

WHO KNOWS

(Russia)

- Source: This Russian dance, done by men and women in a broken circle, takes its name from the title of the song to which it is danced. Described in "Tantzi Narodov, Edition I" published in U.S.S.R.
- Records: Folk Dances-Songs Colosseum CRLPX 013 Side B, Band 1.  
Russian Folk Songs Stinson SLP 1003 Vol 4 Side A, Band 4. Music is in 2/4 time.
- Formation: Broken circle of M and W. Join hands and hold down. Free hands of end dancers on hip, palm out. Face RLOD (CW).
- Steps: Basic Step: Step fwd L (ct 1), Close R to L (ct &), Step fwd L (ct 2), Brush R fwd (ct &). All steps are taken on flat of ft even the brush of R ft. Repeat of step starts with R. Walking steps are done with small plie' or bend of knee.  
NOTE: Although music is played in 2/4 time, twice during the dance a half meas (1 ct instead of 2) is played. This is duly noted and should cause no trouble. This occurs also during the Introduction.

Meas. Pattern  
9 1/2 Introduction. No action.  
(19 cts)

FIGURE I

- 1-5 Starting L, dance 5 basic steps in RLOD.  
6 Step R (ct 1). Step L, making 1/2 turn to face LOD (ct 2).  
7-11 Starting R, dance 5 basic steps in LOD (CCW).  
12(1 ct) Step L, making 1/4 turn L to face ctr (ct 1). There is no ct 2.

FIGURE II

- 1 Moving twd ctr, step fwd flat on R, bending knee (ct 1). Close L to R, ft flat on floor (ct &). Repeat for cts 2, &.  
2-4 Repeat action of meas 1 (Fig II) three times. On last step do not put wt on L.  
5-8 Back out of circle to place on 8 walking steps (2 to a meas) starting L.

FIGURE III

- 1-4 1/2 Drop hands of neighbors and extend hands fwd and out about hip level, palms twd ctr. Starting L, walk 9 steps in CW (R) circle. Rejoin hands at end. R ft will be free. (This music has 4 complete meas and a fifth with only 1 ct).  
(9 cts) Repeat dance from Fig I but reversing all. Fig I will start R (LOD) with R ft. On Fig II L ft will lead into ctr. Walk out starting R. Circle at end will be CCW starting with R. Dance is done 2 more times (starting to L and to R). On 5th time (starting to L) music ends after Fig II so there is no CW circle.

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