

JOVANO JOVANKE
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(Macedonia)

NOTE: FOR EASY READING OPEN
STAPLES, REMOVE DESCRIPTION,
CLOSE STAPLES.

Yovano Yovanke (Yoh' vah no Yoh' vahn keh) is a fixed-sequence form of "Lesnoto" as danced in the town Krushevo, Macedonia. It is also known as "De Maro Selfio". It was learned in Sophia in 1958 by Michel Cartier of Montreal, Canada. It was presented by Dick Crum at the College of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp in the summer of 1959.

MUSIC: Record: Folk Dancer MH3055 Yovano Yovanke. This music is in 7/8 meter, counted 1-2-3-
(3/8), 1-2(2/8), 1-2(2/8). Since 3 beats to a meas are felt with this rhythm the ct will be
given thusly: ct 1(8/8), ct 2(2/8), ct 3(2/8), with ct 1 being of slightly longer duration.

FORMATION: Open circle, all facing ctr. M to R end of line, arms on neighbor's shoulders. W to L end
of line, hands joined and held shoulder height with elbows bent. Leader (M at R end)
should hold handkerchief to signal apttern changes. Last M and 1st W should hold ends of *handkerchief*
between them. Dance may also be done with M and W intermingled in line. In such case,
everyone has arms on neighbor's shoulders.

STYLING: When lifting one leg in front of the other (Fig I meas 2 & 3), the M makes a much larger
movement than the W. M turns his knee out so that the inner ankle is up. At times the W
toe barely clears the floor. Because of the difference in styling, the separation of M and
W in the line is preferred by many dancers.

MUSIC 7/8

PATTERN

Measures

8 meas

INTRODUCTION No action.**I. PROGRESSION IN LOD**

- 1 ct ① Step to R with R, turning a bit to R.
2 Slight lift on R while bringing L across in front of R.
3 Step on L forward and to R of R ft.
- 2 ct ① Step to R with R, turning to face ctr.
2 Swing L up in front of R with knee bent (M higher than W). At same time rise on R toe
and come down.
3 Keeping lifted L leg in place, rise again on R and come down.
- 3 Repeat action of meas 2 but start with L to L and raise R leg.
- 4-21 Repeat action of meas I-3 (Fig I) six more times (7 in all).

II. INTO CTR AND OUT

- 22 ct ① Step R next to L.
2 Step L in place.
3 Step R in place.
- 23 ct ① Step L twd ctr.
2 Step R twd ctr (this is a shorter step than the step L on ct 1).
3 Step L next to R.
- 24 ct ① Step bkwd diag R on R.
2 With slight lift on R, cross L behind and to R of R heel, toe close to floor.
3 Put full wt on L.
- 25-30 Repeat action of meas 22-24 (Fig. II) two times (3 in all).

Note: Fig. I is danced to vocal. Fig. II starts on last meas of vocal and continues through
all of instrumental sequence. Dance is done twice completely and ends during third time
on Fig. II meas 23.