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ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY Atlanta Branch



Spring Workshop

March 16 – 18, 2018

Teacher:

**Ellie Briscoe
of Alexandria, Virginia**

Musicians:

**Nicholas Williams
Laura Risk
Mara Shea
Julie Gorka**

**Unicoi State Park and Lodge
Helen, Georgia**

Unicoi State Park and Lodge

In the midst of the Chattahoochee National Forest, located just two miles from the Alpine Village of Helen, the lodge and park are beautiful settings for group meetings, family gatherings, and conferences. Unicoi is conveniently located 75 miles from Atlanta's perimeter (I-285), in the North Georgia Mountains, which are known for their scenic beauty, wildlife, and a variety of visitor attractions

The Teacher

Ellie Briscoe discovered Scottish Country dancing in San Francisco, and later danced in the Boston area before moving to Alexandria, Virginia. She took her Teacher's Certificate at the TAC Summer School at St. Catharine's in 1982, where she met her husband Mel, and has taught at workshops across North America and in Japan and Cyprus and has tutored teacher candidates for many years. Her favorite aspects of SCD are the music and how it drives the covering and phrasing, the teamwork, and the way people grin when they "get it." Before she retired, Ellie was a manager in the National Geographic Society Library in Washington, DC for 25 years, and enjoys singing, cats, and taking photographs while scuba diving.

Our Musicians

Since we first heard **Nicholas Williams** (www.nicholaswilliams.ca) in 2008, he toured Australia with his band, Crowfoot, and continues to play with an innovative, energetic style. He is deeply involved in the traditional music circles of Québec, Ontario, and New England. He has played and recorded with Laura Risk and been on the staff at Pinewoods. Nicholas is multi-talented - in addition to piano and keyboard he also plays accordion, flutes, whistles and bodhran.

Laura Risk (www.laurarisk.com) grew up in the thriving San Francisco Scottish Fiddle scene, learning her craft from the master fiddler Alasdair Fraser. Laura has teamed up with Nicholas Williams on the Scottish Country Dance CD "Les Joueurs de Bon Accord" and selections of hers can be heard in the soundtrack of Ken Burns PBS series "The National Parks: Americas Best Idea."

Mara Shea (www.marashea.com) has been playing for dancers since the 1990's – ceilidh, contra, English country, and Scottish country dance. She is frequently heard at dance weekends and concerts throughout the United States and abroad. An accomplished Scottish fiddler, Mara studied playing for SCD under Bobby Brown, and has served on the music staff at TAC Summer School and at Pinewoods.

Pianist **Julie Gorka** (<https://sites.google.com/site/julieyard/home>) has played often with Mara. She plays contra, Scottish, historic, English, Irish and Klezmer music on piano, harp and fiddle. Julie teaches Suzuki piano students and master classes, judges Piano Guild auditions nationally, and holds posts at the Raleigh Piano Teachers Association. She enjoys working folk music styles into her classical piano students' musical education.

Sponsorships

The Atlanta Branch would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in helping us continue providing excellence in music and instruction at our Spring Workshop to become a sponsor.

We sincerely appreciate all the sponsorships previously received and with your help will continue to provide quality music and instruction.

Sponsors will be recognized during the workshop. Bluebell level \$10-\$49; Heather level \$50-\$99, Thistle level \$10+.

Friday Welcome Dance

A Wee Nothin'	32J2.4	Elaine Brunken, Moments in Time
The Laird of the Dance	32R3.4	Mel & Ellie Briscoe & Elaine Brunken Slip Knot Collection & 7 More
Wisp of Thistle	32S3.4	Pat Kent, RSCDS Book 37
The Shetland Shepherdess	32J3.4	Ron Wallace, RSCDS Graded SCDs 3
The Belfast Hornpipe	32R3.3	Wesley Clindinning
Dancing for Pleasure	32S3.3	Patricia Blair, TAC 50th Anniv. Coll.
Ellie's Jig	32J3.4	Mel Briscoe, The Slip Knot Collection

~~Intermission~~

Rodney's Rant	32J3.4	Ann Dix, RSCDS QE Diamond Jubilee
Craighleith	88R4 Sq.	Roy Goldring, RSCDS Graded SCDs 3
Seann Triubhas Willichan	32S2.4	Thomas Wilson, RSCDS Book 27.
Follow Me Home	32J3.4	Ellie Briscoe, RSCDS Book 38
The Lass of Richmond Hill	32R3.4	Fiona Turnbull, RSCDS Graded SCDs 2
The Flower of Glasgow	32S3.3	Ruth Taylor, RSCDS Book 46
Mairi's Wedding	40R3.4	James B. Cosh, 22 SCD

Saturday Ball

Wear a bit o'green as we celebrate St. Patty's Day together!

Highland Fair	32J2.4	RSCDS Book of Graded SCDs
Duke of Perth	32R3.4	RSCDS Book 1
Mr. Gallamore's Strathspey	32S4.4	Elaine Brunken, Moments in Time
The Isle	32J3.4	RSCDS Book of Graded SCDs
Montréal Rendezvous	32R3.4	G. Dale Birdsall, Montréal Moments
City of Belfast	32S3.3	Lucy Mullholland, RSCDS Book 48
A Flock of Geese	32J5.5	Mel Briscoe, The Slip Knot Collection
Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder	128J4 Sq.	Bill Hamilton
Indian River Strathspey	32S3.3 Tri	George Senyk
The White Heather Jig	40J4.4	James B. Cosh, Twenty-Two SCD

~~Intermission~~

The Dashing White Sergeant	32R3+3 RR	RSCDS Book 3
Culla Bay	32S4.4 Sq.	Ann Dix, RSCDS Book 41
Hooper's Jig	32J3.4	Miss Milligan's Miscellany 2
The Irish Rover	32R3.4	James B. Cosh, Twenty-Two SCD
Neidpath Castle	32S3.3	Derek Haynes, RSCDS Book 22
The Reel of the 51st Division	32R3.4	James E. M. Atkinson, RSCDS Book 13

Disclaimer: The above programs are preliminary and are subject to change or resequencing.

Workshop Schedule

Friday

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration
8:00 pm	Welcome Dance
	Informal "Afters" Party

Saturday

7:45 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:15 am - 12:00 pm	Morning Session
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Afternoon Session
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Ball Walk-Through
6:00 pm	Dinner-optional cost
7:30 pm	Ball
	Informal "Afters" Party

Sunday

8:00 am - 9:30 am	Breakfast
9:45 am - 11:45 am	Cool-Down Class

Workshop Package

The workshop package includes the Welcome Dance, Saturday classes and Ball, and the Sunday class. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and full breakfast on Sunday are also included. All meals will be served in the Unicoi Lodge restaurant. The Friday and Saturday evening Full Buffet or Salad Bar is offered by the Lodge and you pay the Lodge directly.

Rooms

Double-occupancy hotel rooms are \$94.00 (plus 15% tax) per night.
Additional per Adult Charge - \$10.
Make hotel reservations directly with

Unicoi State Park & Lodge, "Event 07419"
Reservations must be made by February 16, 2018,
to receive the above group rate.

Phone: 800-573-9659 or 706-878-2201

Fax: 706-878-2676

Required parking pass at \$5 per vehicle

Cancellation Policy

We hope you won't have to cancel but if you must, you will receive a 75% refund if you let us know by February 16.

Questions

Contact Susan Tumlin 678-431-2011

susantumlin@yahoo.com

Registration Form

Mail the completed form, with a check payable to RSCDS Atlanta Branch to:

Susan Tumlin
755 Indian Mounds Road
Cartersville, GA 30120

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Name for nametag _____

Publish in event directory? **Yes No**

Workshop Package:

Before 2/16/2018 - \$140 \$ _____

After 2/16/2018 - \$160 \$ _____

Sponsor part of the Weekend? \$ _____

(Make a donation)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____