

AGAR MAGAR

Armenia

SOURCE

This title probably evolved from the rhyming of the Armenian male first name "Muhgr" with a created word having the same amount of syllables "Agar." However, "Aga" is an obsolete Ottoman title meaning Sir or Lord. The dance was brought to So. Cal. in the early 1900's by Armenian immigrants from Alexandrapol/Leninakan, now Giumri in Shirag Province. Large numbers of these "Rooso Haeener" (Russian Armenians) including the "Franker" (Armenian Catholics) settled in the eastern metropolitan areas of Los Angeles. The Bozigian family was a member of that group. Tom performed this dance as a youth.

CD: Best of Tom Bozigian Songs & Dances of the Armenian People Vol. 1

Formation: Shoulder hold pos. facing center, leader at R

Meter: 6/8 described in 3 cts

STEPS

SHIRAG KERTEH-Moving R, hop both in pl (ct 1) leap R to R as L kicks fwd (ct 2) leap L over R as R lifts behind (ct 3)

KHACH APTAK-Leap R in pl as L heel kicks fwd on fl (ct 1) hop R in pl as L toe touches fl across R (ct 2) hop R in pl as L kicks fwd on fl (ct 3) then repeat with opp ftwk and motion (cts 1-3)

SHARZH APTAK-Repeat Khach Aptak ct 1 (ct 1) hop R in pl twisting heel in as L toe touches fl beside R (ct 2) hop R in pl twisting heel out as L heel touches fl ahead (ct 3) then repeat opp ftwk and motion (cts 1-3)

APTAK VEREV-Repeat Khach Aptak ct 1 (ct 1) hop R in pl twisting heel in as L knee raises up and lower body twists slightly R (ct 2) hop R in pl twisting heel out as L leg kicks out and lower body twists slightly L (ct 3) then repeat opp ftwk and motion (cts 1-3)

APTAK VOT NAZARK-Leap R in pl as L kicks straight out (ct 1) chug fwd on R as L heel meets inside of R knee (ct 2) hop bkwd on R straightening leg as L kicks straight out (ct 3) then repeat with opp ftwk and motion (cts 1-3)

SEQUENCE:

Shirag Kerteh-2 times

KhachAptak-1 1/2

Finish all combinations leaping to both feet together legs straight (cts 1-3) Do all combinations in same order. Amount of times is decided by "Bar Glookh"-leader. Combinations can be mixed.