



# Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

March 2026

<http://www.bfms.org>

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Special Events are listed after the regular ones

## Spend a special day at Lovely Lane on Saturday March 21st! See Family Dance and Saturday Dance sections below for our Barn Dance and Techno Contra

### 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 04 2026

April Blum calls to the music of Lovely Lane String Band: Brenna Hogan and Shane Knudsen on fiddle, John Sauer on guitar, Lisa Roberts on banjo, and Art Abrams on bass. 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

#### March 11 2026

Penelope Weinberger calls to the music of Amberwing: Emily Aubrey (fiddle), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina, saxophone), Janina O'Brien (piano, whistles, bodhran). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

#### March 18 2026

Greg Frock calls the music of the Baltimore Open Band (BOB). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

#### March 25 2026

Melissa Chatham calls to the music of ContraPuntal: Charlie Pilzer (piano), Zachary Mills (fiddle and feet), and Bobby LaRose (mandolin). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

### 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>

#### March 02 2026

The Big Merrie Band returns for your evening of English Country Dance: 8:00 - 10:30 pm Emily Aubrey leads the band and Sharon McKinley will call the dances! Please register: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

#### March 09 2026

A late winter evening of English Country Dance, perhaps accompanied by spring peepers. They will remain outside, but Becky Ross on violin, Andrew Tomlinson on flutes and Janina O'Brien on piano will provide the dance music inside the hall, called by Christopher Field. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

#### March 16 2026

A wonderful night for English Country dance and its tunes from 8:00 until 10:30 pm Paul Oorts on accordion and various stringed instruments; Elke Baker on violin and attimes, viola; and Jonathan Jensen at the piano (perchance providing alternate musical sounds) will provide all the musical sonorities needed for the dances to be called by Kappy Laning. please register at: [bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php](http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php)

#### March 23 2026

A post-equinox evening of English Country Dance 8:00 to 10:30 pm April Blum will call the dances which Marty Taylor, concertina, whistles and recorders; Emily Aubrey on violin; and Janina OBrien, on primarily piano will perform. please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

#### March 30 2026

A late-March evening of English Country dance from 8 o'clock pm until 10:30 pm Jeff Steinberg, violin; Robin Wilson on flutes and concertina and Carl Friedman on piano shall bring the notes on the page to vernal life while Diane Schmitt calls the dances. please register at: [bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php](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.

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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 14 2026*

7-9:30 PM April Blum calling to Wild Wombats of the Chesapeake: Carl Friedman (fiddle), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina, sax), Ralph Barthine (guitar), Janina O'Brien (piano, bodhran, whistle) Dance lesson: 6:30 Online payment only. Pre-payment is encouraged. <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.

*March 21 2026*

TWO SPECIAL EVENTS in ONE DAY! Location: Lovely Lane United Methodist Church in Charles Village, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore Baltimore Family Barn Dance 3-4:30pm This fun, family-friendly event is open to all ages and ability levels and will include a lesson. Expect a lively mix of squares, sets, circles, contras, and waltzes taught and called by Katie Stahl. Enjoy live music by William and Ulrike Brauneis. \*All children must have an adult chaperone.\* Admission: \$15 non-members, \$10 members, \$5 kids 12 and under Online payment only. Pre-payment is encouraged. <http://bfms.org/secondsatpay.php> followed by... TECHNO CONTRA 8-10:30pm j9 calling and Chloe Rosenthal DJ'ing Contra dance to a techno beat. Admission: \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. People under 21 and students with ID: free Potluck snacks. Online payment only. Pre-payment is encouraged. <http://bfms.org/secondsatpay.ph>

## Family Dance

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

*March 21 2026*

Barn Dance for the whole family! 3-4:30pm @ Lovely Lane (2200 St Paul St, Baltimore) This fun, family-friendly event is open to all ages and ability levels and will include a lesson. Expect a lively mix of squares, sets, circles, contras, and waltzes taught and called by Katie Stahl. Enjoy live music by William and Ulrike Brauneis. \*All children must have an adult chaperone.\* Admission: \$15 non-members, \$10 members, \$5 kids 12 and under Online payment only. Pre-payment is encouraged. <http://bfms.org/secondsatpay.php>

## BFMS Song Swap

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

*March 10 2026*

2nd Tuesday IN PERSON BFMS Song Swap At the 4 Hour 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 24 2026*

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

## Member Sponsored Events

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

### BALFOLK MUSIC SESSION

*March 08 2026*

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>