

VLACHA
Naxos, Greece

Naxos is the largest island of the Cyclades in the Aegean. The dance "Vlacha" is performed during "apokreas" the pre-Lenten carnival season. Many dances associated with the carnival festivities have a satyric or ribald nature. In Greece the term Vlach can refer to any population of shepherds or specifically to the ethnic minority which speaks a Latin based language related to Romanian. Often it is used as a pejorative meaning "country bumpkin," which is most likely the case here.

PRONUNCIATION:

TAPE: GREEK DANCES by Joe Kaloyanides Graziosi, side B, # 3

FORMATION: Lines joined in "T" pos.

METER: 2/4 PATTERN

Meas.

INTRODUCTION:

PART A:

- 1 Facing slightly R of ctr and moving in LOD - step R-L fwd (cts 1-2).
- 2 Step R fwd - turning to face ctr (ct 1)' swing L gently in front of R (ct 2).
- 3 Step L back in place (ct 1); touch R beside L (ct 2).
- 4-9 Repeat meas 1-3, 2 more times (3 in all).

PART B: INTRO

- 1 Facing slightly R of ctr and moving in LOD - step R fwd (ct 1); hop on R, lift L fwd (ct 2); step L fwd (ct &).
- 2 Step R fwd (ct 1); hop on R, lift L bkwd - turn to face slightly L of ctr (ct 2).
- 3 Step L-R-L bkwd (cts 1-&-2).

PART B:

- 1 Turning to face slightly R of ctr - step R-L-R-L fwd (cts 1-&-2-&).
- 2-3 Repeat meas 2-3, Part B, Intro. (R fwd, hop R to face L; LRL bk).
- 4-9 Repeat meas 1-3, 2 more times (3 in all).

PART C:

- 1 Repeat meas 1, Part B. (RLRL fwd)
- 2-3 Repeat meas 2-3, Part AA. (R fwd, swing L fwd; L bk, tch R)

1 DANCE SEQUENCE: A, A, A, B-INTRO, B, B, B, C

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