



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

December 2024

<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 04 2024

Abigail Hobart calls to Backstep Cindy -- Sandy Hofferth (fiddle), Joe Langley (guitar), Fred Cherney (banjo), and Shirley Echols (bass). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only:
<https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

December 18 2024

Greg Frock calls to the music of Charlie Pilzer & Zachary Mills. Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only:
<https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

January 01 2025

Caroline Barnes and Colette Mrozek call to Countercurrent: a powerhouse acoustic duo based in Olympia WA, featuring fiddle, guitar, harmony vocals, and foot percussion (Alex Sturbaum & Brian Lindsay). SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S DAY AFTERNOON DANCE! Intro lesson at 1:00pm. Dance 1:30-4:00pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only:
<https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

Monday English Dance

English Country Dance - Every Monday 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: free. Church of the Nativity, 6112 York Rd., 21212. Info: engdance@bfms.org
<http://www.bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

December 02 2024

An Evening of English Country in a lovely space; 8 pm -- 1030 pm Sharon McKinley will call the dances to be played by: Emily Aubrey on violin; Marty Taylor on recorders and concertina; and Janina O'Brien, primarily on piano. Please feel free to bring a snack to share: it enhances socializing during the break. But come without a snack if you're not feeling led. Please register online at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 09 2024

An Evening of English Country Dance in a lovely hall. 8 pm -- 1030 pm The Merrie Bande of Baltimore led by Emily Aubrey will provide the music called by Ann Fallon. Feel free to bring a snack to share, as it bolsters socializing during the break. And please, register at <http://bfms.org/engsihcountrypay.php>

December 16 2024

An Evening of English Country Dance on Beethoven's Birthday: 8 pm -- 1030 pm April Blum calls the dances and Jeffrey Steinberg on violin, Marty Taylor on recorders and concertina, and Janina O'Brien will provide the music thereto. Please feel free to bring a snack to share, as it encourages socializing during the break! And please, register at <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 23 2024

An Evening of English Country Dance in a lovely hall. 8:00 -- 10:30 pm Emily Aubrey returns to call for us, accompanied by Mark Vidor on accordion, Steven Epstein on clarinet, and Carl Friedman on the piano! Please, feel free to bring along a snack to share, as it enhances our break time! And please, remember to register at <http://bfms.org/englishcountry.php>

December 30 2024

A Close-to-New-Year's-Eve English Country Dance. 8 pm -- 1030 pm Sharon McKinley will be calling the dances played by Mark Vidor on accordion, Jeff Steinberg on violin and Carl Friedman on piano. Feel free to bring along a snack to share at the break; this enhances socializing!! Please register at <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

Saturday Contra Dance

American Square and Contra Dancing on the 2nd Saturday of the month running from 7:00 'till 9:30 pm or from 8:00 'till 10:30 (see dance listing), 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 14 2024

7-9:30 PM (one hour earlier) Kappy Laning calling to Amberwing ~ Emily Aubrey - fiddle, Robin Wilson - flute, concertina, and sax, Janina O'Brien - piano 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 &

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affiliates, \$15 non-members. People under 21 and students with ID: free Potluck snacks at the break.

BFMS Song Swap

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

December 10 2024

Join us at the In-person Song Swap at the Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214! We're delighted to be back singing in person! Bring a favorite folk-genre song or two to share with our community of singers. Chorus songs or repeated refrains are encouraged. You can lead a song, sing along, hum, listen, or add some accompaniment. No mic, no pressure, no performance. Just singing together in a friendly, supportive space! Free (pass-the-hat goodwill donation welcome). REMEMBER: If you are sick, not feeling well, etc. Please stay home. This event occurs every 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:30-9:30pm

December 24 2024

4th Tuesday zoom Song Swap 7:30
<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/99950379772> Wow, Christmans eve? Yes, we can share some songs! The 4th Tuesday zoom Song Swap is a place for folks to come together and share songs, community, and keep the live singing tradition thriving. While we have been getting together on zoom, the 4th Tuesday BFMS songswap has become transcontinental and international with participants from west, farther west, and north and northwest across the border. You can drop in on the zoom and meet (and hear / sing with) some nice folks we 're not likely to meet in person!

Special Events

Sign up for NYE Gala Lottery

December 04 2024

This years New Year's Eve English Country Dance Gala will happen at Ballroom Blum Email jerryandapril@aol.com to be added to the lottery (drawn about Dec 15th). See <http://bfms.org/nyeGala.php> for more information <http://www.bfms.org/nyeGala.php>

Mid Winter Ball - Save the Date *Below*

December 04 2024

Put the BFMS MidWinter Ball on your calendar! February 1 2025 not the date above 6:30-10pm Church of the Redeemer
More information coming soon
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Member Sponsored Events

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

Baltimore Shape Note Singing

December 09 2024

7pm to 9:30pm. Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305 Harford Rd. Baltimore, MD. Join us in America's oldest musical tradition! Experience the joy of singing a cappella choral music in four-part harmony. Shaped note heads aid sight reading. No experience needed, and loaner books are available. Attendance is free. All are welcome! More information <https://baltimoreshapenote.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bmoreshapenote> <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#shapenote>