



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

August 2026

<http://www.bfms.org>

888-646-BFMS

Special Events are listed after the regular ones

Save these dates:

Saturday September 26 6:30-10 for the BFMS Autumn Assembly @ Church of the Redeemer

Sunday, October 11 from 12PM to 4PM, for our BFMS Annual Fall Picnic @ Lake Roland Park!

Special Note: see below for information on Saturday August 8th 3-4:30 for the next Baltimore Family Barn Dance @ Lovely Lane Church

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>

August 05 2026

NO DANCE (Summer Skip Week)

August 12 2026

Greg Frock calls to the music of The Rolled Oats: Lydia Hawley-Brillante (fiddle), Quinn Rehkemper (saxophone), Ezekiel Hickman (guitar), and Jessie Murray (bass). 7:30pm lesson, dance 8-10:30pm at Lovely Lane Church. REGISTER HERE

August 19 2026

NO DANCE (Summer Skip Week)

August 26 2026

Darlene Underwood calls to the music of Hot Coffee Breakdown: Tom Cunningham (fiddle), Kate Sanders (keyboard), and Luis de Leon (percussion). 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>

August 03 2026

A mix of Gentle and regular English Country Dance, from 8:00 pm until half-past ten o'clock pm. Diane will call the two types of dancing at her discretion throughout the evening. And, Robin Wilson on flute/concertina, Mark Vidor on accordion and Robert LaRose at the piano, will play the tunes. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

August 17 2026

"Gentle" and otherwise regular English Country Dancing offered this late-summer evening. 8 pm until 1030 pm. Mike Franch will mix the two types of dances at his discretion, and Emily Aubrey on violin, Steven Epstein on clarinet, and Ben Hobbs, at the piano will provide the music. 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.

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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>

August 08 2026

7-9:30 PM Kappy Laning calling to Rhythmajigs ~ Patti Reum flutes and whistles, Michael Giordano fiddle and mandolin, and Jack Maus piano Dance lesson: 6:30 Location: The Church of the Nativity and Holy Comforter, 6112 York Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212 Admission: \$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.

Family Dance

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

August 08 2026

Baltimore Family Barn Dance Saturday, August 8, 2026
3-4:30pm Lovely Lane United Methodist Church in Charles Village, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore Janine Smith calling, with music by Sarah Collins and Jonathan Vocke 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 Janine Smith.
All children must have an adult chaperone. Admission: \$15 non-members, \$10 members, \$5 kids 12 and under, \$30 family max Sign up today! <http://bfms.org/secondsatpay.php>
Facebook Event

BFMS Song Swap

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

August 11 2026

Join us for an In-Person Song Swap at the Four Hour Day Lutherie in Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214 We meet once a month in-person on the 2nd Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. 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.

August 25 2026

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, north and northwest across the border and even sometimes across the Atlantic. 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 BALTIMORE MUSIC SESSION

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

Baltimore International Folk Dancers

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>