



# Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Contry Dance & Song Society

February 2018

<http://www.bfms.org>

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## Special Events

### 2018 MidWinter Ball

February 10 2018

The 2018 BFMS MidWinter Ball with Emily Rush calling to the Stringrays. RUSHFEST! at 3 PM, Reception at 7 PM, Grand March at 7:45 PM. The Ball is from 8:00 to 11:30 PM. At the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore. Tickets are on sale now. <http://www.bfms.org/midwinter.php>

### Ceili-Contra Dance

February 24 2018

A festive joint event co-sponsored by the Baltimore Folk Music Society and The Emerald Isle Club. Irish Session - 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Pot Luck Dinner - 5:45 - 6:45 PM. Ceili and Contra dancing from 7 PM to 11 PM. St Marks on the Hill. <http://www.bfms.org/ceili-contra.php>

### Annual State of the Society Meeting

March 10 2018

It is time once again for the Annual State-of-the-Society meeting of the Baltimore Folk Music Society. All members are invited to join us to hear about the past year's activities, and plans for the future. The evening's agenda will include a report from our President, Brenna Hogan; a report from our Treasurer, Tom Bryson; and a proposed slate of BFMS Board candidates from our Nominating Committee. After that, the floor will be open for additional nominations, and board members will be available to answer questions about BFMS events and operations. All BFMS members who attend the meeting will get into the evening dance FREE. You can join on the spot! You must arrive by 7:15 pm to take advantage of this once-a-year offer! At St Marks-on-the Hill in Pikesville. <http://www.bfms.org/sotsMeeting.php>

### 33rd Annual BFMS Spring Catoctin Music and Dance Weekend

June 15 2018

Join dancers and musicians of all ages for a participatory intergenerational weekend of dancing, singing, workshops, jamming, crafts, hiking and more in a beautiful mountain setting from \$89 per person. Ticket sales to open soon. <http://www.bfms.org/catoctin.php>

### 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 \$9 for members, \$13 for nonmembers. Under 21 and full-time students with IDs: \$4 members, \$6 non-members. All dances are taught and walked through beforehand. <http://www.bfms.org/squarecontra.php>

February 07 2018

Emma Gorin calls to Organic Family Band: Michael Raitzyk (guitar), Jakob Raitzyk (fiddle), Rebekah Gellar (fiddle), and Judith Gellar (French horn).

February 14 2018

Ann Fallon calls to the Baltimore Open Band

February 21 2018

Andrew Frock calls to Amberwing - Emily Aubrey (fiddle), Robin Wilson (flute, concertina, and sax), and Janina O'Brien (piano, bodhran, and whistle).

February 28 2018

Hilton Baxter calls to the MetroGnomes - Bob Garber (clarinet), McGregor Yatsевич (fiddle, mandolin), and Mark Vidor (piano).

## Monday English Dance

English Country Dance - Pikesville, MD - Mondays 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. Admission \$8 Members, \$11 Non-members, \$2 student discount. St. Mark's on the Hill Parish Hall, 1620 Reisterstown Rd., 21208. Info: Carl Friedman at 410-321-8419 or [engdance@bfms.org](mailto:engdance@bfms.org) <http://www.bfms.org/mondayDance.php>

February 05 2018

Free New Dancer Orientation at 7:45 Tom Spilsbury calls to the music of Trio con Brio: Elke Baker (violin), Paul Oorts (things with strings), and Jonathan Jensen (piano and more)

February 12 2018

Ann Fallon calls the figures to the music of Becky Ross (violin), Brian Cardell (winds), and Ben Hobbs (piano)

February 19 2018

Beat the winter blahs at our annual Tropical Staycation! Wear your Hawaiian shirts, muumuus, and leis! April Blum will be the caller; music provided by Amberwing: Emily Aubrey (violin), Robin Wilson (flute and concertina), and Janina O'Brien (piano and more)

February 26 2018

Diane Schmit calls to the music of Carl Friedman (violin), Dave Crandall (winds), and Judy Meyers (piano)

## Saturday Contra Dance

American Square and Contra Dancing on the 2nd Saturday of the month running from 8:00 'till 11:00 pm, with a short break in the middle. Admission is: \$9 BFMS Members & Affiliates, \$13 non-members. Under 21 and full-time students with ID: \$4

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members, \$6 non-members.

Beginners, singles, couples, and families are welcome. No Experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner. St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road.  
<http://www.bfms.org/saturdayDance.php>

*February 10 2018*

This month there won't be a 2nd Saturday dance at St Marks on the Hill. We are having our Mid Winter Ball tonight at the Church of the Redeemer. there will be a special afternoon dance as well as an evening dance. More details to come soon.

## Member Sponsored Events

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

### Dances of Universal Peace

*February 11 2018*

Doors open at 2:45 to be ready to begin at 3 PM. Optional Potluck Snacks follow Dances. 612 Hollow Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21043 Info: Peggy at 410-465-1914  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#dancesofpeace>

### Brad's House Concerts: Jordan Tice & Mike Witcher

*February 28 2018*

Brad's House (831 West 33rd Street, Baltimore, MD) Doors at 7pm, Concert 7:30-9:30pm \$15-\$20 suggested donation Feel free to bring food and drink to share! More Info  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#bradshouse>

### International Folk Dancing

Most Saturdays, 7:30-10:30 pm, lesson in first hour. Homewood Friends Meeting House, 3107 N. Charles St. Dances from Europe, Israel and other countries of the Near and Middle East. Beginners welcome; no partner necessary. Admission \$3; first time free.  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#intFolkDancing>

### Ballroom Dancing

Every Friday, 8:00 pm (waltz, rumba, tango and more) - in the ROTC building on the Johns Hopkins University campus.  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#ballroom>

### CircleSinging

Fourth Wednesday - Stony Run Friends Meeting house 5116 N. Charles St. 7 to 9 PM. CircleSinging is a community oriented, spontaneous, improvisational singing experience, a little bit like a "drum circle" for singers. We take inspiration from methods developed by Bobby McFerrin and his collaborators. A CircleSong leader will create parts on-the-spot, and lead the group in making beautiful, inspired, goofy, or glorious music. Starting with a basic structure, we can variations. Sing beautiful harmonies gain self-confidence, and delight in what we can create together. This is a "mistake-free" zone, for all levels of singers - we sing for the sheer fun of it!  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#circle>

### Sacred Harp Sing

Sing Sacred Harp the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM in the schoolhouse beside the Community Building at 17801 Meetinghouse Road, Sandy Spring, Maryland; pot-luck follows at 6:00. Books are available. Contact Dave Greene at [eneergdivad@gmail.com](mailto:eneergdivad@gmail.com) or call 301-570-3283.  
<http://www.bfms.org/memberSponsored.php#sacredharp>