



## Steps & Notes

### New Year's at Ashokan Thursday, Dec 31, 2015 – Sunday, Jan 3, 2016

Three days of fabulous music and dancing plus our annual New Year's Eve dinner dance featuring Swing, Cajun, Contras, Squares, Blues and Waltzes! Enjoy music and dance classes, singing, jamming and evening dance parties. If you can't make it to the whole weekend, please join us for New Year's Eve. Jay & Molly with Swingology, Jesse Lege & Bayou Brew... and, on New Year's Eve only, The Yanks and ZydeGroove!

More information and registration at [ashokan.org/new-years-at-ashokan](http://ashokan.org/new-years-at-ashokan)

### The Winter Hoot January 29-31, 2016

With music, dancing, food, film, art and nature activities for all ages, the 4th Annual Winter Hoot welcomes the community, one and all, for a spirit-raising good time in mid-winter! Hear world-class musical acts from our Hudson Valley region and beyond! Come for a few hours or the whole weekend - tickets are pay what you can. Indoor lodging is available for an additional charge.

The Hoot builds community through music and dance. All proceeds directly support The Ashokan Center's outdoor environmental education programs, facility improvements, and ongoing community outreach.

Ashokan Center, Olivebridge, NY [www.homeofthehoot.com](http://www.homeofthehoot.com)



### The 29th Annual Flurry Festival February 12-14, 2016

A Festival of Traditional Dancing and Music. For Dancers & Music Lovers Of All Ages! This is a weekend you don't want to miss! Over 300 Performers - Five Venues - Over 200 Events

Dances • Workshops • Singing • Concerts • Jamming • Performances • Family Events  
Storytelling • Vendors • Beginner, Intermediate and Experienced Level Workshops and Dances

Contra, Swing, Latin, English Country, Squares, Vintage, Clogging, Hip-Hop, Cajun, Zydeco, Irish, Scandinavian, Middle Eastern, Asian, European, American and International Folk, Yoga and Body Movement. Beginner to experienced. Make music and sing in sessions such as Irish, Quebecois, Southern Old-Time, African, Scandinavian, Adirondack, Gospel & Community Sing-alongs, Folk, Fiddle, Guitar, Banjo, Flute, Harmonica, Ukulele, Voice and more!

The Flurry Festival, 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY [www.flurryfestival.org](http://www.flurryfestival.org)

### Announcing Ashokan Music & Dance Camps – 2016

- Apr 1-3 Bruce Molsky & Debra Clifford's Old Time Rollick
- Apr 29-May 1 Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas: Trad String Fling with Concert Sunday, May 1
- May 27-30 4th Annual Uke Fest
- June 26-July 2 Western+Swing Week
- July 11-15 Acoustic Guitar Camp
- July 17-23 Northern Week
- Aug 8-12 Family Camp
- Aug 14-20 Southern Week



#### New this year!

Debra Clifford & Bruce Molsky of Ashokan's Southern Week host a brand new weekend immersion camp April 1-3, 2016... The Old Time Rollick!

We offer generous **Work Exchange programs, Youth Pricing and Youth Scholarships** so that people of all ages and economic levels can be part of the Ashokan community. We invite you to join us for a weekend or week-long camp, or one of our festivals, concerts, or dances.

See [ashokan.org](http://ashokan.org) for more details.

### Jay & Molly's Concerts

**Sat, Jan 23** Parlor Room. Northampton, MA

**Sun, Jan 24** St. George's Episcopal Church. Newburgh, NY

**Fri, Feb 5** Town Hall Theatre. West Bainbridge, NY

**Sat, Feb 6** Congregation Kol Ami. Elmira, NY

#### Five Shows with Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas



**Fri, Feb 25** Shedd Institute for the Arts. Eugene, OR

**Sat, Feb 26** Kent-Meridian Performing Arts Center. Kent, WA

**Sun, Feb 27** Mt. Baker Theatre. Bellingham, WA

**Sat, Mar 5** Shea Center for Performing Arts. Wayne, NJ

**Sun, Mar 6** Carolina Theatre of Durham. Durham, NC

**Info/tickets at [jayandmolly.com](http://jayandmolly.com)**

### Advertise Here!

Front page and display space are available to member organizations. We distribute more than 5,000 digital copies of the Fiddle & Dance News directly via email and another 1,000 hard copies at events.

Listings may be added and updated in our online calendars at any time.

Front page ads \$25 (we edit to fit).  
Dance Calendar listings \$20 for 1-3 lines,  
\$5 each additional line.

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- FFD - Friends of Fiddle & Dance**
- HVCD - Hudson Valley Community Dance**
- DFO - Dance Flurry Organization**
- OSD - Old Songs Dances**

Ashokan Music & Dance Camps  
PO Box 49  
Saugerties, NY 12477  
(845) 246-2121

# Mid-Hudson Dance Calendar

**Fri, Jan 1** 7-11pm First Friday Swing Dance on New Year's Day. DFO Sponsored. 7:30-8:30pm: Free Lesson w/ admission. No partner/experience needed! 8:30pm: Dancing. firstfriday-swingdance@gmail.com. Elks Lodge, Albany

**Sat, Jan 2** 7-10:30pm English Dance. HVCD. Patricia Evans calling w/ Tiddely Pom \$10/\$5 students w/ full-time ID. Lesson @ 7pm required for new dancers. Lesson helpers welcome. 845-452-2483. Reformed Church of Port Ewen

**Sun, Jan 3** 2-5pm Capital English Country Dance. DFO Affiliate. Third String Trio w/ caller Orly Krasner. Beginners welcome. Wear flat soft-soled shoes. Intro workshop on request @ 1:30pm. \$12/\$10 members/\$6 students. Free first admission for new Eng country dancers. 518-477-5684. CapitalECD@gmail.com. First UUC, Albany

**Fri, Jan 8** 7-11pm Zydeco Dance. HVCD. River City Slim & the Zydeco Hogs www.zydecohogs.net. 7pm Dance lesson w/ Carol; 8pm Dance. \$15/\$10 full-time students w/ID. 914-388-7048. White Eagle Benevolent Society, Kingston

**Fri, Jan 8** 8-11pm Albany Contradances. Gaslight Tinkers w/ caller Peter Stix. Beg workshop 7:45pm \$10/\$5 (students w/ ID. Wear sneakers or shoes w/ clean, soft soles 518-729-7791 peter.stix@me.com danceflurry.org. Elks Lodge, Albany

**Sat, Jan 9** 8-11pm Woodstock Contradance. Gaslight Tinkers w/ caller Peter Stix, Peter Siegel, Audrey Knuth. \$10 845-246-2121 ashokan.org. Woodstock Community Center, Woodstock

**Sun, Jan 10** 6-9pm Swing Dance Live Band. HVCD. 6-6:30: Beginners' Lesson 6:30-9: Band \$12/\$8 FT students w/ ID. No Partner/Experience Necessary! 845-454-2571. Arlington Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie

**Fri, Jan 15** 7:30-11pm Diamond Dance. DFO Affiliate. Free food. Live music. Demos. Free beg lesson 7:30pm \$16/\$15 flurry members. 518-587-5132 dance@saratogasavoy.com diamonddance.snack.ws Saratoga Music Hall, Saratoga

**Sat, Jan 16** 7:30-10:30pm 3rd Saturday Contra Dance Party. HVCD. Jeff Walker & the Walker Family Band. Doors open at 7. \$10/\$5 full-time students contra@hudsonvalleydance.org 845-473-7050. St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie

**Sun, Jan 17** 2-5pm Rensselaer English Country Dance. DFO Affiliate. Caller William Brearley. Live music by Heartsease Band. Beg Instruction 1:30-2pm. \$12, limited income indiv \$8, \$1 discount for DFO members. Bring soft-soled shoes. All dances taught. No partner/experience needed. 518-273-5172 donbell@nycap.rr.com Christ Church United Methodist, Troy

**Fri, Jan 22** 6:30-8pm Swing Dance Workshops w/ Emily Vanston. HVCD. 6:30pm: Side-by-side Charleston 7:15pm: Face-to-face Charleston (side-by-side pre-req). \$15 ea/\$20 both. For Adv. Beg thru Int. Knowledge of 6-count basic required. www.emilyvanston.com. hudsonvalleydance.org. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club

**Fri, Jan 22** 8-11:30pm Swing Dance to Abbie Gardner & The Craziest Dream Band. HVCD. Beg Lesson 8-8:30. \$15/\$10 students w/ full-time ID. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club

**Sun, Jan 29** 8-11pm Albany Contradances! Hawaiian Shirt Night! Coracree w/ caller Melanie Axel-Lute. Beg workshop 7:45pm \$10/\$5 students w/ full-time ID. Wear sneakers or shoes w/clean, soft soles. Peter 518-729-7791 peter.stix@me.com www.danceflurry.org. Elks Lodge, Albany

**Sat, Jan 30** 7:30-10:30pm 5th Saturday Contradance. HVCD. Dave Eisenstadter calling w/ Coracree. Doors open at 7. \$10/\$5 students w/full-time ID. contra@hudsonvalleydance.org 845-473-7050. St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie

**Sat, Feb 6** 7-10:30pm English Dance. HVCD. Dorothy Cummings calling w/ Tiddely Pom \$10/\$5 students w/ full-time ID. Lesson @ 7pm required for new dancers. Lesson helpers welcome. 845-452-2483. Reformed Church of Port Ewen

**Sun, Feb 7** 2-5pm Capital English Country Dance. DFO Affiliate. Caller: Joanna Reiner. Music: Early Music. Beginners welcome. Wear flat soft soled shoes. Intro workshop on request @1:30pm. \$12/\$10 members, \$6 students w/ full-time ID. Free first admission for new Eng country dancers. 518-477-5684. CapitalECD@gmail.com. First UUC, Albany

**Fri, Feb 19** No Woodstock Contradance. Gone to the Flurry Festival!

**Fri, Feb 19** 7:30-11pm Diamond Dance. DFO Affiliate. Free food. Live music. Demonstrations. Free beginner lesson at 7:30pm! \$15 flurry members/\$16 others. 518-587-5132 dance@saratogasavoy.com diamonddance.snack.ws Saratoga Music Hall, Saratoga

**Sat, Feb 20** 7:30-10:30pm 3rd Saturday Contra Dance Party. HVCD. Eric Hollman calling w/ Contra Circus. Doors open at 7. \$10/\$5 full time students contra@hudsonvalleydance.org 845-473-7050. St John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie

**Sun, Feb 21** 2-5pm Rensselaer English Country Dance. DFO Affiliate. Caller Melanie Axel-Lute. Live music by Heartsease Band. Beg Instruction 1:30-2pm. \$12, limited income indiv \$8, \$1 discount for DFO members. Bring soft-soled shoes. All dances taught. No partner/experience needed. 518-273-5172 donbell@nycap.rr.com Christ Church United Methodist, Troy

**Sun, Feb 21** 6-9pm Swing Dance Live Band. HVCD. 6pm: Beg. Lesson 6:30pm: Dance \$12/\$8 full-time students w/ ID. No Partner/Experience Necessary! 845-454-2571. Arlington Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie

**Fri, Feb 26** Swing Dance & Workshops. HVCD. 6:30-7:15 Workshop 1; 7:15-8 Workshop 2. 8-11:30pm Swing Dance to the Gordon Webster Sextet. 8pm: Beg. Lesson 8:30pm: Dance \$15/\$10 full-time students w/ ID. hudsonvalleydance.org. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club

**Sat, Mar 5** 7-10:30pm English Dance. HVCD. TBA calling w/ Tiddely Pom \$10/\$5 students w/ full-time ID. Lesson @7pm required for new dancers. Lesson helpers welcome. 845-452-2483. Reformed Church of Port Ewen

**Sun, Mar 6** 2-5pm Capital English Country Dance. DFO Affiliate. Caller: Graham Christian. Music: Pat MacPherson & Aldo Fabrizi. Beginners Welcome. Wear flat soft-soled shoes. Intro workshop on request @ 1:30pm. \$12/\$10 members/\$6 students. Free first admission for new Eng country dancers. 518-477-5684. CapitalECD@gmail.com. First UUC, Albany

**Fri, Mar 11** 8-11pm Albany Contradances! The Russet Trio, caller TBA. Beg workshop 7:45 \$10/\$5 students w/ full-time ID. Wear sneakers or shoes w/ clean, soft soles. Peter 518-729-7791 peter.stix@me.com danceflurry.org. Elks Lodge, Albany

**Sat, Mar 12** 8-11pm Woodstock Contradance. George Wilson & Toby Stover, caller Sarah Van Norstrand. \$10. 845-246-2121 ashokan.org. Woodstock Community Center, Woodstock

**Fri, Mar 18** 7:30-11pm Diamond Dance. DFO Affiliate. Free food. Live music. Demonstrations. Free beginner lesson at 7:30pm! \$15 flurry members/\$16 others. 518-587-5132 dance@saratogasavoy.com diamonddance.snack.ws Saratoga Music Hall, Saratoga

**Sat, Mar 19** 7:30-10:30pm 3rd Saturday Contra Dance! HVCD. Quena Crain calling w/Aldo Lavaggi & Susie Deane. Doors open at 7, dance at 7:30 \$10/\$5 full time students info: contra@hudsonvalleydance.org or 845-473-7050 St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie

**Sun, Mar 20** 2-5pm Rensselaer English Country Dance. DFO Affiliate. Caller Tom Amesse. Music by Heartsease Band. Beg Instruction 1:30-2pm. \$12, limited income indiv \$8, \$1 discount for DFO members. Bring soft-soled shoes. All dances taught. No partner/experience needed. 518-273-5172 donbell@nycap.rr.com Christ Church United Methodist, Troy

**Sun, Mar 20** 6-9pm Swing Dance Live Band. HVCD. 6pm: Beg. Lesson 6:30pm: Dance \$12/\$8 full-time students w/ ID. No Partner/Experience Necessary! 845-454-2571. Arlington Reformed Church, Poughkeepsie

**Fri, Mar 25** 6:30-8pm Pre-Intermediate Swing Dance Workshops. HVCD. Workshop I 6:30pm; Workshop II 7:15pm; \$15 ea or \$20/both. www.emilyvanston.com. hudsonvalleydance.org. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club

**Fri, Mar 25** 8:30-11:30pm Swing Dance to Eight to the Bar. HVCD. Beg Lesson: 8-8:30 Dance: 8:30-11:30 \$15/\$10 students w/ full-time ID. hudsonvalleydance.org. Poughkeepsie Tennis Club

## Dance Locations

### Ashokan Center

477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge

Take NYS Thruway (I-87) to Kingston exit 19. Take first right off traffic circle on 28 West towards Pine Hill. Follow 28 for about 12 miles. Go left at Winchell's Pizza onto Reservoir Rd. Cross reservoir & take left at "T." Bear right down hill. You will merge onto Rt 28A West. Go 1/4 mile and take left on Beaverkill Rd. Go 1 mile to Ashokan Center entrance on right. Follow right fork of driveway to parking lot, then take trail down.

### Arlington Reformed Church

Rt. 44/55E, east of Poughkeepsie

From Mid-Hudson Bridge take Rt. 44/55 east about 2 miles to the intersection of Raymond Ave (note Vassar College sign). Turn right on Raymond. From the east take 44/55 west to Raymond. Go left on Raymond to intersection of 44/55E. Church is on SE corner. Park on Raymond or in lot behind pizza shop.

### Christ Church United Methodist

35 State St, Troy

### Elks Lodge

25 S. Allen St., Albany

From I-87 take exit 23 to I-787 N 1.9 miles to exit 4. Merge right off exit, stay in left lane to light. Go left under tunnel and left at light after tunnel onto Broadway. Go right on Madison Ave. for 2.6 miles. Turn left on S. Allen St. and then left onto Yates St.

### First Unitarian Universalist Church

405 Washington Ave., Albany

### Woodstock Community Center

Rock City Rd, Woodstock

From the NYS Thruway (I-87) exit 19 (Kingston) take Rt. 28 west toward Pinehill. In about 6 mi turn right onto Rt. 375 and follow it to Rt. 212. Take a left onto 212 and follow it to the village green in the center of Woodstock. Take a right onto Rock City Rd and follow it 1/4 mi to the Community Center on the right.

### Poughkeepsie Tennis Club

135 S Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie

From the west, take Rt. 44/55 east from Rt. 9 or Mid-Hudson Bridge. Go right on Academy at the 4th light, then left on Livingston at the 3rd light. The club is on the left after the sharp left turn by Ivy Terrace. From the east, take Rt. 44/55 and watch for The Holy Trinity R.C. Church on the left; take a left onto N. Grand at the next light. At the 5th light take a right on to Hooker. Go 6 lights and take a left onto South Hamilton. Go 1/2 mile. Tennis Club is a gray building on right.

### Reformed Church of Port Ewen

160 Salem St, Port Ewen

From I-87 exit 19 at traffic circle take I-587 E. Continue onto Broadway and go til you can take Delaware Ave. on left. Merge left onto US 9W South. Continue until Salem St. (on right).

### Saratoga Music Hall

474 Broadway, Saratoga

### St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wilbur Ave., Poughkeepsie

From Mid-Hudson Bridge continue on 44/55E. At 5th light go right on So. Hamilton. Take first left onto Hooker Ave. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Wilbur Blvd. Church on left. From Taconic go west on 44 or 55. After they merge go left on Raymond Ave. to end. Go right on Hooker Ave. In .6 mi. go left on Wilbur Blvd. Church on right.

### White Eagle Benevolent Society

487 Delaware Ave., Kingston