

LE ROND ARGENTONNAIS  
(France - Berry)

Origin: Le Rond Argentonais (luh rawnd ar-zhahn-tawn-NAY) is an old circle dance from Argenton-sur-Creuse, in Lower Berry. Many stories were written about this dance. At certain times, this dance was forbidden because each section of town had its own "rond" and competition was too strong. Learned from Roger Dubois, formerly from Ballet National, Pont-Chrétien, France, August 1967.

Music: Record BAM. Ex 613, Side A, band 2.  
Uni-disc 45- 280, Side A, band 2, 2/4 meter.

Formation: Close circle of dancers, no ptr needed. Joined hands are held shoulder high.

Meas (2/4)Pattern

- 6 INTRODUCTION.
- FIGURE 1.
- A 1 All starting with L, leap and fall on this ft diag fwd (ct 1) bringing joined hds down, step back on R ft (ct 2) raising joined hds.  
2 Step back on L ft (ct 1), step sdwd L on R ft (ct 2).  
3-8 Repeat meas 1-2, three other times.  
9 Step sdwd L on L ft (ct 1), close R ft near L ft (ct 2) lowering joined hds.
- FIGURE 2.
- B 1-2-3 All move twd ctr with 3 walking steps raising slowly the joined hds. Move out the same way, lowering slowly the joined hds.  
4-6 Repeat meas 1-3, Fig. 2.
- Repeat from the beginning.

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