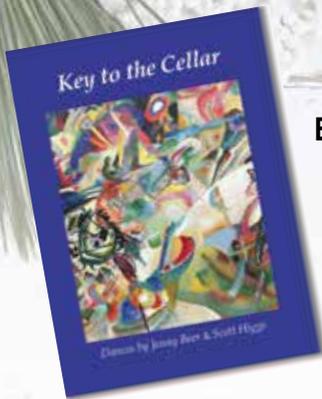


LETTERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birth Announcement:

Jenny Beer and Scott Higgs announce the arrival (at last!) of their new book: **“Key to the Cellar.”** Among the 46 dances, you will find a few established favorites (e.g., “Minor Spaniard”, “Leslie’s Valentine”) and dozens of fresh creations. The new dances are already appearing on programs across North America and ‘across the pond’ in the U.K. See www.scotthiggs.com/key or the CDSS Store for more details, samples, and ordering. Happy dancing!

Online Auction Coming in March!



If you’ve been to a CDSS camp, you know that the fundraising auction is a fun way to support CDSS and win some unique items. If you’ve never been, then you’ll soon have a chance to find out what you’ve been missing! The CDSS Board will run the first ever North American CDSS online auction in March. Items will include opportunities to commission/name dance tunes and dances from leading choreographers and composers, chances to have leading dance callers call a dance in your community, exotic home stays, and much more. Look for more information at CDSS.org, on social media, and in emails from CDSS. The fun begins in March!

Call for Scholarly Song and Dance Articles

Country Dance + Song Online, CDSS’s peer-reviewed scholarly journal, is seeking articles that explore how Anglo-American dance and song traditions continue to be relevant in the age of the internet and the cell phone.

What’s your passion? Check out our past articles cdss.org/programs/cdss-news-publications/cds-online and submit your paper or proposal to Allison Thompson, General Editor, by February 1, 2020.

Email: Allison.1775.Thompson@gmail.com



Our First Full Year of CDSS Web Chats!

We’re thrilled to announce that our four web chats in 2019 included 21 guest speakers and 185 participants from 25 states, 3 provinces, and France! Topics included ...

- **January 16: Increasing Youth Involvement** discussed social media, university affiliations, including youth as organizers and board members, respect and safety, gender-free calling, making events affordable, and more.
- **April 4: Family/Community Dance Organizers Unite** discussed creating and sustaining intergenerational dances, flexible partnering, engaging volunteers, including fun non-dance activities, connecting with the broader music, dance, and song community, and related topics.
- **July 11: Building Safe Dance Communities** discussed resources to help music, song, and dance groups provide safe environments at their events, including tips for addressing complaints, giving effective feedback, a toolkit for developing policies and procedures, etc.

- **October 16: Connecting Community Sing Organizers** was our first web chat to support organizers of community singing groups across the continent! Guest speakers shared their experiences and perspectives about leading song circles, sea chantey sings, and pub sings.

To delve further into this new resource, check out the recordings and materials from these web chats on the CDSS website: cdss.org/resources/how-to/organizers See back cover for news about next web chat in mid-February. Questions? Email resources@cdss.org