

MESARISKO ORO

(Macedonia)

Depicts a Macedonian ceremonial wedding dance. The "Mesarija", or woman who prepares the bread for the wedding feast, travels around the village and offers a toast to the bride and groom and invites friends to the wedding. The wedding party starts off with the Mesarija leading the first dance.

FORMATION: Broken circle, hands joined and held at shoulder height.

MUSIC: Record: FESTIVAL RECORDS FR-4016-A (45 rpm)
RTB LP 178 "Tanec" B-4 2/4 meter.

Meas Pattern

Leader may begin at the start of any musical phrase.

PART I

- 1 Moving in LOD, wt on L, lift L heel, R knee bent and lifted in front of L(ct 1). Step R (ct 2).
- 2 Moving in LOD, step L(ct 1). Step R (ct 2).
- 3 Moving in LOD, step L(ct 1). Step R (ct 2).
- 4 Facing ctr, lift R heel, L knee bent and lifted in front of R(ct 1). Bring L ft out and around behind R, leg, bending R knee (ct 2).
- 5 Lift R heel, L knee bent and behind R leg(ct 1). Touch L toe out to L side, raise and lower R heel twice(ct 2).
- 6 Leap on L ft beside R, R knee bent and lifted in front of L (ct 1). Step on R ft to R(ct 2).
- 7 Lift R heel, L knee bent and lifted in front of R(ct 1). Hold (ct 2).
- 8 Step L ft fwd crossed in front of R(ct 1). Step R in place (ct &). Step L ft fwd crossed in front of R (ct 2).

NOTE: Repeat action of Part I until tempo of music increases. Leader signals change to Part II at his pleasure.

PART II

- 1 Moving in LOD, step R(ct 1). Step L (ct 2).
- 2 Continuing in LOD, step R (ct 1). Step L (ct 2).
- 3 Facing ctr, leap to R, weight on both ft(ct 1). Leap L ft to L (ct 2). Leap onto R ft, crossed in front of L(ct &).
- 4 Step L ft to L(ct 1). Step R, L knee bent and lifted in front of R (ct 2)
- 5 Facing ctr, lift R heel, L knee bent and lifted in front of R (ct 1). Move L leg out and around behind R(ct 2).
- 6 Facing ctr, moving LOD, step L behind R(ct 1). Step R next to L(ct &).
Step L in front of R(ct 2).

Repeat action of Part II to end of music.

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