

ERKECHKO HORO

(Bulgaria)

The name “Erkechko” comes from the village near Borgas, which is located in the northeast of Bulgaria on the Black Sea. This part of Bulgaria is well known as the Strangia Region. The people who perform the dance begin by imitating the sounds of the birds indigenous to the area with screams, meanwhile the dance moves like the waves of the Black Sea. This dance is particularly appropriate for weddings.

PRONUNCIATION: Er-KECH-ko Ho-RO

FORMATION: Open circle, men lead, then the women, and then the rest of the men at the end.

STYLE: Men dance with bent knees, and women dance with the body in a straight position.

MUSIC:

METER: 2/4

PATTERN

Meas Count

INTRODUCTION 4 Measures

1-3 Everybody stands in first position, rocking side to side. beginning on the right.

4 1 Step L.

2 Hop on L, kick R in front to the left.

PART 1 8 Measures

5 1 Step R to the right.

2 Step with L in front of R.

6 1-2 Repeat measure 5.

7 1 Two quick steps. R, L.

2 Two quick steps R, L.

8 1 Step with L foot to the left.

2 Touch R heel in place.

1 1 Step back with R foot.

2 Step back with L foot.

2 1 Step back with R foot.

2 Hop with R. L foot up.

3 1 Step with L.

2 Kick R in front of L.

REPEAT PART 1

PART 2 10 Measures

1 1 Step back with R.

2 Hop with R. L up.

2 1 Step with L.

2 Hop on L, kick R in front of L.

3-4 Repeat measures 5 and 6 from Part 1.

5-6 Repeat measures 7 and 8 from Part 1.

- 7 1 Step with L.
- 2 Backwards bicycle with R in front.
- 8 1 Step with R to the right.
- 2 Touch L heel in place.
- 9 1 Step back on L.
- 2 Step back on R.
- 10 1 Step L.
- 2 Kick R in front of L.

REPEAT PART 2

PART 3 6 Measures

- 1 1 Step in front on R. L up
- 2 Step on L.
- 2 1-2 Hop on L while bicycling on the right side.
- 3 1 Step L in front.
- 2 Jump with both feet in second position.
- 4 1 Step back on R.
- 2 Step back on L.
- 5 1 Step R.
- 2 Hop on R. L foot up.
- 6 1 Step L.
- 2 Hop on L. R foot up.

REPEAT PART 3 THREE TIMES