EVANGELINA (Mexico)

Polka from Northern Mexico

Pronunciation: ay-vahn-hay-LEE-nah

Record:

Eco LP 207. 2/4 meter.

Formation:

Cpls facing LOD, inside hands joined. M free hand at waist

(thumb in belt). W hold skirt with R hand.

Steps:

Taconazo, or Northern Zapateado: Leap onto R ft in place (ct 1); step on L heel beside R (ct &); step on R in place (ct 2); strike L heel in place, no wt (ct &). Wt stays predominantly over R leg, with R knee bent. Repeat of step would start with a leap onto

L ft.

Pattern

1-15 FIGURE I. 15 Taconazo steps moving fwd in LOD: Face-to-face and back-to-back. M beg. Rft, W Lft.

(SECOND TIME THEN STARTS ON M L, W R BUT STILL BACK TO BACK.

1-16 FIGURE II FACE STROPE STARTS ON M L, W R BUT STILL BACK TO BACK.

FIGURE II. Face ctr of circle. DONE IN BALLROOM POS WITH M FACING LOD 1-16 Brush L ft bkwd (twd self) between inside ft; brush L ft fwd (twd ctr of circle); brush L ft bkwd on outside; tap L toe behind R heel. Four slides twd ctr of circle (W use opp ftwk throughout). Face out (away from ctr) and repeat action with opp ftwk and direction. Repeat action exactly.

FIGURE III.

In closed ballroom pos do two polka steps, turning CW once, keeping M L 1-16 and WR hand joined, W turns CW once under M L arm with two polka steps. Repeat three more times.

1-16 FIGURE IV.

In closed ballroom pos M step fwd with L, step R in place, step bkwd with L, step R in place (W use opp ftwk). With four steps (L,R,L,R), turn CW once around. Repeat three more times, end with M back twd ctr.

FIGURE V.

Facing ptr, extend arms out to sides with hands joined (like a wind-1-16 mill). Do four Taconazo steps away from ctr (M fwd, W bkwd) as though M were pushing W away from ctr. Do four Taconazo steps twd ctr (W doing the "pushing"). Repeat all.

Repeat dance from beginning, but omit Fig. I. Sequence of dance: I, II, III, IV, V, II, III, IV, V, I.

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