



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

December 2023

<http://www.bfms.org>

888-646-BFMS

Special Events are listed after the regular ones

Wednesday Contra Dance

American Contra and Square Dancing at 8:00 p.m. on 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Admission is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Under 21 and full-time students with IDs: free. All dances are taught and walked through beforehand.

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

December 06 2023

Steve Gester calls to music by Charlie Pilzer (piano) and Zachary Mills (fiddle). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

December 20 2023

Janine Smith calls to Triple Helix - Colleen Reed (flute), Alexander Mitchell (fiddle, mandolin), and Keith Gillis (guitar). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

Monday English Dance

English Country Dance - 2nd and 4th Mondays from 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. \$10 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$15 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$7 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Church of the Nativity, 6112 York Rd., 21212. Info: engdance@bfms.org <http://www.bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

December 11 2023

English Country Dance: 8:00 - 10:30 pm Dec. 11 Sharon McKinley celebrates the 30th anniversary of her heart valve! Sharon will call dances to music by Tina Chancy (violin), Jonathan Jensen (piano) and Marty Taylor (concertina and winds). Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212. PLEASE NOTE: Dances are mask optional and proof of vaccination not required. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share at the break. On-line payments only. <https://www.bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 18 2023

English Country Dance: 8:00 - 10:30 pm Dec. 18 Diane Schmit leads the dancing with music by Carl Friedman (violin), Janina O'Brien (piano and more) and Mark Vidor (accordion). Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212. PLEASE NOTE: Dances are mask optional

and proof of vaccination not required. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share at the break. On-line payments only. <https://www.bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 31 2023

Dec. 31 Gala New Year's Eve English Country Dance 8:00 pm - 12:30 am Melissa Running will call dances to music by Becky Ross (violin), Liz Donaldson (piano) and Bruce Edwards (bassoon and concertina). 8:00 pm Doors open, Reception with light refreshments 8:30 pm Waltzing 8:45 pm Dancing Begins Part 1: Dancing for the Olde Yeaere 10:15 pm Break for refreshments, socializing 10:45 pm Part 2: Goodbye to the Olde Yeaere Revelry to Marke the Impending Transit Midnight Libation for Celebration (champagne & non-alcoholic) 12:10 am Part 3: Dancing for the New Yeaere and First Last Waltz of 2024 Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212. PLEASE NOTE: Dances are mask optional and proof of vaccination not required. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share at the break. On-line payments only. Registration OPEN!! <https://www.bfms.org/nyeGala.php>

Saturday Contra Dance

American Square and Contra Dancing on the 2nd Saturday of the month running from 7:00 'till 9:30 pm, with a short break in the middle. Admission is: \$10 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$15 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: Free.

Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No Experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner. Church of the Nativity, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore 21212. <http://www.bfms.org/saturdayDance.php>

December 09 2023

7-9:30 PM (1 hour earlier) Greg Frock calling to: Back Step Cindy ~ Joe Langley - guitar and vocals, Fred Cherney - banjo, Shirley Echols - bass fiddle, Sandy Hofferth - fiddle Dance lesson: 6:30 Online payment only. Pre-payment is encouraged to reserve your spot. <http://bfms.org/secondsatpay.php> Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212 Admission is: \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. People under 21 and students with ID: free Potluck snacks at the break.

Special Events

2024 BFMS MidWinter Ball

December 07 2023

Save the date! Saturday January 27, 2024 6:30-10 Triple Helix with Anna Rain calling Church of the Redeemer

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Member Sponsored Events

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BALFOLK MUSIC SESSION

December 31 2023

Ring in the New Year with a BALFOLK MUSIC SESSION at the Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305 Harford Road, Baltimore 21214.

Traditional and contemporary folk dance tunes from France, Belgium and Brittany. An dro, hanter dro, mazurka, bourree, and much more! Lots of fun, and easy to play. All instruments welcome. No prior experience with the genre required.

Tunebooks provided; also available in advance by PDF from Mark Vidor, mbvidor@aol.com. This is a guided jam session, not a dance session. Bring your instruments and have some fun! For more information contact Mark at the above email address.

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