SYRTOS "MAÏOS"

(Vlasti, W. Macedonia)

The Mountain town of Blatse or Vlasti between Kastoria and Kozani in Western Macedonia is famous for it traditional paniyiria (patronal feast days) and especially for it "tranós" dance in which up to 300 - 400 people would participate in one dance circle. The inhabitants are of Vlach (Aroman) origin but have been Hellenized for several generations now and their song tradition is primarily Greek. The dance presented here "Maïos" or "Protomayias" is a specific syrto based tune played for May Day and performed by women.

MUSIC: Dances of Greece 1994

FORMATION: Open circle, "W" hand hold.

METER: 2/4 PATTERN

Meas

1-2 Same as common Greek syrto

3 Pivoting to face ctr of circle, step R to R (ct 1); Step L slightly behind R (ct 2); rock back onto R (ct &).

4 Step L fwd into circle ctr (ct 1); step R fwd (ct 2); Step L slightly fwd, but not passed R (ct &).

5 Step R back from circle ctr (1); step L back (slightly passed R) (2); step R across in front of L (&).

6 Step L to L (1); step R in front of L (2); rock back onto L (&)

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1                 A                       E
          →   →                       ←   ←
R l r  L r l  R l r  ↑L ↑r l  ↓R ↓l r  L r l
  →             → x        ↑              x
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