



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

January 2012

Get your MidWinter Ball Tickets now!

On Saturday, January 14, 2012, we will be dancing to the hypnotic music of **Perpetual e-Motion: Ed Howe**, fiddle; and **John Coté**, guitar, didgeridoo and foot percussion. **Will Mentor** calling.

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](http://www.bfms.org).

[Steampunk](#) or Victorian fantasy attire encouraged, or dress as if you have time-traveled from your favorite era.

7:00 PM Reception

7:30 PM Grand March led by Stan Fowler

7:40 to 11:30 PM Contra and Couple Dance



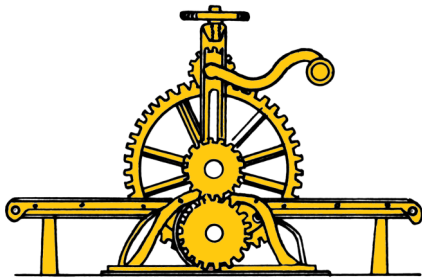
Ticket Prices

December 15 to January 3- Members: \$30. Students: \$15. Others: \$35

After January 3rd and at the door, if available - Members: \$35. Students: \$20. Others: \$40

For more information, or to download a flyer and register, visit <http://www.bfms.org/midwinter.php>.
Questions? Contact Joyce at midwinter@bfms.org.

Captivating, passionate, propulsive and progressive are what best define the music of [Perpetual e-Motion](#), perched at the convergence of traditional and electronic dance music. Perpetual e-Motion integrates technical and sonic innovations with old-school traditions to create a enormous sound full momentum and groove. Lauded as a two man orchestra, this duo continues to innovate the art of traditional dance music through their use of sound sculpting and multitasking, captivating listeners and dancers with their infectious and unique sound. See a video [here](#).



Will Mentor is a contra and square dance caller from Northern Vermont known for his clear teaching, upbeat wit, and relaxed stage presence. He loves to choreograph evenings with a variety of dances and tempos that at times surprise and always delight, all the while keeping intact his guiding principle as a caller: "It's about the dancers!"

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.



BFMS events

BFMS American Contra & Square Dance*

*Lovely Lane United Methodist Church
2200 Saint Paul St, Baltimore 21218*

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.
Students \$6/\$4 for members.

Directions to Lovely Lane

From the north: take I-83 south to the 28th St./Druid Hill exit. Bear left and take 28th St. to Maryland Ave. Turn right on Maryland Ave., then left on 23rd St.

From the south: I-95 to I-395, exit onto S. Howard (downtown Baltimore), turn right onto Pratt. Left onto Charles, right onto 23rd Street. Use parking lots on either side of 23rd St. at Saint Paul. The church is on the right.

January 4

Steve Gester calls to **Taylor Among the Devils - Steve Hickman** (fiddle), **Marty Taylor** (concertina, penny-whistle), and **Jonathan Jensen** (piano, ocarina).

January 11

Shane Knudsen calls to the **Baltimore Open Band**.
Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:30.

January 18

Brian Hamshar calls to the **Treble Makers - Emily Aubrey** (fiddle), **Robin Wilson** (flute, concertina, and saxophone), **Brenna Hogan** (hammered dulcimer and fiddle), and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

January 25

Hilton Baxter calls to the **Metrognomes - Bob Garber** (Clarinet), Mark Vidor (Piano, Accordion), and McGregor Yatsevitch (Fiddle, Mandolin).

BFMS Board Meeting*

Tuesday, January 3, 7:30pm.

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 @ bfms.org.

Hold the Date —Catocin Weekend*

June 15-17, 2012

The Catocin music and dance weekend getaway gives dancers and musicians of all ages a chance to attend a family-friendly weekend featuring folk music, crafts and dancing in a beautiful mountain setting. For information, contact Catocin @ BFMS. org

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

English Country Dancing – 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 @ bfms.org

January 2

Carl Friedman calls the dances to music by **Jeff Steinberg** (violin), **Jonathan Jensen** (piano) and special guest **Wayne Hankin** (winds).

January 9

Marty Taylor (recorder, concertina), **Emily Aubrey** (violin) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano) play while **Mike Franch** leads the dances.

January 16

Sharon McKinley calls to **Carl Friedman** (violin), **Robin Wilson** (concertina and flute) and **Karin Loya** (cello).

January 23

Jolly **Michael Barraclough** calls to the big sound of the **Geud Band of Baltimore**.

January 30

Don't fret, come dance to **Paul Oorts** (strings), **Becky Ross** (violin) and **Judy Meyers** (piano) with **Tom Spilsbury** calling.

BFMS Second Saturday Contra Dance *

*Saint Mark's on-the-Hill Parish Hall
1620 Reisterstown Rd, Pikesville 21208*

There will be **NO DANCE** in January 2012 at St. Marks on the Hill on Reisterstown Road. This year the usual 2nd Saturday dance in Baltimore will be the annual Midwinter Ball (see Page 1).

Save the date for the Valentine's Chocolate Extravaganza on February 11, 2012. 8 hours of live music and dancing!

Visit <http://bfms.org/valentine.php> for full details!

Contact: Becca at 301-606-7115 or nutritionexpeditions @ yahoo.com

BFMS and Member-Sponsored Events

Fourth at Four StoryFolk*

*Sunday, January 28, 4pm
Towson Unitarian Universalist Church
1710 Dulaney Valley Road
about 1 mile north of Beltway exit 27*

The Fourth at Four Storyfolk is the most active storytelling group in the Baltimore area and is now an official BFMS event. 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. If you're interested in attending, please call Diane at 410-321-8419 or Barbara at 410-252-1438 so that we don't inadvertently lock you out.

English Open Band Practice‡

Sunday, January 22nd, 3:30-6pm.

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. New-comers welcome. For information, contact Eileen Franch, at: franch @ verizon.net

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.

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.

Dickey Mill Contra Dance ‡

*Sunday, January 22, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
ChileSwing Studio
4900 Wetheredsville Road, Baltimore, MD 21207*

Becca Denison calls to **Whirlitzer - Amy Hopkins** (fiddle), **Gerry Hemming** (guitar), **Lisa Roberts** (banjo, mandolin, fiddle), **Ed VandenBosche** (cello), **Mark Vidor** (piano).

\$10 per person. Max. \$20 per family.

For more information, contact:

Ed VandenBosche, edvcih @ yahoo.com, 443-846-4748 or
Diana Kerns, Dianakerns @ yahoo.com, 410-467-4771

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

Singing for Everyone‡

*Sunday, January 1, 2011 from 7 to 9 PM
Homewood Friends Meeting House
3107 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218*

Everyone is welcome. Snacks are welcome, and will be confined to the Lunch room downstairs. You do not have to feed the parking meters. More info: scwarner @ hotmail.com

Norwegian Dance & Potluck‡

*Sunday, January 8
Potluck noon, dancing 1:30pm
6807 Westmoreland Ave., Takoma Park 20912*

Norwegian-style house party. Mesmerizing live music by Loretta Kelley on the Hardanger fiddle (w/sympathetic strings under the bowed strings—see hfaa.org). Addictive dances, some with elements like Swing or Hambo. Beginners & listeners welcome. No need to bring a partner. Bring clean shoes to wear, food to share, and \$\$ you can spare.

Host Loretta's phone just in case: 301.270.4925.
Info/directions: <http://MAND.fanitull.org> or Jenny,
pi@xecu.net, 301.371.4312.

Uptown Concerts at The Cellar Stage‡

*Faith Community United Methodist Church
5313 Harford Rd. Baltimore, MD 21214*

Friday, January 6th, 8 pm

Mark Erelli and **Jeffrey Foucault** present a night of murder ballads from "Seven Curses" as well as joint interpretations of songs from their respective catalogs. Tickets \$20.00

Friday, January 13th, 8 pm

Singer-songwriter **Christine Lavin**; **Chatham Street** opens
Tickets \$28.00

For tickets and information, call: 410-521-9099
www.uptownconcerts.com

Member-sponsored events & more

Common Ground on the Hill

Baltimore Concert Series ‡

Friday, January 6, 8 pm, seating begins at 7:30
Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church
5200 North Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21212

Guy Davis has some Blind Willie McTell and some Fats Waller, some Buddy Guy and some Taj Mahal. He's got some Zora Neale Hurston, some Garrison Keillor, and some Ossie (his father) and Laura (his grandmother) Davis. He's a musician, composer, actor, director, and writer but most importantly, Guy Davis is a bluesman. www.guydavis.com

General admission tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors over 65 and those 19 and younger, children 12 and younger get in free. 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.

Uptown Concerts at Baldwin's Station‡

*7618 Main Street * Sykesville, MD 21784*

Thursday, January 19th, 8 pm

Maine-based folk duo [The Squid Jiggers](#): Dave Rowe and Troy R. Bennett combine their talents on guitar, bass, bodhrán, and tin whistles to lay down a thunderous musical base for their robust vocal harmonies. \$18.00

Thursday, January 26, 8 pm.

Songwriter and singer [Bill Danoff](#) with son [Owen Danoff](#) \$20.00

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

www.uptownconcerts.com

Perry Hall Folk Music Night

Saturday, January 7, 7:00-10:00 pm

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

Admission is free, but donations are welcome. This is an "open mike" event. Featured Performer: **Lynn Hollyfield**
<http://www.lynnhollyfield.com/>

Info: <http://www.perryhallumc.org/FolkMusicNight/>
ndzimmer@comcast.net (Neil Zimmerman) 410-529-7176

Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club

Sunday, January 8, 2012, 2:30 pm to ~8pm

Scottish tunes learned by ear, then some learned with music, followed by potluck and jam session. For more information go to <http://www.potomacvalleyscottishfiddle.org/>

Susquehanna Folk Music Society

Sun, January 8 — January Jam Session, 1-4 PM
Fort Hunter Barn 5300 N. Front St Harrisburg, PA

Sun, January 8, 7:30 Irish music with Pride of New York featuring Joanie Madden, Brian Conway, Billy McCormiskey and Brendan Dolan on piano. Irish Blessing opens. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York
925 S. George St., York, PA

Sat, January 14, events all day, Hungarian/Croatian Dancing with Richard Balazs and Rick Vukmanic and the Gypsy Stringz . See website for locations.

Sat, January 21, 7-10 Winter Coffee House featuring local folk musicians 5300 N. Front St Harrisburg, PA

More info: www.sfmsfolk.org, Facebook: [Susquehanna Folk](#)
Twitter [@susquehannafolk](#),

Special Events

FSGW Midwinter Festival

*Saturday, February 4 * noon-10:30 pm*

Takoma Park Middle School

7611 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD

Hooray! It's time for the FSGW Mini-Fest—Morris dancers and banjo pickers, contra dancers and fiddlers, balladeers and blues singers. Find your calendar and circle the date—with two all-day dance tracks, and seven workshop and performance sites, plus unscheduled hallway shenanigans—it'll be hot!!

Check the website for updates; performance grid available at <http://fsgw.org/photos/2012MiniFestPerformanceGridB&W.pdf>

Chesapeake Dance Weekend

April 13-15, 2012

YMCA Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD

Join us for another epic dance experience with **Joseph Pimentel** with **Crowfoot**, **Cis Hinkle** with **Tractor Family** and **Matthew Olwell** and Emily Oleson teaching a variety of percussive dance forms with music by **Steve Hickman** and **John Devine**. Substantial Youth discounts and work scholarships available. Visit www.ChesapeakeDanceWeekend.org for ALL the juicy details and to register online.

Other Local Contra & Square Dances

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 1 Janine Smith with Double Apex

Jan 8 Rebecca Lay with Anadama

Jan 15 Donna Hunt with Frog Hammer

Jan 22 Greg Frock with Treble Makers

Jan 29 David Giusti calls with Mist Covered Mountains

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

January 6

Rebecca Lay calls to **Anadama--Amelia Mason** (fiddle);
Emily Troll, accordion; **Bethany Waickman**, (guitar).

January 13

Mark Sherman calls to the fabulous **Glen Echo Open Band**. (Dancers 17 and under get in free).

January 20

Janine Smith calls to **Rocket Surgery: Carl Friedman** (fiddle, Irish flute), **Andrew Marcus** (piano accordion), **Ralph Barthine** (guitar).

January 27

Louie Cromartie calls to **Donna Hébert** and **Max Cohen**.

Lancaster Traditional Society Contra Dance

*Saturday, January 21, 8-11 pm. Lesson at 7:15.
St. John's Episcopal Church
321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA.*

Fingerpyx with **Enid Diamante**-fiddle, **Jansen Wendell**-fiddle, mandolin **Wes Steenson**-banjo, guitar, and **Joanne Rocke**-piano. **Shane Knudsen** calling.

For information call Shane at (717) 538-5833 or visit our website at www.lancastercontra.org.

\$8/\$5 students. Children 15 and younger FREE.

Annapolis Traditional Dance Society

American Contra and Square Dancing

Saturday, January 21, 7-10 pm. Lesson 6:30

Annapolis Friends Meeting Hall

351 Dubois Road, Annapolis MD

Kim Forry calls dances to the music of **The New Hip Trio** (**Joe DeZarn**, fiddle; **Liz Donaldson**, piano; **Ralph Gordon**, 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

Saturday, January 28, 8-11pm.

Trinity School

6040 New Design Rd, Frederick MD 21703

Greg Frock calls the figures, **Treble Makers** make the music. Featuring **Robin Wilson**, flute; **Liz Donaldson**, piano; **Emily Aubrey**, fiddle; and **Brenna Hogan**, hammered dulcimer and fiddle.

\$10, Students: \$5. Please check our website for details and directions: www.contradancers.com Contact person is Boe Walker at 301.694.6794.

Shepherdstown Music and Dance

Contra Dances

Saturday, January 7, 8 pm, Lesson 7:30 pm.

War Memorial Building.

German & King St. Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Rebecca Lay calls to **Anadama: Amelia Mason** (fiddle), **Emily Troll** (accordion), and **Bethany Waickman** (guitar).

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.

Other Local Dances

Contra Sonic

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Artisphere—Arlington, VA

It's high energy, it's loud, and it's glow stick fueled! **B Ham** – none other than Brian Hamshar, calling a supercharged high energy night of delight! **dJ improper** spins the tunes. \$8, \$6 students. More information at <http://fsgw.org/>

The Great American Square Dance Revival Part IX

Saturday, January 21, 8:30 - 11:30 pm
Saint Stephens Church —1525 Newton St. NW,
Washington DC (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 outta the loopers. No partner, lessons, overalls, or fancy dress needed.

\$5 at the door. Info: visit www.dcsquaredance.com

FSGW English Country Dancing

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

Jan 4 - **Joseph Pimentel** calls to the playing of **Wayne Hankin** (recorders), **Ralph Gordon** (cello) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

Jan 11 - **Tom Spilsbury** calls to the music of **David Knight** (fiddle), **Barbara Heitz** (flute) and **Liz Donaldson** (piano).

Jan 18 - **Dan Gillespie** calls to the music of **Jeff Steinberg** (fiddle), **Bruce Edwards** (bassoon and concertina) and **Melissa Running** (piano).

Jan 25 - **Michael Barraclough** leads the dances while **Becky Ross** (fiddle), **Colleen Reed** (flute) and **Francine Krasowska** (piano).

New ECD Dance Group

Starts Sunday 12 Feb, 2012 and every 2nd Sunday in the month thereafter. 2.30-5.30pm in the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo. Contact: Michael Barraclough
michael@michaelbarraclough.com

FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, January 8, 3 pm.
Glen Echo Town Hall Upstairs, Glen Echo, MD

Susan Taylor calls with **Metro Gnomes**; **McGregor Yatsевич**, fiddle; **Mark Vidor** on piano, and **Bob Garber** on clarinet. Admission \$5 for ages 4 and older. More information at fsgw.org

Galesville Community Dance

Saturday, January 28
Galesville Memorial Hall —952 Galesville Road,
Galesville MD (Near Annapolis)

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, Longways Sets & Waltzes. **Janine Smith** calling the figures. **ALL ages welcome!**

5:30pm Doors Open
6:00pm Potluck Dinner
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

Sunday Afternoon Waltz

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

Sunday, January 1 - Terpsichore
Sunday, January 15 – The Backroads Band
Sunday, January 29 – Waltzing Stars

Dance to a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couples dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, 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 move. Dancing follows until 6 p.m.

For info: go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org, or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

Other Local Dances

Thursday Blues Dance

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, 9-11 pm

Beginner lesson 8:15 pm

The "Back Room", Glen Echo Park

DJ Mike Marcotte and guests. Dance slow blues and swing to incredible blues music. Admission \$8 for lesson and dance. For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, or go to www.CapitalBlues.org.

Hot Society Sunday Afternoon Dance

Sundays, January 8 & 22, 3-6 pm

Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington, featuring music and dances from the 20's, 30's and 40's. Foxtrot, two-step, waltz, cha cha, rumba, swing and more. No partner or experience necessary. Lesson at 3:00 (January 8: cha-cha; January 22: rumba). \$12.

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

Cajun/Zydeco Dances

Friday, January 6

Johnny Ace & Sidewalk Zydeco (Local NY Zydeco)

Presented by Dancing By the Bayou @ Max Blob's Park, 8024 Max Blobs Park Rd, Jessup, MD 20794

Dance Lesson: 8:00pm Music 8:30 - 12:00

Admission: \$15 <http://www.DancingBytheBayou.com>

Friday, January 10

Little Red & the Renegades (Local Zydeco & NOLA R&B) @ Haydee's, 3102 Mt. Pleasant St., NW, Washington, DC 20010 Admission: FREE Music: 9:00pm - 1:00am
FFIC: 202.483.919

<http://www.myspace.com/littleredandtherenegades>

Wednesday, January 18

The Revelers — Presented by Dancing By the Bayou @Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209
Dance Lesson: 7:30pm Music: 8:30 - 11:00pm

Admission: \$15 <http://www.DancingBytheBayou.com>

Emerald Isle Club Monthly Ceili

Saturday, January 7, 7-11 pm

American Legion Post 183 Hall

2301 Putty Hill Ave.

Parkville, MD 21234

Irish music and dance. **Peter Fitzgerald** continues to present great music with the **J. Patrick's All Stars**, and **Marilyn Moore** continues to teach us how to dance.

Adult member \$15, adult non-member \$18. Children 7-17 are \$9, 6 and under are free. Family and senior discounts. Our ceilis are usually held the first Saturday of the month, October through May.

More info: <http://www.emeraldisleclub.com/ceili1.html>

J. Patrick's Second Sunday Ceili

Sunday, January 8, 4:30-8:30

J. Patrick's Irish Pub

1371 Andre Street in Locust Point, Baltimore MD

Music by **J. Patrick's All-Stars**. The incredible **Marilyn Moore** will be calling all the dances. Come out for a great afternoon of music and dance. Admission is still just \$5.

For more information, call 410-244-8613

Concerts

Focus Music Rockville

Tuesday January 10, 8 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville

100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville, MD 20850

Folk/Americana duo **BettySoo** and **Doug Cox** (Across the Borderline Tour). With two voices, a guitar and a Dobro, Across the Borderline gathers different places and sounds: low and high, north and south, hope and heartbreak.
www.acrosstheborderline.org

Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance at www.focusmusic.org. For more information, contact David Spitzer at focusrockville @ earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

Concerts

Institute of Musical Traditions Concert Series

Sunday, January 8, 8 pm

The Dance Exchange

7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD

Jordan Tice Trio CD Release Concert

\$15 advance, \$18 door

Avant Garde/Modern Acoustic. Jordan Tice (guitar), Paul Kowert (bass), Simon Chrisman (hammered dulcimer).

www.jordantice.virb.com

Monday, January 16, 7:30 pm

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD

Claire Lynch in Concert

\$20 advance, \$25 door, Student with ID: \$15/ \$20

Bluegrass. Claire Lynch (vocals), Jason Thomas (fiddle and mandolin); Matt Wingate (guitar), and Mark Schatz (bass).

www.clairelynch.com

Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 pm

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Ave. Takoma Park, MD

The Bog Band with Shannon Dunne Dancers in Concert

\$15 advance, \$18 door; Student with ID: \$12/\$15

Irish Fiddle and Dance. A talented group of young adults with a passion for Irish music and dance, led by **Pete Moss** (aka Mitch Fanning), a violin and fiddle teacher based in Silver Spring, Maryland. Fiddles are the focus, but the band also includes a variety of other instruments including flute, guitar, banjo, bodhran, tin whistle and uilleann pipes.

www.bogband.com

Monday, January 30, 7:30 pm

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville, MD

Big Chimney in concert

\$15 advance, \$18 door; Student with ID: \$12/\$15

Bluegrass and roots. John Seebach (mandolin); Katie Scharf (fiddle); Alex Sens (dobro); Avril Smith (guitar); and Jeremy Middleton (bass). www.bigchimneyband.com

INFO: call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Family AWESOME Concert Experience

Saturday, January 7

Two shows: 1 pm and 3 pm

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Mi Casa Es Su Casa, A Musical Journey Through Latin

America is a bilingual musical family puppet show that brings to life the music, rhythms, and engaging characters of Latin America. www.dinorock.com/edoutreach/micasa
Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 door, season tickets available.

INFO: call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Shepherdstown Music & Dance International Concert Series

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

King & Washington Streets, Shepherdstown, WV

Saturday, January 8, 8 pm

“Squeeze the Bag”—masters of bellows-blown bagpipes, kinder and gentler cousins of the great highland pipes.

Jerry O’Sullivan (uilleann pipes), **Dick Hensold** (Northumbrian smallpipes), **EJ Jones** (Scottish smallpipes, and border pipes), **John Skelton** (Irish flutes, and a variety of pipes), and **Bob Mitchell** (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes), all accompanied by **Matthew Bell** (percussion).

Friday, January 13: 8 pm

Fiddle Summit—**Lisa Gutkin** (klezmer), **Amy Cann** (English, New England), **Elke Baker** (Scottish), **Ken Kolodner** (OT fiddle, hammered dulcimer), **Cleek Shrey** (Irish), and **Joe Herrmann** (Old-Time).

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for SMaD members and \$8 for children and students, for more info call (304) 263-2531, email Joanie at updf@earthlink.net, or see the web page at smad.us



Classes & Workshops

Introduction to playing old time fiddle‡

January 9, 12, 16 and 19, 2012, 5:30-6:30 pm
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD

No music background necessary. Hands on workshop--take home an instrument with you. Johns Hopkins Intersession, Sherwood Room, Levering Union, Johns Hopkins University Campus. FEE: \$60.00 if have an instrument; \$75 if no instrument. Contact: Ken Kolodner at 410-243-7254 kenkolodner@aol.com or call JHU at 410-516-7428 or 410-516-4842 or see <http://www.jhu.edu/intersession/enrich/>

Intro to playing the hammered dulcimer‡

January 9, 12, 16 and 19, 2012, 7:00-8:00 pm
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD

No music background necessary. Hands on workshop--take home an instrument with you. Johns Hopkins Intersession, Sherwood Room, Levering Union, Johns Hopkins University Campus. FEE: \$60.00 if have an instrument; \$75 if no instrument. Contact: Ken Kolodner at 410-243-7254 kenkolodner@aol.com or call JHU at 410-516-7428 or 410-516-4842 or see <http://www.jhu.edu/intersession/enrich/>

Baltimore Irish Arts Center group lessons

Saturdays, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb 11 & 18
11 am - 12:30 pm

First & St. Stephens United Church of Christ
6915 York Road Baltimore, MD

We are once again offering small group classes in traditional Irish music taught by some of the east coast's best Irish musicians. There will be six 1.5 hour long classes on Saturday mornings. Students will also participate in a Student Showcase at the end of the series.

Following classes to be offered:

Button Accordion - Billy & Sean McComiskey
Fiddle (intermediate/adv.) - Jimmy Eagan
Fiddle (beginning) - Donna Long
Tin Whistle/Flute - Laura Byrne
Bodhran - Myron Bretholz
Intro to Irish Arts (for kids 6-10) - Lucy Jickling

Tuition: \$140 if registered by 1/3/12 (\$150 after 1/3/12). Also offering a discount for multiple family members and also for those enrolled in weekly private lessons.

Go to www.baltimoreirisharts.com for more details and registration information.

Scandinavian Dance Classes

Tuesdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 7:30 - 9:30 pm
NIH, Bethesda, MD

Beginning and advanced dancers welcome. Beginners learn Hambo, Schottish, Waltz, Zwiefacher, and other couple turning dances. Advanced dancers learn Springleik, Boda, Orsa, Föllinge, Finnskogspols, Nigpolska, Gammalvånster, Telespringar, and requests. Sometimes live music. Wear smooth-soled shoes for turning, not running shoes. \$5. Info: Lisa Brooks at 240.731.1935, lisa@HamboDC.org, or www.HamboDC.org.

Upper Potomac Pipers Weekend

Friday, January 6-Sunday, January 8, 2012
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 **Jerry O'Sullivan** (Irish uilleann pipes), **Dick Hensold** (Northumbrian smallpipes), **EJ Jones** (Scottish smallpipes and border pipes), and **Bob Mitchell** (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 Scottish snare.

All classes are held in the relaxed retreat atmosphere of the Shepherd University campus center and the surrounding historic buildings.

For more information see www.squeezeethebag.info, call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net
Now payable by PayPal.

Upper Potomac Fiddle Retreat

Friday, January 13 -Sunday, January 15
Shepherd University, 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 **Lisa Gutkin** (Klezmer), **Elke Baker** (Scottish, Cape Breton), **Cleek Schrey** (Irish), **Amy Cann** (English, New England), **Joe Herrmann** (Old Time Fiddle), **Ken Kolodner** (Hammered Dulcimer), and **Paul Oorts** (mandolin). 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 www.fiddleretreat.info or call Joanie Blanton (304) 263-2531 or email updf@earthlink.net. Now payable by PayPal.