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AXUM REEL (Scotland)

SOURCE:

This is an old traditional dance collected in Scotland.

MUSIC:

Record: Fontana TFE 17066 "Axum Reel"

FORMATION:

4 cpls in special longways formation, facing ptrs (See Diagram I); Diagram I:

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MRH 4MB MH + (MA)

STEPS:

W Setting Step #1 (2 meas): Step fwd R (meas 1, ct 1); hop R, L ft low behind R calf with L knee turned out (meas 1, ct 2); smell step L bwd (meas 1, ct 3); hop L, R ft low in front of L calf (meas 1, ct 4). Step R close behind L to L side, bending R knee and beginning a CW turn (meas 2, ct 1); step L beside R continuing CW turn (meas 2, ct 2); step R beside L completing CW turn (meas 2, ct 3); hop R, L ft in front of R calf (meas 2, ct 4). Next step begins stepping fwd L and reversing turn and footwork throughout. W holds skirt.

M Setting Step #1 (2 meas): With R hand on hip, L hand high, hop L and point R toe to R side, R knee out (meas 1, ct 1); hop L and bring R ft behind L calf (meas 1, ct 2); hop L and point R toe beside L toe (meas 1, ct 3); hop L and extend R ft diag fwd R (May shake R ft one or more times if desired) (meas 1, ct 4). Raising both hands high overhead, rock fwd on R, L toe pointed behind R heel (meas 2, ct 1); rock bwd on L, R toe pointed in front beside L toe (meas 2, ct 2); repeat action of meas 2, cts 1, 2 (meas 2, cts 3,4). Next setting step L begins with wt on R, pointing L toe and reversing footwork and arm pos throughout. W Setting Step #2 (2 meas): Step R diag fwd R (meas 1, ct 1); hop R, bring L ft fwd and through with a small brush on the floor (meas 1, ct 2); step L diag fwd R (meas 1, ct 3); hop L, bringing R ft fwd and through with a small brush on the floor (meas 1, ct 4). Step R across in front of L (meas 2, ct 1); step diag bwd L (meas 2, ct 2); step bwd R (meas 2, ct 3); hop R, L ft remaining diag fwd L (meas 2, ct 4). Next step begins stepping diag fwd L and reversing footwork throughout. W holds skirt. M Setting Step #2 (2 meas): With R hand on hip, L hand high, hop L and point R toe to R side, knee out (meas 1, ct 1); hop L and place R heel to R side (meas 1, ct 2): hop L and place R toe beside L (meas 1, ct 3); hop L and place R heel beside L (meas 1, ct 4). Repeat action of M Setting Step #1, meas 2 (meas 2). Mext setting step L begins with wt on R pointing L toe and reversing footwork and arm pos throughout.

Strathspey Step: Step fwd on ball of R ft, keeping ft close to floor (ct 1); closing step L behind R, L instep close to R heel (ct 2); keeping ft close to floor, step fwd on R, bending R knee slightly (ct 3); hop on R and bring L ft through close to floor, knee turned out and toe pointed down (ct 4). The motion of the

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strathspey is down and up in feeling rather than level. Begin next step L moving fwd. Always start R unless otherwise stated. Strathspey steps are used throughout Norwegian Cross Figures.

MUSIC: 4/4	PATTERN
Measures:	
Chord.	Introduction: M bow, W curtsy.
1-8	<pre>I. SETTING STEP #1 M dance M setting step #1R,L,R,L. W dance W setting step #1 R,L,R,L.</pre>
9	II. NORWEGIAN CROSS All pass ptrs by L shoulders. All M turn 1/2 CCW into ptr place. W "A" turn 1/4 CCW and passing R shoulders with each other dance into M "B" original place. W "B" dance into M "A" original place, passing in front of W "A"
11 12	(See Diagram II). M "A" and W "B", also M "B" and W "A" pass L shoulders. All W turn 1/2 CCW into new corner. M "A" turn 1/4 CCW and passing R shoulders with each other dance into M "B" original place. M "B" dance into M "A" original place, passing in front
13-16	of M "A" (See Diagram III). Repeat action of Fig. II, meas 9-12, cpl "A" dancing the action of cpl "B" and cpl "B" dancing the action of cpl "A" to finish in place diag opp original place.
1-8	III. SETTING STEP #2 M dance M setting step #2R,L,R,L. W dance W setting step #2 R,L,R,L.
9-16 Chord	IV. NORWEGIAN CROSS Repeat action of Fig II, meas 9-16, returning to original place. M bow, W curtsy.
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DIAGRAM II:

DIAGRAM III:

