



33rd Annual Ralph Page

A Virtual Event

Sunday, January 17, 2021, 1:00-4:30pm EST



WELCOME! (Tod Whittemore and Marcie Van Cleave)

CONCERT 1:05-2:00 MUSICAL TRADITIONS OF NEW ENGLAND: Keith Murphy & Becky Tracy

The concert will feature tunes from the repertoires of some noteworthy and influential New England dance musicians such as Dick Richardson, John Taggart, Wilfred Guillette and Bob McQuillen. Keith and Becky will also showcase some traditional tunes from Quebec and few traditional songs from New England representing the Shape Note and ballad traditions.

CRACKING CHESTNUTS: 2:05-2:30 David Smukler and David Millstone

The Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend is unique among dance events in how it includes both older and newer dances, music, and styles. David and David will facilitate a dive into the older repertoire (the “chestnuts”), including a look at how such dances as Money Musk and Hull’s Victory change over time. Questions via “Chat function” will be answered as time allows.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:35-3:25

1) INTERNATIONAL DANCE:

Ralph always included some international dancing in his programs; to continue his tradition, Marcie Van Cleave will teach and lead dances from other cultures that you can learn and follow on Zoom. They will be enjoyable whether you are doing them alone or with a pod - all good!

2) RANDY MILLER: “The View from the Fiddler’s Throne”

Randy Miller, a NH State Council on the Arts Master Teacher of Contra Dance Music, shares tunes and stories connected to his experience playing for dances in the Ralph Page era. On accordion and fiddle, he’ll include some tunes associated with Ralph Page, Duke Miller, and Newt Tolman, along with some of the Frankestown dance tunes made famous by Allan Block.

3) MUSIC JAM: Keith Murphy and Becky Tracy

Keith and Becky host a music jam of contra dance tunes for all instruments and all levels. Tune up your instrument and get ready to play with two of the best musicians New England has to offer.

4) SOCIAL-CHAT ROOM: Andy Taylor-Benis and Rich Hart will join in the conversation - so drop in. Both Andy and Rich are long time committee members of the Ralph Page Weekend.

RETROSPECTIVE 3:30-3:55

“TED (SANNELLA) TALK”: David Millstone and David Smukler

David M. and David S. will reflect on Ted Sannella’s career as a New England dance caller on this, the 25th anniversary year of Ted’s death, in preparation for a full retrospective at next year’s RPDW. They’ll share some of the comments they have gathered and tell you how you can continue to add your memories and experiences. Questions via “Chat function” will be answered as time allows.

DANCE 4:05- 4:15 MONEY MUSK DANCE PARTY, Waltz

Keith Murphy and Becky Tracy lead a virtual Money Musk and follow with some waltzes.

4:20 Tod with Thanks and best wishes to conclude the event.