



Baltimore Folk Music Society

Member, Country Dance & Song Society

December 2025

<http://www.bfms.org>

888-646-BFMS

Special Events are listed after the regular ones

Spend New Years Eve at the Gala English Country Dance (details below)!

Save the Date: Midwinter Ball on Saturday January 31st!

Details at <http://bfms.org/midwinter.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 \$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>

December 03 2025

Qwill Duvall calls to the music of Raven & Goose: Corwin Zekley (fiddle), Grace Fellows (piano). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

December 10 2025

Perry Shafran calls to the music of Sugar Beat: Elke Baker (fiddle), Susan Brandt (flute), Marc Glickman (piano). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

December 17 2025

Dave Winston calls to the music of Waxwing: Tyler St. Clare (flute and feet) and Todd Shelar (guitar). Intro lesson at 7:30pm. Dance starts at 8pm at Lovely Lane Church. Online payment only: <https://bfms.org/contradancepay.php>

December 24 2025

No dance on Christmas Eve.

December 31 2025

No dance on New Year's Eve.

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>

December 01 2025

English Country Dance Evening from 8:00 to 10:30 pm. Begin this month of December with some moves on the dance floor! Janina O'Brien, piano . . . , Mark Vidor, accordion and Carl Friedman on violin will play whatever Christopher Field decides to call! Snacks are encouraged but not at all required. Please sign up at <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 08 2025

English Country Dancing with the Merrie Bande, lead by Emily Aubrey. The more, the merrier; onstage and on the floor! Come dance from 8:00 until 10:30 in the evening. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php> Consider bringing a snack for all these people!

December 15 2025

An Evening of English Country Dance, from 8:00 - 10:30 pm featuring: Kappy Laning calling to music provided by Jonathan Jensen, piano....., Emily Aubrey, violin and Steven Epstein, clarinet. You might very well work up some hunger, so consider bringing along some snacks to share, if you wish. please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 22 2025

A very nigh-to Winter-Solstice English Country Dance 8:00-1030 pm. brought to you by: Emily Aubrey, caller; Robin Wilson, flute/concertina; Jeff Steinberg, violin; and Janina O'Brien, piano . . . Bring a snack if you feel so inclined, but bring yourself, regardless. Please register at: <http://bfms.org/englishcountrypay.php>

December 29 2025

A Winter Evening of English Country Dance, 8 to 1030 pm. April Blum will call and Mark Vidor, accordion; Carl Friedman, piano; and Emily Aubrey, violin, shall play and you all shall dance! please register 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>

December 13 2025

7-9:30 PM Rebecca Anger calling to Some Assembly ~ Mary Flora - flute, sax, penny whistles, Donna Boylan - piano, Joe Klausner - violin, mandolin, Adam Lee - guitar 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: \$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>

December 09 2025

We are going live and in person at the 4 Hour a Day Lutherie in Lauraville, 4305 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214 Once a month on the 2nd Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. We're delighted to be 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.

December 23 2025

t's 4th Tuesday BFMS zoom song swap! 7:30! Hoiday season..... 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!

Special Events

New Year's Eve English Country Dance

December 31 2025

A New Year's Eve Gala English Country Dance Party! 6:30 pm until 12:30 am Emily Aubrey, along with Sharon McKinley will be calling and Elegant Echoes (Liz Donaldson, Becky Ross and Colleen Reed) will provide all the music you could require. Reception and Decorating 6:30 Potluck Supper 7:15 Dancing begins at 8:30 Dessert Break ca 10:30 More Dancing ensues A Champagne Toast at Midnight, 2026 This event is co-sponsored by BFMS and FSGW Tickets are at 2019 prices!

please register by December 15th for early-bird tickets.

<https://bfms.org/nyeGala.php>

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Member Sponsored Events

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

BALFOLK MUSIC SESSION

December 28 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>