

# HANDS ACROSS THE WATER



## *An English Country Dance Weekend*

September 8 – 10, 2017  
Victoria, B.C.

**GRAHAM CHRISTIAN**  
Dance Leader

Music by  
**THE DANCEHALL PLAYERS & FRIENDS**



**GRAHAM CHRISTIAN** started dancing English and Scottish at Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania. He has taught English country dance all over the U.S. as well as in England and Europe. He has studied Renaissance and Baroque dance with Dorothy Olsson, Kaspar Mainz and Ken Pierce, and has created many reconstructions of Playford-era dance. He is the author of *The Playford Assembly*, which was published by CDSS in 2015 as part of its Centennial celebrations. This major collection of more than 125 historical dances, interpreted for modern dancers with scholarly apparatus, is now in its second printing. He is the author of the popular dance history column *Tell Me More* for the CDSS News, and is now at work on a new anthology of modern English country dances. He is also a stage director: past projects include *Trial by Jury*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *H. M. S. Pinafore*, *Patience*, *Gianni Schicchi*, *Carmen*, and *Brigadoon*. He is the co-founder of the acclaimed art song concert series *Songs and Serenades* with soprano Libby Maxey, and has recently begun concertizing as a solo pianist, with a repertoire that extends from Schubert and Bach to contemporary rags.

**THE DANCEHALL PLAYERS** The unique sound of The Dancehall Players (and friends) may be heard on Thursday evenings at Dan's Hall, here in Victoria. The band is delighted to share its music with the greater dance community. Gregory Brown, flute/guitar; Aaron Ellingsen, violin/mandolin; Susan Larkin, violin/recorders; Ann Schau, keyboard; Lael Whitehead, recorders/percussion/guitar; Barrie Webster, cello/tenor banjo.

Enjoy the latest of 3 CDs – “Fresh From Dan's Hall: Original Tunes by The Dancehall Players”.

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## Dance Leader Graham Christian

### Friday Evening September 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 10:30 Dance with Graham Christian & Rosemary Lach

### Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>

9:30 - 11:00 Cookery: Dances and Interpretations of Tom Cook

11:15 - 12:30 War and Peace in English Country Dance

Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Tasty Bones: New English Country Dances from Maggot Pie Onward

### Saturday Evening September 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 10:30 Dance

### Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 - 11:15 The Lover's Luck: Love and Other Misfortunes in English Country Dance

11:30 - 1:00 Indian Summer: Dances to the music of Jonathan Jensen.

## White Eagle Polish Hall

90 Dock St.

Victoria, B.C. V8V 2A1

All Workshops and Dances are fragrance free.

Workshop and dance fee including lunch is \$85.00 Canadian (US \$65).  
There will be a \$10 fee if cancelled after Aug 15, 2017.

To register please mail registration form and fee (cheques or money orders payable to VECDS) to: Claudia Haagen, 2583 Thompson Avenue, Victoria BC V8R 3L2. Grants are available. For queries contact: Claudia Haagen chaagen@telus.net <http://www.vecds.bc.ca>  
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### Registration Form

Name(s):

Street Address:

City:

Province/State:

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

May we share your contact information with other attendees? Yes No

#### For Out of Town Guests

Our dancers are pleased to offer their homes to visitors. Space is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the date of mailing.

Do you need housing? no yes for \_\_\_\_ people

Do you have any allergies? no yes to \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke? yes no

Will you have your own car? yes no

CHEQUE IS ENCLOSED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ people. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

There will be vegetarian & gluten-free options available for lunch. If you have other dietary concerns please be sure to make adequate provision for yourself.