



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

May 2026

<http://www.bfms.org>

888-646-BFMS

Special Events are listed after the regular ones

Don't forget!

BFMS Annual Meeting & Free Dance, Sat May 9th

BFMS Catoctin Weekend, Fri June 19 - Sun 21st

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>

May 06 2026

Stephan Rochefort calls to the music of Unbowed: Henry Koretzky (mandolin), Mike Henry (guitar), and Aaron Blouin (bass). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

May 13 2026

Too Hot Mamas (Janine Smith and Susan Taylor) call to the music of the Dead Sea Squirrels: Cathy Mason (fiddle), Craig Edwards (fiddle, mandolin, and banjo), Henry Yoshimura (guitar). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

May 20 2026

Luke Schoppert calls to the music of The Rock Farmers: Rachel Eddy (fiddle, banjo, guitar), Caitlin Hearn (accordion, fiddle), Richard Osban (guitar, banjo), Em Hammond (percussion, bass). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

May 27 2026

Chloe Levine calls to the music of William Brauneis (fiddle, guitar), Sam Mihavetz (cello, banjo), and Katie Stahl (piano, fiddle). 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

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

May 04 2026

Early May English Country dance, from 8 and 1030 pm. Kappy Laning will call while Becky Ross on violin, Marty Taylor on whistles, recorders and concertina, and Carl Friedman at the piano will provide all the euphonic pleasures required. Please sign up here: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

May 11 2026

An Evening of dancing, English Country style. 8 pm to 1030 pm. Sharon McKinley will call while David Knight on violin, Andrew Tomlinson on flutes and Jonathan Jensen at the piano will provide all the sonic momentum one could wish for. Please sign up at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

May 18 2026

English Country Dancing with the Merrie Bande of Baltimore 8 pm until 10:30 pm. Diane Schmitt will call the dances and the Band will play! please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

May 25 2026

Memorial Day Evening of English Country Dance 8:00 pm until 10:30 pm Christopher Field will call the dances which will be played by Emily Aubrey on violin, Robin Wilson on flute and concertina and Janina O'Brien at the piano. 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>

May 09 2026

8-10:30 Melissa Chatham calling to Contra Rebels ~ Henry Koretzky (guitar), Barb Schmid (fiddle), Todd Clewell (fiddle),

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and Aaron Blouin (bass) Dance lesson: ~7:45 BFMS Annual Members Meeting: 7-7:45 PM Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212 Admission: BFMS members arriving by 7pm: free; otherwise \$10 BFMS members & affiliates, \$15 non-members. People under 21 and students with ID: free Online payment only. Pre-payment is encouraged. <http://bfms.org/secondsatpay.php> Potluck snacks at the break.

BFMS Song Swap

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

May 12 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

May 26 2026

4th Tuesday Zoom song swap 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>

Special Events

BFMS Annual Meeting preceding Saturday Dance

May 09 2026

Come be part of what we are creating together. Bonus, get there by 7:00 and get free admission to the dance if you are (or become) a member See the Saturday Dance page for dance details

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

Member Sponsored Events

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

Baltimore International Folk Dancers

May 03 2026

1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter 419 Cedarcroft Road Baltimore, MD 21212. Doors open around 1 pm. Beginners are welcome and partners are not needed. Most dances are from the Balkans, Middle East, and Eastern Europe and feature distinctive rhythms and melodies. If you are new to this type of dancing or have been at it for years, please come dance with us. We'll be happy to share our joy of dancing with you. Requested donation: \$5. Students free. First and third Sunday of the month. For more information contact us at: baltimore.folkdance@gmail.com <http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#IntFolk>

BALFOLK MUSIC SESSION

May 10 2026

1 p.m. - 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, Brittany and a few other places. Dance tunes 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>