

2010 SESSION DISCRIPTIONS

Abenaki Social Dance (IB)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 11:15am - 12:15pm

A workshop where two or more traditional social dances such as the Abenaki snake dance, friendship dance, and the stomp dance - and the songs that accompany them - will be taught.

- Joseph and Jesse Bruchac

Acoustic Blues Guitar (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Sunday 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Providing educational and technique-oriented information on Acoustic Blues and Ragtime guitar, including fingerpicking technique, etc.

- Saratoga Acoustic Blues Society

Acoustic Collusion (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Chrissie VanWormer and Brad Peak are singers, songwriters, musicians and the best of friends. That combination can only mean a spirited presentation. Come and enjoy!

- Acoustic Collusion

Adirondack Folk Traditions (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 1:45pm - 2:45pm

Songs and stories from the Adirondack region of New York State, ranging from tall tales and logging ballads to contemporary songs and stories, including the American Indian heritage.

- Joseph and Jesse Bruchac

Adirondack Songs and Stories (E)

Hilton High Rock, Sunday 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Dan and Jeannine weave together songs and stories in this program that will take you to our beloved mountains.

- Dan Berggren and Jeannine Laverty

Advanced Contrabass and Squares (DX)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Dances that require a fluency with the orientation and transitions in contrabass and squares.

- Will Mentor, Stillhouse Rounders

African Touch: Drumming Workshop (IM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Bring your drums! Learn the rich and subtle rhythmic patterns and styles specific to different tribal groups of West Africa.

- Akwaaba African Drum and Dance Ensemble

Alexander Technique (G)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 11:00am - 12:15pm

Feel inches taller! Learn to release unnecessary tension through increased mind/body awareness. Includes group activities as well as individual hands-on attention from instructor. Beth Robinson and Merlin Wisswaesser are Certified Alexander Technique Teachers.

- Alexander Technique

American Indian Storytelling (E)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Native American tales from northeastern Native traditions of how things came to be; of animals, heroes and heroines, monsters and magic.

- Joseph and Jesse Bruchac

Andrew & Noah VanNorstrand In Concert (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 9:30pm - 10:30pm

Multi-instrumentalists Andrew & Noah VanNorstrand perform original songs and tunes off their soon-to-be released brand new studio album.

- The Great Bear Trio

Annie And The Hedonists Concert (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Saturday 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Annie & the Hedonists is a band based in the Albany, NY area. Fronted by the versatile Annie Rosen on lead vocals, they play a wide and eclectic mix of acoustic folk, torchy blues, ballads, bluegrass, swing, gospel, and early jazz.

- Annie & the Hedonists

Balboa Lesson & Dance (INBM)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 4:45pm - 6:00pm

Learn the basics of this partnered swing dance from the late 1920's - a beautiful hybrid of the Charleston and California Swing. Then try out your dance moves on the floor!

- Emily Vanston & Nathan Bugh, Doc Scanlon Trio w/Jonathan "Jazz" Russell

Banjo From Senegal to Scruggs (P)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

A history of the banjo using seven or eight banjos and proto banjos. Following the path of the banjo from the Akonting and Ngoni of West Africa to the minstrel classic, plectrum, old time & bluegrass styles. Finishing with my original modern compositions.

- Rick Ceballos

Banjo Magic: 5-String for Total Beginners (IB)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Ever want to learn how to play the banjo? Here is your chance! Learn some basics about this enchanting instrument. Discover some simple "tricks" to get going playing clawhammer banjo!

- Julie Duggan

Banjo Master Class: Unusual Tunings (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Sunday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Join master banjoist Bill Vanaver for an excursion in various pathways in banjo sound. For intermediate and advanced players.

- Bill Vanaver

Banjopalooza (P)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Presentation of various traditional banjo styles presented by Festival performers.

- Paula Bradley

Beginner Uke (IB)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Bring grandma's old uke and learn to strum the classics! We will cover right hand technique, classic songs, chords, etc., to get you going. Handouts provided. We'll answer the question: " Who Takes Care Of The Caretaker's Daughter?"

- Ron Gordon

Beginner's Contra Workshop (IB)

Saratoga Music Hall, Friday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Easy, step-by-step instruction for this Flurry favorite.

- David Kaynor, Ethan Hazzard-Watkins, Owen Morrison, Anna Patton

Bernstein Bard Trio Concert w/Brian Melick (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

The Trio performs an assortment of styles: popular melodies, swing, Latin, and traditional, with special guest, Brian Melick on percussion.

- The Bernstein Bard Trio w/Brian Melick

Beth & Scott's Nutrition Mission (EF)

Hilton Travers, Sunday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Songs, stories and activities that make eating well and exercising fun. From "being bananas" to an indoor snowball fight, this show will leave families feeling fine.

- Beth & Scott and Friends

Blues Dance: Lesson & Dance (INBM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Sunday 11:30am - 1:00pm

Blues dancing is an easy dance that is done to slow music ...often late at night!

Traditionally, it can be languid, sexy and minimalistic - barely moving on the floor. Or bright, bouncy and celebratory with strutting steps and raucous antics. We'll work in closed and open positions showing some steps and style that will have you dancing immediately.

- Greg Avakian & Laurie Zimmerman, Big Joe Fitz Band

Blues Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Bring your instruments and prepare to boogie, to blues from Memphis Minnie to Muddy Waters!

- Saratoga Acoustic Blues Society

Bonafide Beginner Contras (IB)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 11:00am - 12:15pm

Contra dancing is easy, fun, and addictive! Learn how to contra dance today, and keep on dancing all weekend! No previous dance experience needed.

- Fern Bradley, The Flying Garbanzos

Bowing 747 (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Sunday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Strengthening your bowing to make your fiddle "kick butt!"

- George Wilson

Bulgarian Dances in Uneven Rhythms (IM)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Learn several Bulgarian folk dances in challenging uneven meters, such as 9/8, 11/8 and beyond.

- Yves Moreau

Cajun Dance (DM)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Warm things up with some hot Cajun dance!
- Yankee Chank

Cajun Dancing 101 (IB)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 12:15pm - 1:00pm
Learn Cajun Two-Step and Waltz partner-dancing basics to the beautiful melodies & pulsing rhythms of traditional Cajun dance-hall music. If you can walk, you can dance!
- Esther Brill, Yankee Chank

Cajun Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 7:15pm - 8:15pm
Jamming - Louisiana Style. Open session for all.
- Yankee Chank

Callers' workshop (G)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Discussion of various aspects of calling contra dances and community dances. Handout provided.
- Peter Amidon

Cape Breton Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Sunday 2:15pm - 3:30pm
Open session for all, focusing on traditional Celtic fiddle tunes from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.
- Emily Addison, George Wilson, Russell McCumber

Capoeira and Brazilian Dance (IM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 9:00pm - 10:00pm
Gustavo Caldas is a master Capoeirista and amazing dancer from Bahia Brazil. He will teach and demonstrate this form of dance/martial art. One of the influences of breakdancing.
- Gustavo Caldas, Fode Sissoko, Toby Stover

Celtic Tunes and Songs

Hilton Travers, Saturday 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Time tested tunes and Scots-Irish songs woven together to transport listeners. Add to that, fierce ballads and punchy marches. John Kirk has the fine Irish tenor voice of his Belfast born father; Frank Orsini has been harmonizing with John for over 25 years, adding a touch of the harp; Cedar adds youthful new tunes to the mix of fiddle medleys, and Trish adds the feminine perspective with songs and guitar that her mother, Patricia Reilly, would be pleased with.
- John Kirk, Trish Miller, Cedar Stanistreet, Frank Orsini

Challenging Contras (DX)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 2:45pm - 4:15pm
Experience required for this set of dances that will put your contra senses to the test.
- Nils Fredland, Matching Orange

Cloggin': Beginnin' to Buck Dancin' (ITB)

Saratoga Music Hall, Sunday 1:15pm - 2:15pm
Trish Miller, a dancer that learned clogging from the legendary Glen Bannerman and as part of the Green Grass Cloggers, will take dancers from the beginning steps of Appalachian

clogging to more complex percussive footwork with buck dance styles. Lively old-time music accompanies the session and new combinations are offered from year to year for returning dancers.

- Trish Miller, Quickstep

Club Latin: Lesson & Dance (CDs) (INBM)

City Center Room B/C, Friday 11:15pm - 12:30am

Learn to dance salsa and merengue naturally, and to blend in with the best.

- Saratoga SAVOY

Community Dance (DFM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 11:15am - 12:15pm

Dancing for all ages: Anglo American social dances in longways, circle (mostly circles of partners), sometimes squares and maybe a simple contra dance.

- Peter and Mary Alice Amidon, Eric Buddington

Confluence Concert: Flute, Feet and Keyboard

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 10:00pm - 11:00pm

An eclectic and exciting multi-dimensional concert ranging from fiery and driving to silky and lyrical. While well-rooted in traditional and contemporary tunes and styles from Quebec, Ireland, New England, and beyond, Confluence also careens through the connections and contrasts among varying styles of music. Helpings of Latin, blues, classical, and groove music appear, often at unexpected moments. All classically trained, their outstanding technical skills, tight groove, warmth, musical interactions, and spontaneous improvisation will make this concert a joy. When Nadine and Tim "play off" each other, amazing things happen. Barbara contributes versatile support/rhythm and also solo improvisations of her own.

- Confluence

Contra 101 (IB)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

Rock-bottom basic introduction to contra dancing: Easy dances, thorough teaching.

- David Kaynor, Eric Buddington

Contra 101 For Total Beginners (IB)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Introduction to contra dancing.

- Paul Rosenberg, FireFlies

Community Contra (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 4:30pm - 5:45pm

A mix of contra dances one might find in a community contra dance.

- Will Mentor, De Temps Antan

Contra Dance Band Workshop (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Sunday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Join Susan Songar (publisher of Portland Collection), and David Kaynor (regional fiddler/caller extraordinaire). Experience developing a contra dance band arrangement of one or more easy tunes, with coaching.

- David Kaynor, Sue Songer

Contra Piano Basics (IB)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

What makes contra dance piano exciting. Participatory for people with familiarity with piano; spectators welcome to come and enjoy. Bring a keyboard if you have one.

- Barbara Dyskant, Nadine Dyskant-Miller, Cedar Stanistreet

Contra Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Jam Session featuring some of the more popular contra dance tunes.

- The Flying Garbanzos

Creating Excellent Dances (PG)

Hilton High Rock, Sunday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Discussion for dance organizers on starting, sustaining, or resuscitating a dance series.

- Bob Henshaw

Cross-Step Waltz (IM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am

A beautiful, flowing waltz that can be done to a wide range of slow waltz music.

- Susan de Guardiola, Mary Lea, Jacqueline Schwab, Daniel Beerbohm

Cumbia! The Dance Of Celebration (IFB)

Saratoga Music Hall, Sunday 2:30pm - 3:45pm

Cumbia distills the enjoyment of three dance cultures: African, Spanish and Natives. Cumbia Technique allows you to move from within. Group and partner choreography. Experience the exultation to the Spirit of Life.

- Carlos Osorio, Jean Rohe and Her Band

DADGAD Guitar (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 1:30pm - 2:30pm

We'll learn a simple dance melody and work out an accompaniment in DADGAD tuning. No experience in DADGAD necessary, but players should be at least intermediate level in standard tuning.

- Keith Murphy

Dance Around The World (E)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:45pm

A performance of several dance styles from around the US and around the world.

- Vanaver Caravan, Akwaaba African Drum and Dance Ensemble, Quickstep, Pokingbrook Morris, Kieran Jordan Dancers, Antonia (Toni) Messina, Mike Moroch, Emily Vanston and Nathan Bugh

Dance Enhancers (IM)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 8:15pm - 9:15pm

Balance, timing, frame, connection, and other universal "tricks of the trade" to make any partner dances (swing, contra, waltz, etc.) really shine! Enhance the magic in your dance!

- Evan MacDonald

Dance Improv for Teens Only (ITM)

Temple Sinai, Sunday 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Let yourself go in a fun and structured improvisation and contact improv, and explore the energy of freestyle movement, led by teens from Caravan Kids.

- Vanaver Caravan

Dance! Kick Your Feet To The African Beat (IM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 4:30pm - 5:30pm
African Dance workshop. Learn movement, work your body. Have fun!
- Akwaaba African Drum and Dance Ensemble

Dances From Senegal

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 10:00pm - 11:00pm
Fode Sissoko (an 8th generation Mandinka griot, musician and dancer from Senegal, West Africa) and Toby Stover (piano) share the dances of this vibrant culture as well as the traditions, songs and drumming. Gustavo Caldas, from Bahia Brazil, teaches Capoeira and Brazilian dance.

- Gustavo Caldas, Fode Sissoko, Toby Stover

Dave Crump & Swing Shift (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Dave and Swing Shift play swing, jazz oriented swing, and ballads from the big band swing era, with an emphasis on tunes with vocals. They are a gathering of friends with a common interest - fun!

- Dave Crump & Swing Shift

De Temps Antan in Concert (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Performing time-honored melodies from the stomping grounds of Quebec's musical past. Using fiddle, accordion, harmonica, guitar, bouzouki and a number of other instruments, our three virtuosos blend boundless energy with the unmistakable joie de vivre found only in traditional Quebec music. Come enjoy an evening unlike any other with De Temps Antan!

- De Temps Antan

Doo Wop Concert (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Performing doo wop classics from the 50s and 60s, as well as newer material in a "doo wop style."

- The Flipsydz

Double Delight Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Double moves, double names, double progression.

- Lisa Greenleaf, The Great Bear Trio

Drum Circle: Workin' the Groove: (GM)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 9:30pm - 10:45pm

Learning to drum with others to make music you didn't know you had! All percussive instruments welcome!

- Lilya & Rhumpas and the Wild Things

Easy Balkan Folk Dances (IB)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:15pm

Learn how to do a "kolo," a "horo," a "syrto" and more. How to survive a Balkan wedding.

- Yves Moreau, Bobba Culpa

Easy Contra Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

Join Bob and George for an open-to-all session of contra dance tunes.

- Bob McQuillen, George Wilson

Easy Traditional Contras (DM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Friday 8:15pm - 9:30pm

The title says it all - dances that anyone can do.

- David Kaynor, Bob McQuillen, George Wilson

English & Couple Dance Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Open session focusing on English Country and Couple Dance tunes.

- Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

English Country Dance 101 (IB)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

An introduction to the basic style and figures of English Country dance.

- Don Bell, The Flying Romanos

English Country Dance 101 (IB)

Temple Sinai, Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Introduction to the basics of English Country Dance.

- John Huhn, Bliss & Robbie McIntosh

English Country Dance Celebration: Goddesses (DM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Friday 9:30pm - 11:15pm

A loving selection of great ECDs by, about, and for the women, divine and mortal, who make our dances and lives sparkle.

- Graham Christian, Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

English Country Dance Celebration: Tom Foolery! (DM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Friday 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Amusing, entertaining and just plain fun English Dances to awaken your spirits!

- Tom Amesse, Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

English Country Dance for All (DM)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 11:00am - 12:00pm

For as many as will. An easy introduction to this elegant and lively dance form.

- Graham Christian, The Flying Romanos

English Country Dance Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Sunday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Open jam session for English Country Dance music. All welcome.

- The Flying Romanos

English Country Flirting Dances (DM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 1:45pm - 3:00pm

English Country Dances that demand attention to your partner, neighbor or corner.

- Tom Amesse, Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

Evening Waltzes (NM)

City Center Room B/C, Friday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

A wide variety of waltz tempos and moods.

- Nightingale

Exploring Hip Hop (IM)

City Center Room B/C, Sunday 3:30pm - 4:45pm

This is dancing and learning a culture that came up from the Bronx and is now sweeping the nation. Learning the different styles that make up Hip Hop, such as popping, locking, tutting and stepping.

- Olivia Idella

Eye Sex (Come Hither) Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Contras that emphasize good connection and flow.

- Lisa Greenleaf, Nightingale

Family Dance (DFM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

Traditional American and ethnic dances and singing games that are especially fun for children (ages 3-10) and parents to dance together. Includes circles, contras, squares and zany dances.

- Paul Rosenberg, FireFlies

Farewell Cajun Dance Party (NM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Sunday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Let Yankee Chank end your weekend with hot Cajun music and dance.

- Yankee Chank

Farewell English Dance Party: The Golden Age (DM)

Canfield Casino, Sunday 3:15pm - 5:30pm

Dances from the "Golden Age" 1690-1720. Some of the finest historical ECDs, including "Trip to the Jubilee," "Lovers' Luck," and more!

- Graham Christian, Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

Farewell Swing Dance Party (NM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 3:45pm - 5:45pm

Fresh, exciting - this Hudson Valley/New York Metropolitan area-based "Ultimate Party Band" is big-time fun, performing the best of swing, ballroom music, Dixieland Jazz and down-home blues.

- Saints Of Swing

Farewell Swing Dance Party: Swing Kids Performance (E)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 4:30pm - 4:45pm

The Saratoga SAVOY Swing Kids demonstrate their skills in swing and more.

- Saratoga SAVOY Swing Kids

Fashback! 1970s Disco Line Dances (IM)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 9:00pm - 10:15pm

Flash back to 1978 and the line dances of the disco era!

- Susan de Guardiola

Fiddle & Feet: Quebecois (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Introduction to Quebecois foot percussion while playing fiddle. Can be adapted to other instruments that are played while sitting

- The Flying Garbanzos

Fiddle Harmony (P)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 4:45pm - 5:45pm
Interesting, exciting explorations of melody and harmony.
- David Kaynor

Fiddle Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton High Rock, Friday 8:45pm - 9:45pm
Open session of traditional fiddle dance tunes. All levels welcome.
- The Flying Garbanzos

Fiddleabout (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 5:30pm - 6:00pm
Teen performers perform traditional tunes, songs, and dance.
- Fiddleabout

Fiddling with Jigs (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm
A participatory workshop on how to get the most out of jig rhythm, how to make it danceable. Aimed at fiddlers, but other melody instruments are welcome. Some playing experience is necessary.
- Peter Macfarlane

Flamenco Guitar Workshop (IB)

Hilton Alabama, Sunday 12:15pm - 1:15pm
Come learn the basics of fingering and strumming for this beautiful and expressive guitar style.
- Mike Moroch

Flurry Fun For The Young (EF)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Flurry Fun for the young will give the younger Flurry goers and opportunity to sing, dance and laugh to highly interactive music for families.
- Andy "The Music Man" Morse

Flurry Roots Band: Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Sunday 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Your last chance to contra dance! Join some of the Festival's tried and true musicians and callers, and wrap up your weekend with contra.
- David Kaynor, Nils Fredland, John Kirk, Cedar Stanistreet, Bill Matthiesen, Liz Stell, Nadine Dyskant-Miller, Eric Buddington, Becky Tracy, Bob McQuillen, Andrew VanNorstrand, Noah VanNorstrand, Lisa Greenleaf

Folk Music Of The Republic Of Georgia (PGM)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 9:00pm - 10:00pm
Ilusha Tsinadze, native of the Republic of Georgia, gives a participatory overview of the rich vocal and instrumental traditions of his homeland.
- Liam Robinson, Ilusha Tsinadze

Forro: Dance of Northern Brazil (IM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 4:30pm - 5:45pm
The Northern side of Brazil dances Forro. Happy rhythms for all the people, it uses the accordion as one of the lead instruments and the warmth of home welcoming you again.
- Carlos Osorio, Jean Rohe and Her Band

Friggin' The Banjo (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learn to play jigs in clawhammer-style banjo.

- Rick Ceballos

Funny Songs And Sing Alongs (EF)

Hilton Travers, Sunday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Humorous songs for all ages will include songs with sing-along chorus. Ed can get you yodelin'. John can try to catch you up with a tongue-twister. Trish will challenge you to whistle without laughing, and several songs tell witty tales. These artists invite audiences to participate with body percussion, gestures and their lovely voices.

- John Kirk, Ed Lowman, Trish Miller

Gender-Ender Contras (DM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 5:45pm - 7:00pm

Gender-role-free contra dances.

- Peter Stix, Matching Orange

Go With The Flow Contras

Saratoga Music Hall, Sunday 10:00am - 11:15am

Smooth 'n satisfying dances.

- Lisa Greenleaf, Matching Orange

Gotta Dance! Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Friday 9:00pm - 10:45pm

Loosen up those dance muscles - the festival has started! Satisfying dances for all levels.

- Lisa Greenleaf, Nightingale

Great Chorus Songs (E)

Hilton Travers, Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Songs that are old and new, but are made better with everyone singing along.

- Mark Rust

Great Greek Dances (IM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 11:15am - 12:15pm

Fresh from her tour of Greek villages, Barb MacLean will teach dances from various regions of Greece. Step patterns, formations and styling will all be explored at a variety of levels of difficulty.

- Barbara MacLean, Bobba Culpa

Gruvin' Fusion: Afro-Caribbean/Belly Dance (IM)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 7:45pm - 8:45pm

Live drums, large skirts, everyone dances! No partners needed. In the spirit of Rom-Style belly dance, life itself graces the floor! Lilya's original dances need you. Let your hips move, heart swell, and smile.

- Lilya & Rhumpas and the Wild Things

Guitar: Beyond Strumming (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Sunday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Make full use of your hands to add rhythm and percussion to your guitar playing.

- Tony Pisano

Guy Mendilow Band In Concert (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Saturday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

An inventive blend of Israeli and Sephardi with Bahian street beats and blues, featuring berimbaus, percussion, trancy jaw harps, and award-winning overtone singing.

- Guy Mendilow Band

Hambo with Ease (IDBM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Hambo from the get-go, with time to practice the moves and enjoy the dance. Frequent partner changes. Low-heeled shoes with leather soles recommended.

- Joan & Jim Savitt, Laurie Hart and Stefan Ohlström

Harmony Gospel Sing (GM)

Hilton Alabama, Sunday 9:45am - 11:00am

Mary Alice and Peter lead participants in singing in harmony from various gospel traditions. Some harmonies will be taught, other songs will be harmonized spontaneously by ear.

- Peter and Mary Alice Amidon

Harmony Singing Workshop (IB)

Temple Sinai, Sunday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

This workshop will include instruction on the basics of 3- and 4-part harmony singing, with samples performed by the band, and many opportunities for audience participation and discussion.

- Annie & the Hedonists

Having a Branle! 16th Century Circle Dances

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Lively French circle dances from the 16th century.

- Susan de Guardiola, The Flying Romanos

Hot Dog! Uncle Dave Macon (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 5:45pm - 6:45pm

Banjo licks & goofy songs of early Grand Ole Opry star Uncle Dave Macon.

- George Wilson

I Dare You Dances: Contrás & Squares (DX)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Sunday 12:45pm - 2:15pm

Challenging, fun contrás and squares for experienced dancers.

- Lisa Greenleaf, Nightingale

Improvising Contact Dances: Lesson & World Music Open Dance Jam (INM)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 10:30pm - 12:00am

We'll begin by sensing each other and the forces of physics, deepening how we listen to physical cues, and connecting genuinely and playfully with each other through improvisation. The session will evolve into an open jam for dancers of all abilities, ages, and styles.

- Sue Lauther, Guy Mendilow Band

Intermediate Swing: Mixing 6 & 8 count

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 1:15pm - 3:15pm

Not sure about how and when to use your 6 and 8 beat patterns? We'll work on how to switch between the good old patterns you already know and also get away from the counting and into the music as we explore simple patterns that can be done in 6 or 8 beats.

This is an intermediate class, so you should be able to do a swingout and some 6-beat turns.

- Greg Avakian & Laurie Zimmerman

Intermediate Uke (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Learn examples of more advanced strumming, chord melody, and fingerpicking through classic jazz and ukulele blues. Handouts will be provided and a recorder is recommended.

Amaze your family and friends!

- Ron Gordon

Intro to Lindy Hop (IB)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 11:15am - 1:00pm

Lindy Hop is the classic swing dance of all time! In this class you'll learn to do awesome 8-beat patterns that make up the Lindy core. We'll get you swingin' out with style, flow and the kind of connection that makes Lindy easy.

- Greg Avakian & Laurie Zimmerman, Miss Tess & The Bon Ton Parade

Intro to Scottish Country Dance (IB)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 2:15pm - 2:45pm

Instruction for beginners, including introduction to music, steps and figures unique to Scottish Country Dancing. Participants will be dancing throughout the session.

- Lois New, Peter Macfarlane, Liz Donaldson

Irish Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Sunday 11:45am - 12:45pm

Join in on traditional Irish tunes!

- Amanda Cavanaugh, Max Newman

Irish Set Dancing (DMT)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Sunday 10:00am - 11:15am

Participatory group dancing from the Irish set dancing tradition. Reels, jigs, and polkas - high energy movement!

- Kieran Jordan Dancers

Irish Songs, Stories & Dance (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

A Celtic collaboration of stories, music and dance for the whole family. Storyteller Bairbre McCarthy is joined by sean-nos (old style) dancer Kieran Jordan, sean nos singer Catherine Crowe, and musicians Frank Orsini, (fiddle, guitar, mandolin) Maura McNamara (fiddle) and Tom Wadsworth (flute, tin whistle, uilleann pipes).

- Bairbre McCarthy & Friends

Israeli Dances for All (DB)

City Center Room B/C, Sunday 12:30pm - 1:45pm

Fun Israeli dances with memorable patterns done in a large circle. Children welcome.

- Joan & Jim Savitt, Guy Mendilow Band

It's the Soul Train: Motown to James Brown (NM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 11:45pm - 1:00am

Soul Session, a high energy and spirited ensemble, performs multi-genre soul music with entertaining command and spontaneous originality. Led by "soulis" Garland Nelson, Soul

Session emotes supernatural passions from material by Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Bob Marley, Bill Withers, and many others.

- Soul Session, featuring Garland Nelson

Jacqueline Schwab in Concert

Saratoga Mystique Pianos, Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Recently heard on Ken Burns' National Parks documentary and the Dave Letterman show, Jacqueline will perform her arrangements of vintage American music from Mark Twain's day and beyond.

- Jacqueline Schwab

Jammin' The Blues With Big Joe Fitz (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Sunday 3:45pm - 5:00pm

An opportunity to bring your axe to play, and also discuss the finer points of playing the blues and how to connect with the audience and/or the musicians you're playing with.

- Big Joe Fitz Band

Jean Rohe & Her Band (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Jean and her band perform fresh arrangements of songs from Latin America and original compositions that explore the intersections of jazz, North American folk music, Brazilian and Afro-Peruvian traditions.

- Jean Rohe and Her Band

Kentucky Running Sets: Visiting Couple Squares (DM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 12:30pm - 1:45pm

Visiting couple squares, where each couple gets to interact with other couples within the square throughout the dance.

- Will Mentor, Stillhouse Rounders

Late Night Swing: Blues & West Coast (NM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 12:30am - 2:00am

Let some West Coast and Blues swing you into the wee hours of the morning.

- Donald Young Blues Band

Latin Dancing For All (NM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Whether you've just taken a lesson, or have been dancing for years, this dance is for you.

- ¡Retumba!

Learn a Scottish Air (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Learn a Scottish/Shetland slow air.

- George Wilson

Make Your Fiddle SING! (IM)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

How to get a smooth, clear, and rich tone on the fiddle.

- Colin McCoy

Making Dances: Creative Choreography (PT)

Temple Sinai, Sunday 12:15pm - 1:15pm

Caravan Kids love to create their own dances, and are always engaged in choreographic projects. They share some of their new work, lead discussion about the creative process.
- Vanaver Caravan

Mandolin: Open Chord Voicings (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

An approach to choral accompaniment on the mandolin using open chord voicings.
- Keith Murphy

Mandolin: Sound Fundamentals (IB)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Mandolin players who possess the three "t's" (tone, taste & timing) understand that having strong fundamental skills on their instrument allows them to "speak" their musical voice in a comfortable, efficient manner. Learn the secrets to improving your own touch, tone and technique.
- Wayne Fugate

Mark Rust in Concert (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Mark does a wonderful program of original songs about family & growing up on guitar & piano, roots music & songs on banjo & fiddle, and beautifully hypnotic pieces for hammered dulcimer.
- Mark Rust

Matching Orange Concert (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Sunday 12:15pm - 1:15pm

Taking advantage of a diverse musical background, Matching Orange creates a swirling level of intensity, sometimes gritty, sometimes pure, and always engaging. Come listen to exciting new music in the traditional style.
- Matching Orange

Matching Tunes to Dances (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Panel discussion of how to look at the figures in a dance and pick out a tune (or set of tunes) that will work well with it.
- The Flying Garbanzos

Meanwhile Contra Dances (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Sunday 2:30pm - 3:45pm

Contra dances that feature couples executing different figures at the same time.
- Will Mentor, De Temps Antan

Metronome Basics & Practice Tips

Hilton Travers, Saturday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Playing with good time is fundamental to making good music, yet this critical aspect of musicianship is often ignored. This program can help all musicians on any instrument improve the feel for rhythm by practicing with a metronome. Even players who have been playing a long time can benefit from the material presented here.
- Wayne Fugate

Miss Tess & the Bon Ton Parade (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Imagine the sultry jazz halls of the 1930s and 40s, people crowding toward the stage to get a closer listen to the mysterious voice spilling from the microphone. Miss Tess sings about subjects that the modern generation can relate to, although there is an elegance to her voice that could only have been born in another era. Tess finds her muse in anything old-fashioned, harking back to that bygone era when musicians wore suits or dresses and jazz was played as often in ballrooms as in bars. Accompanied by The Bon Ton Parade, the group taps into that laid-back cabaret sound that appeals to the vagabond lurking inside of all of us.

- Miss Tess & The Bon Ton Parade

Modern Marvels English Country Dance (DM)

Canfield Casino, Sunday 10:00am - 11:30am

English Country Dances written in the 20th and 21st Centuries.

- Tom Amesse, The Flying Romanos

Morris Dance Performance (E)

City Center Room A, Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Lively seasonal dances, both traditional and newly composed, by one of the older Morris teams in the US.

- Pokingbrook Morris

Move Your Body To The Latin Beat (IB)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 7:15pm - 8:00pm

Learn the isolation movements that gives Afro-Caribbean and Latin dance its subtlety, uniqueness and elegance.

- Yvette Martinez, ¡Retumba!

Multicultural Dances for Kids (DBF)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Sunday 11:30am - 12:30pm

Easy folk dances from around the world suitable for pre-school and/or elementary schools.

- France Bourque-Moreau

Music Together: For Parents & Young Children (FG)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

Music Together - for newborns to five year olds and their caregivers. A 45 minute class of participatory music and movement with songs, rhythm instruments, scarves, chants, dance and movement for preschoolers and their caregivers.

- Terri Roben

New Games For All Ages (GBF)

City Center Room B/C, Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am

An hour of group fun and delight for all ages through New Games and other noncompetitive and whacky forms of play.

- Mercogliano Family

Night Airs: Music to Soothe the Sole (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 11:15pm - 12:15am

Airs, waltzes, and other beautiful tunes from diverse traditions, played with depth and beauty on cello and fiddles.

- Night Airs

Nightingale In Concert (E)

Caffè Lena, Saturday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Traditional and original songs and instrumentals.
- Nightingale

Northern Fiddle Styles

Temple Sinai, Saturday 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Presentation of New England and Canadian fiddling styles.
- Mary Lea, Ethan Hazzard-Watkins, Andrew VanNorstrand, Noah VanNorstrand, David Boulanger, Laurie Hart, Stephan Ohlström

Norwegian Telemark Dances (DM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am
Dance to the haunting music of the Hardangr Fiddle. Good partners guaranteed!
- Joan & Jim Savitt, Laurie Hart and Stephan Ohlström

Old -Time Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Group participatory jam session for old-time musicians.
- Stillhouse Rounders, Emily Schaad

Old Time Country Song Swap (E)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 9:15pm - 10:15pm
Songs from the golden honkytonk era of the '40s and '50s
- Paula Bradley, Rose Sinclair, Ed Lowman, Colin McCoy

Old Time Fiddle Workshop: Bowing & Rhythm (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 6:45pm - 7:45pm
Learn how bowing and rhythm work together to give old-time fiddle tunes their sound. Bring your fiddles, and rosin the bow. - Emily Schaad

Overtone Singing Workshop (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Saturday 8:15pm - 9:15pm
This hands-on workshop introduces participants to western overtone singing, a technique allowing one person to simultaneously produce two distinct voices.
- Guy Mendilow Band

Parent & Child Dance Workshop (GIF)

Hilton Whitney, Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am
Songs, sign, rhythm and rhymes and other pre-reading activities with easy movements for parents and caregivers to do with children.
- Lili Loveday and Young Performers' Creative Dance

Pick Up Your Feet: Lively English Country Dance (DM)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 9:00pm - 12:00am
Not your grandmother's English Country dance! A choice selection of the most spirited dances in the repertoire.
- Graham Christian, Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

Play The Spoons! (IMF)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 5:00pm - 5:30pm
Learn how to hold & play the spoons (spoons provided). Basic & advanced techniques taught. Anyone can do it. Fun for all ages.
- Mark Rust

Quebecios Jam (GM)

Hilton High Rock, Friday 10:00pm - 11:00pm
Open informal session of traditional Quebecois fiddle tunes.
- De Temps Antan

Quebecois Set Dances (IM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 12:30pm - 1:45pm
Learn some typical squares and contras from Quebec. A fun mix of spices from France, Ireland and Scotland.
- France Bourque-Moreau, De Temps Antan

Repertoire du Quebec (IM)

Hilton High Rock, Sunday 2:30pm - 3:30pm
French-Canadian Dance Tunes: traditional and newly composed tunes from Quebec taught by ear. All levels and instruments.
- Jeremiah McLane, Becky Tracy

Rhythm Mandolin (IM)

Hilton Whitney, Sunday 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Introduction to a variety of rhythmic approaches available to mandolin players in bluegrass, old time, Celtic, swing and jazz. Includes tone production and dynamics, bluegrass rhythm styles, old-time feel with open drone strings, partial chords, swing and Celtic rhythm styles.
- Wayne Fugate

Right Hand Guitar Techniques (IM)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Beyond basic strumming: the guitar as a rhythm and percussion instrument using strumming and picking without a pick, muting strings, hammer-ons, pull-offs and other ways to create a groove. The musicians you accompany will love you.
- Eric Martin, Josh Pisano, Tony Pisano

Romantic Evening Couples Dances (NM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Saturday 7:30pm - 8:45pm
The quartet would play a variety of dances including waltzes, tangos, swing, and Latin.
- The Bernstein Bard Trio w/Brian Melick

Round Robin Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am
Open traditional fiddle tune session for musicians of all ages and abilities. We'll take turns selecting tunes to play - jigs, reels, waltzes, etc., in different styles - Celtic, Early American, Old-Time, etc. Books welcome.
- Members of Fiddlers' Tour

Round-Singing (GFM)

Temple Sinai, Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am
Round-singing for all with The Storycrafters and roundman Sol Weber.
- Jeri Burns, Barry Marshall, Evy Mayer, Sol Weber

Russian Lyrical Dance (EIB)

Saratoga Music Hall, Friday 9:45pm - 10:45pm
A spectacle that people of all ages will enjoy, whether a dance enthusiast or not. Dances are performed in beautifully detailed, elaborate costumes of bright colors and patterns. The

dances are created by Sergey Kuznetsov, artistic leader and professional choreographer and ballet artist of the Tula Regional Philharmonic Theater. A Russian dance will be taught.
- Varen'ka

Sacred Circle Dances (DM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 9:00am - 9:45am

Dancing for the Spirit: Music and Dance from all over the world, danced in the spirit of community, devotion, and fun. Joyful, meditative, energetic, contemplative, ancient and modern. All dances are taught; beginners welcome!

- Sacred Circle Dances

Sacred Harp Shape Note Sing (GM)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 9:45am - 10:45am

A participatory session of shape note singing, mostly from the Sacred Harp collection. Handouts of songs are provided. Mostly singing punctuated with short discussion on shape note history and traditions.

- Peter Amidon

Saints Of Swing: Gospel, Klezmer, Swing (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Sunday 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Rene Bailey is a world-class Gospel singer, and Dale DeMarco is a renowned Klezmer clarinetist. Both forms of music will be played in a swinging style!

- Saints Of Swing

Salsa y Merengue Dance Party (DM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 9:45pm - 11:30pm

Latin dancing to Mambo, Chacha, Merengue & Salsa.

- Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra

Saratoga Faire: Celtic, Folk & Renaissance (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Concert of Celtic music, Renaissance songs and tunes, rewritten folk songs. Featured instruments include hammered dulcimer, violin, guitars & vocals by award winning musicians.

- Saratoga Faire

Scandinavian Dance Party (NM)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Sunday 3:15pm - 5:00pm

All manner of Swedish and Norwegian dancing.

- Laurie Hart and Stefan Ohlström

Scandinavian Fiddle & Nyckelharpa Concert (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Two fiddles, two nyckelharpas, Hardanger fiddle, dance music of Sweden and Norway.

- Laurie Hart and Stefan Ohlström

Scandinavian Music Workshop (IM)

Hilton High Rock, Sunday 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Swedish fiddle style and tunes.

- Laurie Hart and Stefan Ohlström

Scottish Ball (DX)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 5:45pm - 8:45pm

An evening of Scottish Country dancing.

- Kippy Brezner, Lois New, Peter Macfarlane, Liz Donaldson

Scottish Country Dance Performance (E)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 2:45pm - 3:15pm

Performance demonstrating a range of Scottish Country and Scottish National dances.

Choreographed for audience enjoyment.

- Lois New & Scottish Country Dancers, Peter Macfarlane, Liz Donaldson

Scottish Tea Dance (DM)

Canfield Casino, Sunday 1:30pm - 3:00pm

An afternoon of Scottish Country Dancing.

- Lois New, Peter Macfarlane, Liz Donaldson

Sea Chanteys, Drinking Songs (GM)

Hilton Travers, Friday 8:45pm - 10:45pm

Join Bill Bracken and Picking' Singing' & Gatherin' members for an informal in-the-round session of sea chanteys, hearty drinking songs, and whatever else may come. All welcome.

- Pickin' Singin' & Gatherin'

Sean-nós (Old Style) Irish Step Dance (IM)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Learn old style Irish step dance - improvised percussive steps! No experience needed.

- Kieran Jordan Dancers

Singable Stories Around the World (EF)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Beth & Scott share myths, legends and folktales from different cultures, telling them in their unique, theatrical style and original melodies. Show includes audience volunteers "on-stage" to help tell these whimsical tales.

- Beth & Scott and Friends

Singing Square Dances (DM)

City Center Room B/C, Sunday 2:00pm - 3:15pm

Directions for doing the square dances where the calls are given in the form of words to popular songs and the dancers can sing along on the choruses.

- Ralph Sweet, Elixir

Slow Fiddle Tune Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Open jam session at an easy pace, playing traditional fiddle tunes.

- Cedar Stanistreet, Max Newman

Songs About And For Families (E)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Songs & stories about our upbringings & family life. Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, but always poignant & entertaining.

- Mark Rust

Southern Fiddle Styles (P)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 11:00am - 12:15pm

Presentation of Southern fiddle styles, by various Festival performers.

- Emily Schaad, Jim Burns, Bob Naess, Danny Gardella, Colin McCoy, Frank Orsini

Squares and Circle Dances (IFM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am

Sociable dances for all ages where dancers learn the grand right and left as everyone moves along. Friendly walk-throughs lead the way to being part of group figures that mix and mingle all the dancers. Most are partner dances but all are invited to come meet someone there to share the fun. John and Trish each have 30 years of experience calling dances and providing driving old-time tunes.

- John Kirk, Quickstep

Squeezeboxes! (P)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

A bounty of accordion styles on a variety of squeezeboxes.

- Laren Droll, Pierre-Luc Dupuis, Cannon Labrie, Jeremiah McLane, Tony Pisano, Rose Sinclair

Steady Groove Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 11:30am - 12:45pm

Ideal dance and music pairings that will keep you gliding across the floor, compliments of the stellar band/caller combination, Elixir!

- Nils Fredland, Elixir

Stepping over the edge: Intro to Improv (IM)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Learn to use melodies as a springboard for exploring melodic improvisation and how to improvise over standard chord progressions. Learn about the practice of improvisation in other musical cultures, and experiment with their systems of modal improvisation.

- Jeremiah McLane

Stillhouse Rounders in Concert (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Saturday 11:30am - 12:30pm

The Stillhouse Rounders, composed of Michael Fleck on banjo, Gil Sayre on guitar and lead vocals, Geoff Harden on bass and harmony vocals, and Mark Schmidt on fiddle and vocals are a group of very talented musicians from the Hudson Valley of New York State. They play traditional acoustic old-time rural stringband music reminiscent of the early stringbands recorded during the "Golden Years" of stringband music, throughout the rural south and midwest during the 1920's and '30's. This music grew out the traditional ballad and dance music of the Appalachian Mountains along with early country music (during its infancy before it became modern "Country and Western"). The Stillhouse Rounders combine wild and crazy fiddle and banjo dance tunes with driving vocal renditions of traditional songs, and come up with an infectious blend of Old-Time and Bluegrass music "poured straight from a Mason jar."

- Stillhouse Rounders

Storytelling Voices (P)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 4:15pm - 5:15pm

Gather 'round to hear stories from different lands, from different voices and storytelling styles. Festival storytellers share their tales and talents.

- The Storycrafters, Joe Bruchac, Beth Bierko, Scott Bierko, Bairbre McCarthy, Jeannine Laverty

Strawberry Hill Fiddlers (E)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 2:00pm - 2:45pm

The Strawberry Hill Fiddlers are a teenage fiddle band that perform many styles of traditional music. Their classes are offered through Stringendo, Inc., a community music school in Poughkeepsie, NY.

- Strawberry Hill Fiddlers

Street Corner DooWop

Hilton Hotel Gallery, Sunday 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Look for and join in with "The Reminisants," a fun a capella Street Corner DooWop group who will be strolling the Flurry on Sunday.

- The Reminisants

Swing & Jazz Piano Demystified (P)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Piano workshop for all levels to hear varying examples of Jazz & Swing piano, with ample time for discussions and Q&A.

- Alan Thomson

Swing Dance Party! (NM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Friday 10:30pm - 12:15am

Take a step back in time and swing to the sounds of Miss Tess and the Bon Ton Parade.

- Miss Tess & The Bon Ton Parade

Swing Dance: Swing, Blues & West Coast (NM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 10:15pm - 12:00am

A little of everything, swinging with Big Joe Fitz Band.

- Big Joe Fitz Band

Swing Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Open session of swing dance music. All levels welcome. Fakebook style book of charts for C, Bb & Eb instrument, vocal lyrics of American swing standards are provided.

- Dave Crump & Swing Shift

Swing! Saratoga Diamond Dance (E)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Let the Gordon Webster Sextet get you getting started on a great night of swing!

- Gordon Webster Sextet

Swing! Saratoga Diamond Dance: Swing Performance (E)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 9:00pm - 9:15pm

Swing dance performance by the Vanaver Caravan Swing Kids.

- Vanaver Caravan

Swingin' On A Star (NM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Friday 8:45pm - 10:15pm

Patti Melita does her swing thing with the hippest of hooligans. Come dance to music of all tempos, you can dance all night!

- Patti-O & The Hip Hooligans

Tale Warmers (EF)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Family Performance of world folktales on a winter theme.

- The Storycrafters, Alan McClintock

Tango 101 (IB)

City Center Room B/C, Friday 8:00pm - 8:45pm
Learn basic steps to this popular Latin dance style.
- Hsueh-tze Lee, Spare Parts, Eric Buddington

Tango 201: Intermediate (IM)

City Center Room B/C, Friday 8:45pm - 9:30pm
Classic and classy figures of Argentine tango.
- Hsueh-tze Lee, Spare Parts, Eric Buddington

Tango Dance (NM)

City Center Room B/C, Friday 9:45pm - 11:00pm
It takes two . . . so take someone in hand, and Tango!
- Spare Parts, Eric Buddington

Tango Milonga Workshop & Dance (IDBM)

Canfield Casino, Saturday 3:30pm - 5:15pm
No-sweat rhythmic feet. Along with Tango and Tango waltz, the Milonga is the other mainstay of Argentine dancing. Learn Milonga steps and leading and following skills.
- Hsueh-tze Lee, Spare Parts

Tango Waltz Lesson & Dance (INBM)

Canfield Casino, Sunday 11:45am - 1:15pm
Syncopation & Swirls. Exciting fast waltzing based on Argentine tango steps.
- Hsueh-tze Lee, Spare Parts, Eric Buddington

Teaching Dances to Kids (PG)

Hilton Travers, Sunday 2:00pm - 3:00pm
A discussion with the experts -- Paul Rosenberg, France Bourque-Moreau, Livia Vanaver, Peter Amidon -- about ways of engaging kids to dance. Demonstrations as well as discussion are possible.
- Paul Rosenberg, Livia Drapkin Vanaver, Peter Amidon, France Bourque-Moreau

Tennis Ball Massage (IB)

Hilton Alabama, Saturday 9:15pm - 10:15pm
Feet tired? Shoulders tight? Tennis Ball Massage is a method of gentle muscular release. It can be done on feet, calves, shoulders, upper back and other areas. You don't need a partner, and can do it any time you feel the need to stretch gently and de-stress. This workshop will start with feet and shoulders -- two key areas for dancers -- and will include other areas as time and space allow.
- Elizabeth Gibbons

Texas Two-Step Lesson & Dance (INBM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:15pm
Don't miss this Two-step workshop (20-25 minutes), followed by a Country dance.
- Barry Koffler, Girl Howdy

The Anatomy of Dance Music (P)

Hilton Alabama, Sunday 1:15pm - 2:15pm
Band workshop: what makes good dance music? How should a band interact with the caller and dancers? Are tunes really necessary? How do you work out interesting arrangements?
- The Great Bear Trio

The Art of Lyrical Playing (IM)

Hilton Travers, Saturday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Explore the art of playing lyrically on any instrument, focusing on playing waltzes and/or English Country Dance tunes. We'll discuss phrasing, tone, expression, and other skills.

- Jesse Hazzard-Watkins

The Best Contras In The World

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 9:45pm - 11:15pm

Nils's Favorite Contra Dances.

- Nils Fredland, Elixir

The Psychedelic Contradance Experience (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 11:30pm - 1:00am

If you've ever longed to "balance and swing" with ELO, "Hey for four" with Carlos Santana, or execute a Petronella spin to the music of Queen, this may very well be as close as you'll ever get!

- Will Mentor, Giant Robot Dance

This & That Song Swap (GM)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Get off your feet for a moment, share a favorite song, teach it, harmonize, take turns with instrumental leads.

- Betsy Fry, Steve Fry

Three Quarter North: Bluegrass Folk (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Sunday 2:45pm - 3:45pm

This accomplished group plays everything from traditional jam tunes to complex original pop, weaving acoustic influences into an enticing sound. Homegrown and raised on tradition, Three Quarter North exemplifies the best in American roots music.

- Three Quarter North

Totally Very Beginning Swing 101 (IB)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Friday 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Cover the basics of 6-count East Coast Swing Dance (triple step) for those who want to learn to swing dance to up-tempo swing, jump blues and rockabilly music.

- Jason Fenton, Alan Thomson Tiny Big Band

Traditional Folk Tales For All Ages (E)

Hilton Travers, Sunday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Peter and Mary Alice tell traditional folktales for all ages.

- Mary Alice Amidon, Peter Amidon

Traditional Teens (E)

Hilton High Rock, Saturday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

A presentation by some of the Festival's talented younger performers.

- Nadine Dyskant-Miller, Jonathan "Jazz" Russell, Chelsea Hadden, Fiddleabout, Russell McCumber

Ukrainian Village Dance (DF)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Sunday 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Join the Shepko family as they play Ukrainian village music and demonstrate dances to go with the music. Dances from central Ukraine and Carpathian mountain region played by the Shepko kids.

- Korinya

Victorian Contras & Squares (DB)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Saturday 10:00am - 11:15am

Easy contra dances and squares in the gentle style of the nineteenth century.

- Susan de Guardiola, Spare Parts

Vintage Jazz Doc Scanlon Trio & Jonathan "Jazz" Russell (E)

Parting Glass Pub, Saturday 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Vintage Jazz! Swing, Jive and Jump tunes from the 1930's & '40's

- Doc Scanlon Trio w/Jonathan "Jazz" Russell

Viva Flamenco: Beginning Flamenco Dance (IB)

Hilton Broadway Ballroom, Sunday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

The fire and passion of Southern Spain comes alive with Viva Flamenco. With exciting guitar, cante (song) and dance, watch the beauty of this gypsy art come to life. Join in the fever with these performers and teachers from the Tri-State area.

- Viva Flamenco

Vocal Styles (P)

Hilton High Rock, Sunday 11:15am - 12:15pm

Presentation of different vocal stylings by various festival performers.

- Annie Rosen, De Temps Antan, Miss Rene Bailey, Jean Rohe, Miss Tess

Wake Up Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Sunday 11:15am - 12:30pm

Like a good, strong cup of coffee...these dances will get you moving through another day at the Flurry!

- Nils Fredland, Elixir

Waldorf a Cappella (E)

Hilton Pavilion, Sunday 11:00am - 11:30am

A group of 15 high school students singing a wide range of a cappella music including folk, world music, pop and traditional.

- Waldorf a Cappella

Waltz 101 (IB)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Learn to "waltz on air" in just a brief time. This workshop will teach you the fundamentals for traveling across the floor while waltzing.

- Saratoga SAVOY, FireFlies

Waltz Jam (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Open session for all musicians and abilities -- waltzes, waltzes, waltzes!

- Peter Macfarlane

Waltzes and Couple Dances (NM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

Waltzes with passion and panache, dreaminess and playfulness, music with an international flavor, a jazzy or country sound; waltzes with South American rhythms that inspire tango moves: all to invite you to be creative, romantic and expressive with your dancing.
- Lea, Beerbohm, & Schwab

Welcome Contrás (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Friday 7:00pm - 8:45pm
Comfortable contrás to start off your Flurry weekend.
- Will Mentor, The Great Bear Trio

Welcome Jam: Waltzes & More (GM)

Hilton High Rock, Friday 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Limber up your fingers! Join Quickstep for an open jamming session of waltzes, jigs, reels and more.
- Quickstep

Welcome Sing-Around (GM)

Hilton Travers, Friday 7:00pm - 8:45pm
A song session of traditional folk songs and choruses, in an informal circle sing-around.
- Dave Crump

West African Drumming

Temple Sinai, Sunday 2:45pm - 3:45pm
Fode Sissoko is an 8th generation Mandinka Griot from Senegal. A master on the Kora and Djembe. Bring your drums.
- Fode Sissoko

West Coast Swing: Lesson & Dance (IDBM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Sunday 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Hot, smooth, slow, and sensuous version of its predecessor the Lindy Hop. A Valentines Day version of swing dance if ever there was one.
- Evan MacDonald, Donald Young Blues Band

Wind Styles (P)

Hilton High Rock, Sunday 10:00am - 11:00am
Presentation of a variety of wind styles from festival performers, with an assortment of wind instruments.
- Liz Stell, Nadine Dyskant-Miller, Nils Fredland, Jesse Hazzard-Watkins, Anna Patton

World Dance for Families (DF)

City Center Room B/C, Saturday 12:30pm - 1:45pm
Dance with your family an assortment of traditional dances from TVC's repertoire: from an Italian tarentella, to the Israeli hora, from an African harvest dance, to Brazil and Hawaii.
- Vanaver Caravan

World Songs and Dances for Peace (GF)

City Center Room B/C, Sunday 11:15am - 12:15pm
Songs and dances from all over the world and the US.
- Vanaver Caravan

Yoga Of The Aware Heart (GM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 8:30am - 9:30am

Simple, fun warm-ups, classic yoga poses, relaxation and brief meditation -- emphasizing lightness of heart.

- Mana Behan

You can Doo Wop! (GB)

Temple Sinai, Saturday 12:45pm - 1:45pm

We'll teach you our individual parts to a song so that you, too, can doo wop. Our goal is to have dozens of people from the audience participate and sing one of our songs as an ensemble.

- The Flipsydz

You Can Sleep When You're Not At The Flurry Contras (DM)

City Center Rosenberg Hall (Rm D), Friday 11:00pm - 1:00am

You're at the Flurry. Time doesn't matter, so join Elixir for another contra dance party!

- Nils Fredland, Elixir

Young Choreographers' Workshop

Hilton Whitney, Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm

An opportunity to present new choreographic presentations, as well as to share choreographic techniques. Older children, teens, young adults, adults all welcome.

- Lili Loveday and Young Performers' Creative Dance

Zydeco Dance (DM)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 4:15pm - 5:30pm

Zydeco Dance.

- Dirty Rice Zydeco

Zydeco Dance Party (NM)

Saratoga Music Hall, Friday 10:45pm - 12:15am

Warm up your weekend with Zydeco!

- Dirty Rice Zydeco

Zydeco Dancing 101 (IB)

Hilton Melita Ballroom, Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm

The hot dance that looks so cool & feels so good! Learn this lively, popular dance that perfectly complements the powerful & intricate groove rhythms of Louisiana Zydeco music!

- Esther Brill, Dirty Rice Zydeco

Zydeco Jam Session (GM)

Hilton Pavilion, Saturday 8:30pm - 9:30pm

Join in and jam with Dirty Rice Zydeco!

- Dirty Rice Zydeco