



SPRINGFORTH BALL

Richmond, VA's 27th Annual Contra Dance Weekend

APR
12-14
2024

MUSIC BY

DRIVE TRAIN

Ed Howe (fiddle)
Bennett Konesni (guitar)
Noah Fishman (bass, mandolin & bouzouki)

WITH CALLING BY

Gaye Fifer

IN THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC
GINTER BALLROOM
of the
Lewis Ginter Recreation Association
3421 Hawthorne Ave, Richmond VA

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

+ FRIDAY +
7:00 Check-in begins
8:00-11:30- Contra Dance

+ SATURDAY WORKSHOPS +
Waltz / Challenging Contras
English Country / Squares
Round Dancing / & more!
*Box Lunches available for pre-order
Covered Dish Social Supper*

+ SATURDAY EVENING +
8:00-11:30- Grand Springforth Ball

+ SUNDAY +
Waffle Brunch / Concert with Drive Train
Farewell Contra - until 2pm



REGISTER TODAY

Or Register Online
www.tadamsva.org



*Name _____ Name for badge _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

*Phone (____) _____

*Email _____

I am attending with _____

Mail to:
TADAMS
PO Box 15897
Richmond, VA 23227

Please fill out a separate form for each registrant & print legibly.

WE ACCEPT:

- Checks made payable to: TADAMS
- **Paypal:** tadamsvacontra@gmail.com

Registration confirmed by email. Full payment must be enclosed to reserve your space.

If you become unwell, please do not attend. We will issue a refund, less \$5. Full cancellation policy online at tadamsva.org.

Get in contact with us
springforthball@gmail.com
(804) 404-9476

FULL WEEKEND Includes all dances, workshops & Sunday brunch.

Early Bird rates must register & pay by Mar. 8

- Adult:** Early Bird \$125 / \$140 after Mar. 8 \$ _____
- Youth (Ages 13-25):** Early Bird \$95 / \$105 after Mar. 8 \$ _____
- Child (Ages 6-12):** \$0; Children must be accompanied by an adult . \$ _____

À LA CARTE Pricing is available for Friday & Sunday.

- Friday:** Evening Dance \$25 \$ _____
- Sunday:** Includes Farewell Contra, Concert, Brunch \$40 \$ _____

MEALS please select all you wish to participate in.

- Sat. Box Lunch**, \$12 add'l, select 1: Omnivore Vegetarian \$ _____
- Sat. Covered Dish Supper- Attendee** (I plan to bring a dish to share)
- Sun. Waffle Brunch** (Included in Full Weekend & Sunday à la carte registration)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Are you able to **volunteer**? Circle your preferred contact: Email or Phone

Housing is limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

- I need can provide housing for _____ # of people for Friday Saturday
- Sleeping bag space is OK Special needs _____

If registering as a couple and requesting housing, please specify if you require separate rooms.



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THE TALENT

Drive Train is a New England raised group of rocking contra musicians who bring a drive to contra dance music like no other band out there. Ed's masterful fiddling with Bennett's high energy on the guitar pairs well with Noah's ability to lock into the groove of the music making this trio unforgettably dance-able!

Gaye Fifer is an accomplished caller from Pittsburgh, PA. An active dancer herself, Gaye understands the subtleties of making dances particularly satisfying for dancers. Her instructions are clear and concise, as she is a teacher by profession. An easy smile and delightful sense of humor are part of Gaye's relaxed, pleasant style at the microphone. Gaye calls contra and English dances throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is also an enthusiastic advocate and instructor of contra-style waltz. Gaye is currently President of the Board of CDSS.

Workshop Leaders

Gaye Fifer + Wayne Albright
+ Kathy Wooldridge + and more!

Go Figure: Janet Muse (piano) and Mike Dunn (fiddle) of Charlottesville, VA will provide music for the English Country and Waltz workshops.

Sound will be provided by TADAMS' very own Jim Creegan, longtime soundman and Board Member.

THE VENUE

Lewis Ginter Recreation Association

Contra dances will be held on the wooden dance floor of the second story Arents Music Hall of this beautiful century-old building in Ginter Park. Additional workshops, meals, and activities will be hosted on the lower level of this historic building, which was originally built as a school house and formerly served as a community hall.

GOOD TO KNOW

Our Website: tadamsva.org

Lodging is not available onsite. Ginter is just a 10 minute drive to the heart of downtown Richmond, with multiple nearby hotel and AirBnB options for various budgets. Limited host housing is available, but not guaranteed, please specify on the registration form.

Meals: Saturday box lunch can be pre-ordered with your registration for an additional \$12. Saturday covered dish supper is included with registration at no additional cost. Local dancers are encouraged to bring a main dish (fried chicken will be provided). Out of town dancers are invited to bring a side dish. All Saturday attendees are welcome. Sunday brunch with waffles and more is included at no additional cost.

Snacks will be provided on dance breaks. Coffee will be available in the mornings.

Children of all ages are welcome; however, there are no planned children's activities. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

VOLUNTEERS are needed! It takes a community to build a dance. There are many volunteer positions needed including:

- Housing hosts & host coordinator
- Registration
- Food coordinator
- Cleanup

If you are able to give a helping hand, please indicate so at registration or email springforthball@gmail.com

COVID/ILLNESS:

- Masks are optional and welcomed.
- TADAMS does not require proof of vaccination to attend our dances.
- Cancellations are accepted before 2/29. However, if you become unwell, please do not attend. We will issue a refund, less \$5 processing.
- See our full safety policy at tadamsva.org/safety.

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