Singing

Fourth Wednesday - Stony Run Friends Meeting house 5116 N. Charles St. 7 to 9 PM. Circle Singing is a community oriented, spontaneous, improvisational singing experience, a little bit like a "drum circle" for singers. We take inspiration from methods developed by Bobby McFerrin and his collaborators. A Circle Song leader will create parts on-the-spot, and lead the group in making beautiful, inspired, goofy, or glorious music. Starting with a basic structure, we can vary. Sing beautiful harmonies gain self-confidence, and delight in what we can create together. This is a "mistake-free" zone, for all

levels of singers - we sing for the sheer fun of it! <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#circle>

Sacred Harp Sing

Sing Sacred Harp the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM in the schoolhouse beside the Community Building at 17801 Meetinghouse Road, Sandy Spring, Maryland; pot-luck follows at 6:00. Books are available. Contact Dave Greene at energdivad@gmail.com or call 301-570-3283. <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#sacredharp>

Other Folk Events

<http://www.bfms.org/folkevents>

Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo

Dances are held every Friday evening in historic Spanish Ballroom or Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 17 and under. Open Band nights are free for 17 and under. Contra dance is a type of folk dance for all ages and a social dance in the most literal sense. It is a great way to meet lots of new people and potentially make new friends. You do not need to bring a partner. <http://www.fridaynightdance.org>

December 02 2016 - Dance

Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo
Perry Shafran calls to Treble Makers with Emily Aubrey on fiddle, Liz Donaldson on piano, Robin Wilson on flute.

December 09 2016 - Dance

Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo
Warren Doyle with the fabulous Glen Echo Open Band.

December 16 2016 - Dance

Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo
Tom Hinds calls to Devine Comedy with Steve Hickman on fiddle and harmonica, John Devine on guitar, and Marty Taylor on whistles.

December 23 2016 - Dance

Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo
Anna Rain calls to the Owen Morrison combo with Owen Morrison on guitar, Phil Wiggins on harmonica, Ralph Gordon on bass, +1 other.

December 30 2016 - Dance

Friday Night Dance at Glen Echo
Sue Rosen calls to Bruce Rosen & Graham DeZarn with Bruce Rosen on guitar and piano & Graham DeZarn on fiddle.

Galesville Community Square Dance

Galesville Memorial Hall 952 Galesville Road, Galesville MD (Near Annapolis) 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 More info: (301) 926-9142 <http://communitysquaredance.wordpress.com/>

December 17 2016 - Dance

Galesville Community Square Dance
Live traditional Appalachian dance music by Leah Weiss (fiddle), Gary Wright (guitar), and Friends. Calling by Janine Smith

Waltz Time

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Waltz Time is an all-volunteer group of dancers who have produced the twice-monthly waltzes at Glen Echo Park since 1995. The group has donated all net proceeds to the renovation of the Spanish Ballroom and the Bumper Car Pavilion, and to help continue Park programs. All of the Sunday afternoon waltz dances are held at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812 in the Spanish Ballroom or occasionally in the Bumper Car Pavilion. Dance to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Tango, Hambo, Swing, and Polka. Admission is \$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 or advanced move. Dancing follows until 6 p.m.
<http://www.waltztimedances.org/>

December 04 2016 - Dance

Waltz Time

GREEN LIGHT KARMA with David Knight (fiddle), Andrew Marcus (accordion), Dave Wiesler (piano, guitar)

December 18 2016 - Dance

Waltz Time

GIGMEISTERS with Alexander Mitchell (fiddle), Paul Oorts (button accordion, mandolin, banjo, guitar), David Wiesler (piano), Ralph Gordon (bass)