



# SPRINGFORTH BALL

Richmond, VA's 28th Annual Contra Dance Weekend

**APR**  
**11-13**  
**2025**

MUSIC BY  
**PLAYING WITH FYRE**

**George Paul** (piano)  
**Rob Zisette** (fiddle)  
**Steve Kemble** (percussion)

WITH CALLING BY  
**Bob Isaacs**

Sound Engineer  
**Jim Creegan**

IN THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC  
**Lewis Ginter Recreation Association**

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

+ FRIDAY+

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

+ SATURDAY WORKSHOPS +

Waltz 101 / Challenging Contras  
English Country / Squares  
Scandinavian / and more!

*Box Lunches available for pre-order*  
*Covered Dish Social Supper*

+ SATURDAY EVENING +

8:00-11:30- Grand Springforth Ball

+ SUNDAY +

Waffle Brunch  
Concert & Waltz with Playing with Fyre  
Farewell Contra - until 2pm

## REGISTER TODAY

Or Register Online  
[www.tadamsva.org](http://www.tadamsva.org)



\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending with \_\_\_\_\_

*\$5 Processing fee  
for mail-in  
Registrations.  
Save \$5 when you  
register online.*

*Please fill out a  
separate form for  
each registrant.*

Mail to:  
**TADAMS**  
PO Box 15897  
Richmond, VA 23227

**WE ACCEPT:**

- Checks made payable to: TADAMS
- Paypal: [tadamsvacontra@gmail.com](mailto:tadamsvacontra@gmail.com)

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

If you become unwell, please do not attend. Full cancellation policy online at [tadamsva.org](http://tadamsva.org).

Get in contact with us  
[tadamsvacontra@gmail.com](mailto:tadamsvacontra@gmail.com)  
(804) 404-9476

**FULL WEEKEND** Includes all dances, workshops & Sunday brunch.

Early Bird rates must register & pay by Mar. 14

- Adult:** Early Bird \$125 / \$140 after Mar. 14 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth (Ages 13-25):** Early Bird \$95 / \$105 after Mar. 14 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Workshops:** Waltz, English, Square, Scandi \$15 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS** please select all you wish to participate in.

- Sat. Box Lunch**, \$12 add't'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)

**Mail-in Processing Fee** (no fee for online registration!)..... \$ 5.00

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We ask dancers to **volunteer** just 20-30 min of their time to make this weekend possible.

- I've signed up on the volunteer **sign up sheet:** <https://tinyurl.com/SFB-Volunteer>

**Housing** is limited, please submit requests by **March 14.**

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





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## THE TALENT

**Playing with Fyre** is a contra dance band from the Blue Ridge Mountain areas of NC and VA. PwF was founded on the magical and unique musical bond between Rob Zisette, fiddle and vocals, of Toss the Possum, and George Paul, piano, formerly of Avant Gardeners. The addition of Steve Kemble, percussion, puts their sound over the top. Rob's fiery fiddle playing, George's funky, bluesy piano, and Steve's extraordinary rhythm create an ambiance of dance seldom experienced.

**Bob Isaacs**, from New Jersey, has treated dancers across the US and Europe to his many creative dances, clear teaching, and spirited calling for many years. Whether he is calling flowing contras, hot squares, or his famous grid squares, dancers are sure to enjoy a dance that is different and fun.

### Workshop Leaders

Bob Isaacs + Jenna Simpson +  
Grant Hunnicutt of RVA Squares +  
Andrea Larson + Cawood Fitzhugh  
Richmond Shape Note Singers + and more!

**Rya Martin** (piano) and **Mike Dunn** (fiddle) of Charlottesville, VA will provide music for the Put Some Zing in Your Swing workshop led by Bob Isaacs.

**Steve Suhring** (fiddle) of Suffolk and **Andrea Larson** (instruction/fiddle) of Richmond will provide music for the Scandinavian workshop.

**Orion: Steve Suhring** (fiddle) and **Joe Healey** (banjo, hammered dulcimer) of Suffolk will provide music for the squares workshop.

**Sound** will be provided by TADAMS' very own longtime soundman, Jim Creegan.

## THE VENUE

**Lewis Ginter Recreation Association**  
3421 Hawthorne Ave, Richmond VA

Contra dances will be held on the sprung 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](http://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 for early bird registrants. Housing is not guaranteed if requested after March 14.

**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. 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. Potluck signup at: [tinyurl.com/SFB-Food](http://tinyurl.com/SFB-Food)

**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. We need help with food, registration, set up, and clean up. This year we ask dancers to give 20-30 minutes of their time to help-out. **Sign up for a volunteer slot** by scanning the QR code or go to: [tinyurl.com/SFB-Volunteer](http://tinyurl.com/SFB-Volunteer)



### ILLNESS:

- Masks are optional and welcomed.
- Cancellations are accepted before 3/29. 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](http://tadamsva.org/safety).

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