

Dance in the Desert 2025 Schedule

Time	Dance Hall	Conference Center Oasis / Jam Room	Other Locations
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FRIDAY

Friday 4 – 6 pm		Music Jam w/ Dave F.	
Friday 6 – 7 pm	-----	Dinner*	-----
Friday 7:15 – 11:15 pm	Waltz Dancing Concert with Faux Paws: (7:15-7:45 pm) Contra, etc.: Koren & Faux Paws (8:00 – 9:30 pm) Steve & Free Raisins (9:45 – 11:15 pm)		
Friday After 9:30 pm		Music Jam with Dave F.	

SATURDAY

Saturday 8 – 9 am	-----	Breakfast*	-----
Saturday 9:15 – 10:30 am	Seize the Moment Steve & Faux Paws	Mandolin: Percussive Strings Jeff	Disaster Planning for Callers Koren (Lebrecht Common Room)
Saturday 10:45 – noon	Flow & Glide Contras Koren & Free Raisins	Contra Accompaniment Owen	-----
Saturday 12:15 – 1 pm	-----	Lunch*	-----
Saturday 1:15 – 2:30 pm	Challenging Contras Koren & Faux Paws	Active Listening for Musicians Amy	Caller Conversation Steve (Lebrecht Common Room)
Saturday 2:45 – 3:15 pm	Contra Medley Koren & Steve & Raisins & Paws	Music Jam Dave F.	
Saturday 3:30 – 4:45 pm	Different Formations... Steve & Free Raisins	-----	Fiddle: Learn a Noah Tune Noah (Conference Room A)
Saturday 5:00 – 5:30 pm	Waltz Dancing Concert Free Raisins	-----	-----
Saturday 6 – 7 pm		Dinner & Raffle	
Saturday 8 – 11:15 pm	Contra, etc.: Koren & Free Raisins (8:00 – 9:30 pm) Steve & Faux Paws (9:45 – 11:15 pm)		-----
After 9:30 pm		Music Jam with Dave F	

SUNDAY

Sunday 8 – 9am	-----	Breakfast*	-----
Sunday 9:15 – 10:15 am	Contras Hot Off the Press Steve & Free Raisins	Beyond Melody & Accompaniment Chris	-----
Sunday 10:30 – 11:30 am	Shadow Swapping Koren & Faux Paws	Fiddle: Tunes 'N Stuff Audrey	Contra Dance Choreography Steve (Conference Room A)
Sunday 11:45 – 12:30	-----	Lunch*	-----
Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Last Hurrah Dance Koren & Steve w/ Free Raisins (1:00 – 1:45), Faux Paws (1:45 - 2:30), and both bands together (2:30 – 3)		

* Announcements will be made 1/2 hour into each meal, as needed.

Dance Workshops and Sessions

All will be called using Larks and Robins terminology

- Seize the Moment:** Contras with special choreography moments worth noting Saturday 9:15 am
- Flow & Glide Contras:** Dances with especially satisfying momentum Saturday 10:45 am
- Challenging Contras:** 'Nuff said!..... Saturday 1:15 pm
- Contra Medley:** Just dancing! Saturday 2:45 pm
- Familiar Moves, Different Formations:** 4 face 4, triplets, Sicilian circles, etc. Saturday 3:30 pm
- Contras Hot Off the Press:** Newer dances, written by Steve or some of his favorite dance composers Sunday 9:15 am
- Shadow Swapping – Chaos Free!:** Intentional play among consenting sets of adults. How and when to swap smoothly while respecting the integrity of the dance..... Sunday 10:30 am

Musician Workshops and Sessions

- Mandolin: Percussive Strings:** Use your guitar, mandolin, uke or other fretted instrument to add energy and lift the dancers Saturday 9:15 am
- Contra Accompaniment:** Expand your musical palate and inspire dancers to move Saturday 10:45 am
- Active Listening for Musicians:** Improve your playing: how to listen to yourself and other musicians. Saturday 1:15 pm
- Fiddle: Learn a Noah Tune:** The name says it all! Saturday 3:30 pm
- Beyond Melody and Accompaniment :** Strategies of how to fit into any situation, playing with different instruments and styles Sunday 9:15 am
- Fiddle: Tunes 'N Stuff:** A learn a tune workshop for melody players..... Sunday 10:30 am
- Music Jam with Dave F:** No set genres, tunes based on who shows up Multiple! Check the schedule grid

Calling:

- Disaster Planning:** What to do when something goes wrong? How to get things back on track Saturday 9:15 am
- Caller Conversation:** A chat about the art of calling, for callers of all levels and the simply curious... Saturday 1:15 pm
- Contra Dance Choreography:** Discussion, with time allotted to try new ideas..... Sunday 10:30 am

Talent Info:

Callers are: Koren Wake and Steve Zakon-Anderson

the Faux Paws are: Chris Miller, Owen Morrison and Noah VanNorstrand

the Free Raisins are: Amy Englesberg, Jeff Kaufman and Audrey Jaber

Music Jam: Leader is Dave Firestine