



# Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

January 2025

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Special Events are listed after the regular ones

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## 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>

*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>

*January 15 2025*

April Blum calls to Amberwing-- Robin Wilson, Emily Aubrey, and Janina O'Brien. Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

*January 29 2025*

Ann Fallon calls to the Baltimore Open Band! 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 - 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](mailto:engdance@bfms.org) <http://www.bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

*January 06 2025*

An Evening of English Country Dance this New Year 8:00 -- 10:30 pm Come join in a convivial evening of dance and live music! April Blum with call (and teach) the dances, while Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), Carl Friedman (violin) and Janina O'Brien (piano, whistles and attimes bodhrán) provide the music. Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter 419 Cedarcroft Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Please register at <http://www.bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

*January 13 2025*

An Evening of English Country Dance! 800 - 1030 pm Christopher Field calls to the playing of Marty Taylor (whistles, recorders, concertina), Mark Vidor (accordion) and Carl Friedman (piano). Please register beforehand at <http://www.bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

*January 20 2025*

A Night of Dancing in the English Country style. 8:00 -- 10:30 pm Please join us for many rounds (and lines) of dances taught and called by Diane Schmitt, and played by Steven Epstein (clarinet), Jeffrey Steiner (violin), and Janina O'Brien (piano, stray whistles & drum) please register beforehand at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay/php>

*January 27 2025*

A Most Lively Evening of English Country Dance 8:00 --10:30 pm All provided to you by Jonathan Jensen (piano and possibly small wind instruments besides), Emily Aubrey (violin) and Robin Wilson (flute, concertina), with Andrea Nettleton calling. 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>

*January 11 2025*

7-9:30 PM (one hour earlier) Greg Frock calling to Wild Wombats of the Chesapeake ~ Carl Friedman - fiddle, Robin Wilson - flute, concertina, and sax, Ralph Barthine (guitar), and Janina O'Brien - piano, bodhran, and whistle 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.

## BFMS Song Swap

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

*January 14 2025*

Join us at the In-person Song Swap at the Four Hour Day

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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, 7:30-9:30p

*January 28 2025*

4th Tuesday zoom Song Swap 7:30  
<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/99950379772> 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

### **NYE Gala English Country Dance**

*December 31 2024*

This year's New Year's Eve English Country Dance Gala will happen at Ballroom Blum. Tickets are still available! Email [jerryandapril@aol.com](mailto:jerryandapril@aol.com) to be confirmed and get the link to purchase tickets. See <http://bfms.org/nyeGala.php> for more information  
<http://www.bfms.org/nyeGala.php>

### **Mid Winter Ball - Save the Date \*Below\***

*January 02 2025*

Tickets are now available! February 1 2025 not the date above 6:30-10pm Church of the Redeemer For more info, click the link above or visit [www.bfms.org/midwinter.php](http://www.bfms.org/midwinter.php)  
<http://www.bfms.org/midwinter.php>

### **Dave Schott Memorial Service**

*January 11 2025*

There will be a memorial service for our dear friend and fellow dancer Dave Schott on January 11th at 11 am. There will be a reception afterward. Location information: Ascension Lutheran Church 7601 York Road Towson, MD 21204  
[www.ascensiontowson.org](http://www.ascensiontowson.org) There is a large parking lot on the opposite side of York Rd, and there is a crosswalk from the parking lot to the church. Note: Do NOT immediately cross York Rd. when the light changes. Be patient and confirm that cars have stopped (they often don't). After the little "walking person" disappears, countdown numbers will appear and you'll have 30 seconds to cross, which is plenty of time. PATIENCE = SAFETY. The church entrance is on Worcester Rd. (The far side of the block from the crosswalk. There is an oblique pathway mid-block to the door.) There is limited handicap parking on the front circle of the church on Worcester Road and a ramp. There is an elevator inside the building to access the fellowship hall for the reception.  
Dave Schott Memorial Service

## Member Sponsored Events

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

### **Baltimore Shape Note Singing**

*January 13 2025*

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>

### **Balfolk Music Session**

*January 19 2025*

1- 3 p.m., at the Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305; Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214. Balfolk refers to traditional and contemporary folk dance from France, Belgium, Brittany and a few other places. Dances include bourrée, mazurka, an dro, hanter dro and others. The music is interesting, rhythmic and lots of fun to play. Pretty easy, too! This will be a guided jam session, led by Mark Vidor. IT IS NOT A DANCE SESSION. All musicians and all instruments are welcome. No prior experience in the genre is necessary. Music will be provided at the session. Music is also available electronically in advance. For more information, contact Mark Vidor at [mbvidor@aol.com](mailto:mbvidor@aol.com).  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#bal>