



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

March 2025

<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. every Wednesday 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>

March 05 2025

Caroline Barnes calls to the music of Elke Baker, Ken Kolodner, and Liz Donaldson. Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

March 12 2025

Penelope Weinberger calls to the music of 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>

March 19 2025

Janine Smith calls to the music of Charlie Pilzer (piano), Zachary Mills (fiddle and feet), and Bobby LaRose (mandolin). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

March 26 2025

Daniel Friedman calls to the music of Contranella: Meg Wobus (fiddle), John Wobus (piano), Charley Beller (percussion). 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 <http://www.bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

March 03 2025

Ye Merrie Bande plays an evening's worth of English Country Dances to Christopher Field's calling! Emily Aubrey leads the bande. Please register ahead of time at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

March 10 2025

A Rousing Evening of English Country Dance brought to you by Emily Aubrey, caller; Susan Brandt on flute; Tom Wright on mandolin; and Jonathan Jensen on piano. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

March 17 2025

An Evening of English Country Music with some Irish tunes thrown in for good measure, as it is Saint Paddy's Day, after all. Will you be going? Kappy Laning calls to the tunes of Becky Ross on violin; Marty Taylor on recorders, whistles and concertina; and Carl Friedman at the piano. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

March 22 2025

Saturday Afternoon Gentle English Dance 230 to 430 pm Mike Franch calls the gentle steps and Marty Taylor on whistles, concertina and recorders, Emily Aubrey on violin and Janina O'Brien on the piano provide the tunes therefore. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

March 24 2025

An Elegant, Yet Fun Evening of English Country Dance Called by April Blum, and played by: Elke Baker on the violin/viola; Robin Wilson on flute and concertina; and Janina O'Brien on the piano, usually. Please register beforehand at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

March 31 2025

The Last English Country Dance of a string of English Country Dances in March! Andrea Nettleton calls to the music played by: Jeff Steinberg on violin, Mark Vidor on accordion and Carl Friedman at the piano please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

Gentle English Dance

Gentle English are English country dances from all periods selected to be gentle on the knees, hips, feet, and backs of the dancers. Some dances will be easy, some difficult, but none will stress the joints. Location : Church of the Nativity, 6112 York Rd. Baltimore 21212. Time 3:00 to 5:30 PM Admission \$10 for BFMS, FSGW or CDSS members, \$15 for non-members. <http://www.bfms.org/gentleEnglish.php>

March 22 2025

A Saturday Afternoon of Gentle English Dance 2:30 -- 4:40 pm. Music by Emily Aubrey on violin; Marty Taylor on recorders, whistles and concertina, and Janina O'Brien on piano, called by Mike Franch. Please register ahead of time at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

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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>

March 08 2025

7-9:30 PM (one hour earlier) Penelope Weinberger calling to Contra Rebels ~ Henry Koretzky (guitar), Barb Schmid (fiddle) and Todd Clewell (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.

BFMS Song Swap

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

March 11 2025

7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us IN PERSON Song Swap at the 4 Hour a Day Lutherie in Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214 once a month on the 2nd Tuesday. 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.

March 25 2025

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/99950379772> 7:30. 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!

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Member Sponsored Events

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

Baltimore Shape Note Singing

March 10 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

March 16 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. <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#bal>