



ARIZONA'S FIRST GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE!

7:30 TO 11:00 SATURDAY JANUARY 9

WHERE

First United Methodist Church
915 4th Street (near Park Ave.)
Tucson, Az.

MUSIC

provided by Tucson's own hot band,
THE PRIVY TIPPERS

CALLER

New England's **DEAN ALLEMANG**
Dean will also host a caller's
workshop before the lesson.

COST

\$6 student
\$7 TFTM member
\$8 general public

PARKING

Free parking is in the church lot
at the back and is also available
at the adjacent U of Arizona
Tyndall Street parking garage.

FREE DANCE LESSON

at 7:30
DANCE
from 8:00 until 11:00

MORE INFORMATION

see the TFTM website (www.tftm.org)
or email Imaners@dakotacom.net



TUCSON FRIENDS OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC sponsors an almost weekly Saturday night Contra Dance. We usually meet on the first, third, fourth (and fifth) Saturdays. For January, we will be dancing every Saturday of the month! Besides our regularly scheduled dances, for the second Saturday we've organized Arizona's first Gender Free Contra Dance, aimed at experienced and beginning dancers alike.

Join the Tucson Friends of Traditional Music for an evening of Gender Free Contra Dancing. Gender Free, or Gender-Role Free Contra, is meant for everyone who loves this style of American traditional folk dancing, but with a fun twist. In Gender Free, which originated in New England about 20 years ago, dancers can dance either role. Sides are differentiated by conventions such as "bares" (bare arms) and "bands" (arm bands). Typically, there are no "gents" and ladies." It is, however, perfectly normal for some dancers to dance the traditional role that they are accustomed to and, at any gender free dance, many do. For those unfamiliar with the style, Contra is like Square Dancing, but done in long lines and with simplified calls. Any beginner can easily master the basics in one lesson on the night of the dance. Contra is a very welcoming and open community of dancers, beginners are always welcome. A long tradition of "dance ambassadors" assures beginning dancers that no one will sit out (unless they want to take a break). Appropriate for teenagers to seniors, and all ages in between.

