

DANCE STAR

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Star Attractions

"Big Time" Debuts Sept. 11

BigTime is a high energy musical collaboration between Michael Gutin on midi accordion and Bonnie Insull of Riverside on flute, whistle and Quebecois foot percussion. Tune repertoire runs the gamut from familiar old chestnuts to spirited tunes from all over the world arranged for contra dancing. The music is passionate and compelling. For the Sept. 11 dance, "Big Time" will be joined on stage by a surprise guest or two.

Karen Fontana Calling Oct. 9

After calling for the first time a little over a year ago, Karen Fontana has quickly made an impression on dancers throughout California with her precise, clear, and heartfelt calling. She brings years of experience as a workshop leader to the art of calling and has developed a relaxed, warm, and rhythmic calling style that netted her an invitation to call at the National Caller's Showcase before the New England Folk Festival Association's festival in Boston this Spring. She has the ability to communicate her love of the dance and music with warmth and passion to both newcomers and experienced dancers alike. Karen is a native Southern Californian currently living in the Bay Area.

Rich Goss Calling Oct. 16

Rich was introduced to contra dancing in 1990 in Austin, Texas and was immediately hooked. He began calling dances in 1992 with the help of a good friend, and called at open mikes at the Austin Wednesday contra dance. Expanding his contra horizons to include regular calling gigs, playing for and organizing dances, he has a feel for what makes a dance fun, and a concise teaching style that makes contra dancing seem easy.

A recent transplant to the west coast, Rich is now living in Portland, Oregon, calling and dancing in the Pacific

Northwest. A dance gypsy his whole dancing life, he has collected many interesting and fun dances in addition to composing a few dances of his own.

Bye For Now, From Leslie Tejada

"Thank you to all the Santa Barbara contra dancers who have welcomed me into the community over the last 10 years. I have very much appreciated the support, love and friendship in the contra family that has come my way. I particularly thank all of you who showed up at my farewell party, and I am touched that you brought a gift that will be a keepsake for years to come. I will be visiting my sons in Santa Barbara from time to time, and will surely come to more dances when I am in town. If you need to contact me, use my email leslietejada@cheerful.com. Meanwhile, I hold you all in my heart. Happy dancing! Love, Leslie"



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Last Call for Harvest Moon

As of press time, procrastinators of either gender can still make it into the legendary Harvest Moon Dance Festival, which will take place Friday through Sunday, Sept. 23-25. Caller Kathy Anderson is being re-called by popular demand. Quebecoise music will be provided by the Raz-de-maree band. Cost for the weekend is \$105 and pre-registration is required. The form can be downloaded at www.sbc.ds.org. For more information, contact Donna or Elliott Karpeles at 805-682-1877.



Kathy Anderson

DANCE SCHEDULE – Fall 2005

English Country Dances

Westside Community Center
423 W. Victoria, Santa Barbara
(Where Victoria dead-ends at Hwy 101)
805-682-5523 www.sbcds.org/ecd
7:15 to 9:30

Admission \$3.00; whole evenings of live music TBA, \$5.00

Dances are held mostly on Tuesdays,
except for several Wednesdays, as noted

Sept 6, 14 (Wed), 20, 27

Oct 4, 12 (Wed), 18, 25

Nov 1, 9 (Wed), 15, 22, 29

Music: a combination of recordings
and live music by dancer-musicians.

Dances led by Gary Shapiro and/or Alice Williams

San Luis Obispo

Odd Fellows Hall
520 Dana St, San Luis Obispo
(Hwy 101 Marsh St. exit, left on Nipomo, left on Dana)
805-541-0201 www.cccds.org

Second Saturday of every month
7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 workshop) Admission: \$8.00

Sept 10 Warren Blier/Michael Gutin Band

Oct 8 Warren Blier/The Crabapples

Nov 12 Gary Shapiro/Porch Dogs

Contra Carnivale, Jan 13-15 —Registration form at www.cccds.org

Ojai Art Center

113 S. Montgomery, Ojai
(South of East Ojai Avenue)
805-933-0660 www.ojaiartcenter.org/dance.htm

Contra Dances

7:30 to 10:30 (7:00 Workshop) Admission: \$8.00

Oct 15 Warren Blier/Ruby's Dream

English Country Dancing

www.geocities.com/circlesandrows/ojaiecd/

Second and fourth Mondays

7:00 to 9:00 Admission: \$5.00

Sept 12 Ben Rotenberg

Sept 26 Gary Shapiro

Oct 10 Annie Laskey

Oct 24 Gary Shapiro

Nov 14 Gary Shapiro

Nov 28 Annie Laskey

Carrillo Ballroom

100 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara
(Hwy 101, Carrillo St. exit, go north to Anacapa St.)
805-969-1511 www.sbcds.org

Contra Dances Every Sunday
6:30 to 9:30 (6:00 Workshop)

Admission: \$7.00 unless otherwise noted

Sept 4 Gary Shapiro/The Pilgrim String Band

Sept 11 Warren Blier/Big Time

Sept 18 Jonathan Southard/Chopped Liver

Sept 23-25 Harvest Moon (Pre-registration req'd)

Kathy Anderson/Raz-de-Maree

Post-Harvest Moon Public Dance

Sept 25 at 7:00 (\$10.00)

Oct 2 Gary Shapiro/Michael's Mixed Nuts

Oct 9 Karen Fontana/The F-150's

Oct 16 Rich Goss/Porch Dogs

Oct 23 Donna Karpeles/Southern Exposure

Oct 30 *Zesty Dance!*

Erik Hoffman/Steve Shapiro Band (\$8.00)

Nov 6 Jeff Spero/Porch Dogs

Nov 13 Keith Connes/Southern Exposure

Nov 20 5:00-6:00 Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck

6:30 Susan Michaels/Syncopaths

Nov 27 Susan Petrick/The Michael Gutin Band

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