

## celebrate



Your generous support and participation has helped us continue to serve the Capital District with over 50 dances and six special or weekend events in 2013. We offer our sincere thanks to the amazing group of volunteers who plan and present our monthly swing, contra and English Country dance events, and congratulate Nancy Yule, whose Capital English Country Dances series hit the quarter-century mark.

## community

**The 2013 Flurry was a smashing success.**



Attendance hovered around 5000, with a very wide age range. A new focus for the year was an increase of programming for teens. We added about 20 events that were either teen-specific or directed at younger participants. These included a late night Techno contra dance party, hip hop

dancing, teen-only contra and swing dances, teen talent showcases, and some all-teen bands performing. The result of these efforts was an increase in participation by about 200 more youth than last year. Alongside that, we kept true to tradition with an outstanding lineup of traditional music, dance, singing, storytelling,

and jamming that keep our participants coming back.

**The 2014 Flurry Festival will take place February 14-16** in Saratoga Springs, headquartered at the City Center and Hilton Hotel. One of our goals for next year is to stay in the 5000-participants range as that is the maximum number of people we can accommodate among our locations at any given time. We will continue our tradition of hiring performers who provide excellent music and dance instruction. The Flurry schedule will include a strong line of workshops that will be appealing to teens and college-age festival goers, and we expect an even higher increase in attendance from that age group.



## build

In addition to providing our long-standing events, the DFO is expanding our focus to get young people interested in traditional dance and music and thereby sustain and increase our audience. This year we offered DF-YO! (DanceFlurry Youth Outreach) grants to groups offering events to students and families. Parsons Child & Family Center and Glens Falls YMCA each sponsored a family fun night that introduced parents and children to traditional music and got them out on the dance floor. We are excited about a DF-YO! grant we've provided to the Elsmere Elementary PTA for a Valentine's family dance in February. The DF-YO! application can be found on the DFO website link "Let Us Help You" under "Youth Outreach."



Clockwise from upper left: Firefly Ball /Solstice English Country Dance weekend; Swing dancers at the Flurry; DF-YO! funded events at the Glens Falls YMCA and the Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany; teens at the Flurry; Junious Brickhouse instructs a hip hop class at the Flurry. Photos: Top right, Lawrence White; Center left and bottom left, Lucy Schultz Photography; all others, Don Bell.



# please contribute

## Membership Information Form\*

Join or donate using this form or  
online at [www.danceflurry.org](http://www.danceflurry.org)

Memberships run the one calendar year : Jan. 1 to Dec. 31

Date \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renewal  Gift

Name:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If this is a gift membership, complete the form with recipient's information and add your name and contact information here:

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**I approve public recognition of my membership and/or donation**  Yes (We will assume "no" unless checked)

**We Need Volunteers!** I can help with :  local dances  
 general DFO activities  outreach activities

### Dance Interests

Contra  English  Swing  
 Tango  Scottish  Family  
 Ballroom  Salsa  Waltz  
 International  Scandinavian  
 Cajun/Zydeco Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Music Interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP

**Basic Membership**  \$25 Individual  
 \$45 Couple/Family  \$15 Limited Income Individual

**Donor Membership** (The amount exceeding basic membership levels is tax deductible)

Supporter \$50  Partner \$500  Sponsor \$100  
 Patron (\$350)  Hero(ine) \$1000 Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting an employer match

**Optional**  I would like a name tag

### DONATION ONLY:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ General DFO fund \$\_\_\_\_\_ Flurry Festival

Please mail this form along with your check payable to  
*DanceFlurry Organization* to:

**DanceFlurry Organization Membership**  
**PO Box 448, Latham, NY, 12110-0448**

## support

The DanceFlurry Organization is helping other organizations with their dance events. In May, caller Paul Roseberg and the band Tamarack (Patricia Kernan, Jim Mead, and Sue Mead) donated the proceeds of a dance held at the unique Octagon Barn in Knox, NY and the DFO made a donation to benefit Schoharie Area Long Term (SALT). SALT is the lead agency coordinating rebuilding and recovery efforts in the Schoharie Creek basin and surrounding areas which were devastated by Hurricanes Lee and Irene. The DFO also provided technical support and funding for a swing dance held at Grafton State Park in the summer.

## connect

The DFO web site, [www.danceflurry.org](http://www.danceflurry.org), underwent a facelift this fall. Our thanks go out to the volunteers who assisted with their suggestions and editing skills. Our goal is to provide a streamlined site that is easy to navigate and quickly gets visitors to news and resources. We plan to design a mobile version of the site and add a directory of bands and callers in the region. Visit the site to **see our calendar, sign up for notices and join us on Facebook.**



Scenes from Flurry 2013. Photos: Top, Lawrence White; Bottom left, Katherine Wardle; right, Lucy Schultz Photography