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#### AFRIL

- Festival of the Nile. Music, song and dance of the peoples of Egypt.
   8 p.m. at the Ambassador Auditorium. Info: (818) 304-6161
- Festival of the Nile. Music, song and dance of the peoples of Egypt.
   8 p.m. at the Wadsworth Theater, UCLA. Info: (310) 825-2101
- 7-9 Royal Scottish Country Dance
  Fociety's Southern California Interbranch Institute. Chapman University and Doubletree Hotel, Orange County. Info: Karen and Mitchell Streicher, (818) 990-5729
- 8 Dances of India. 8 p.m., Beckman Aud, Cal Tech, Pasadena. Info: (800) 423-8849
- 9 Westwood Co-op Folk Dancers Festival. At the Veteran's Aud,
   Culver City, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Council meeting at 11 a.m. Info: (818) 998-5682
- 28-30 Westwood Co-op's Hess Kramer Weekend, Malibu. Info: (818) 998-5682
- 30 Old Town Music Hall Ragtime Celebration, 2-9 p.m. at the Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo. Two live orchestras, continuous entertainment, gcurmet buffet. Info: (310) 322-2592.

#### MAY

- Dancers of the Dreaming. Aboriginal Australian ceremonial dances and songs, performed by authentic clansmen in traditional dress. 8 p.m., Sunset Canyon Recreational Center, UCLA. Info:(310) 825-2101
- 4-7 Southern California Folklore Camp, Camp Seely, San Bernardino Mountains. Live music with Barbara McOwen and the BiCoastal Band. Teaching by Theodor Vasilescu, Jaap Leegwater, Gene Ciejka. Info: (310) 202-6166 or (805) 964-5591
- 5 "Music and Dance on the Grass", UCLA, Sunset Canyon Recreation Center. All day, FREE! Live entertainment, ethnic foods.
- 5-7 Hungarian Dance Weekend at Harwood Lodge, Mt. Baldy. Teaching, live music. Info: (310) 202-9024

- MacLeod Rant. Beverly Hills Women's Club, 5 p.m. Sponsored by the San Gabriel Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Info: Diana Gavaller at (818) 780-0934 or Evelyn Swindle, (805) 484-4801
- EKDROMI: A Greek Folkloric celebration. Music, dance, song, dramatic reenactment in an outdoor setting. At Loyola Marymount University, Regent's Terrace. Info: (818) 386-1942
- 12-14 Craft and Folk Art Museum (CAFAM) reopens with a gala celebration. Info: (213) 937-5544
- 12-14 Calico Spring Festival, Calico Ghost Town, Yermo. CA. Bluegrass hootenanny with workshops, singing, clogging. Info: (619) 254-2122
- 13 Montclair International Festival. Info: (909) 625-9460
- 20-21 Claremont Folk Festival. Info: (909) 987-5701 or 624-2928
- 21 Topanga Banjo & Fiddle Contest, 6 am-6 pm at Paramount Ranch, Agoura. Scottish, International, Contra, Clog and English Country dance, crafts. Info: (310) 828-3397 or (818) 700-8288
- 26-29 50th Statewide Festival, Ojai. Institutes with Tom Bozigian and Schlomo Bachar, concert, kolo hour, street dancing, live music, dance parties. Info: (818) 794-9493 or (805) 774-9944.

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- 15-18 Los Angeles International Folklore Extravaganza (L.I.F.E.) Camp. Live music by Zlatne Uste and Ziyia. Teaching by Joe Graziosi, Petur Iliev, Yves Moreau. Zydeco workshop. Pomona College, Claremont. Info: (310) 556-3791 or (818) 774-9944.
- 16-18 Huck Finn's 19th Jubilee, Mojave Narrows, Victorville, CA. Life & times of Tom and Huck recreated with river raft building, fence painting, greased pole climbing, bluegrass, country, clogging, miracle tonic shows, crafts fair. Info: (909) 780-8810.
- 23-25 Summer Solstice Weekend directed by the California Traditional Music Society. International, contra and Celtic dancing. Singing, storytelling

classes, performances. Info: (818) 342-SONG

#### JULY

13 Hawaiian/Polynesian Festival. Queen Mary, Long Beach. Info: (310) 988-6532

#### SEPTEMBER

10 Oktoberfest, Alpine Village, Torrance. Info: (714) 641-7540

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 4/1 Palomanians Folkdance Party. Methodist Church, Menlo Park. Info: (415) 333-2210
- 4/2 Cherry Blossom Festival, Veteran's Hall, sonoma. Info: (707) 546-8877
- 5/13 Trachtenfest at the Centenial Hall, Hayward, CA
- 5/26 Beginner's Festival, Polish Hall, SF.. 1:30-5:30 pm. Info: (415) 584-9046
- 6/17-25 Mendocino Folklore Camp. Jerry Duke, Michael Ginsburg, Ingvar and Sally Sodol, Theodor Vasilescu teaching. Info: (707) 253-7735
- 6/24-7/1 Balkan Music & Dance Workshops, Mendocino. Info: (503) 344-6349
- 7/7-14 Stanford Tango Week, Stanford University. Info: (415) 725-0739 or (415) 723-1234

#### OUT OF STATE

#### Louisiana

4/27-30 Jazz & Heritage Festival, New Orleans. Info: (800) 846-2140

#### Ohio

6/18-24 Vintage Dance Week with Richard Powers, Jasan Bonus, others. Info: Flying Cloud Academy, P.O. Box 862, Cincinnati, OH 45201

#### Oregon

- 4/21-23 Hoolyeh Folk Dance Festival, Corvalis. Yves Moreau teaching.
- 7/7-9 Estonian International Festival & Workshop, in Portland, Oregon. Featuring 20 folk dance instructors direct from Estonia. Info: (503) 246-9464
- 7/22-30 1995 Balkan Music & Dance Workshops Folk music and dance of Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Romania & Serbia. East European Folklife Center, P.O. Box 3969, Eugene, OR 97403; (503) 344-6349

## Calendar

#### Pennsylvania

5/26-29 Folkdance Weekend at Canadensis in the Poconos. Info: (301) 565-0539

#### Tennessee

- 5/12-18 International Folkfest with groupsfrom the Slovak Republic, Italy, India, Switzerland and the Rutherford County Square Dancers & Cripple Creek Cloggers. Murfreesboro, TN. INfo: (615) 896-1642
- Texas
- 5/26-29 Vintage Weekend with Richard Powers. International Folk Culture Center, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX. Info: (210) 431-3934

#### Washington

- 4/8 SCANDIA West's 4th Annual Spring Dance. Mt. Pleasant grange, Port Angeles, WA Info: (360) 457-7035
- 5/13-14 Annual Maifest Celebration, Leavenworth, WA Info: (509) 548-5807

#### West Virginia

-	Augusta Heritage Center, Davis & Elkins College, WV 26241. Info:
	(304) 636-1903. Events spanning
	1995 include:
4/23-28	Spring Dulcimer Week
7/9-14	Cajun/Creole Week
7/16-21	Blues Week/Swing Week
7/23-28	Irish Week
7/30-8/4	Dance Week/Bluegrass Week
8/6-13	Old-Time Week/Vocal Week
8/11-13	Augusta Festival
10/15-22	October Old-Time Week
10/20-22	Fiddlers' Reunion

#### FOREIGN

#### Canada

- 6/9-11 Balkan Festival, Vancouver B.C., with Yves Moreau
- England
- 5/5-8 Eastbourne International Folkdance Festival. Info: 01435 830092 Slovakia
- 7/29-8/5 Summer folk Dance Week in Trnava. Info: Jasan Bonus, Spanielova 38/1275 163 00 Prague 6, Czech Republic



The Westchester Lariats

The Westchester Lariats, a young people's international folk dance group from Los Angeles, will be holding their annual Spring Show on Sunday, May 7, 1995 at 2 pm at the El Segundo High School Auditorium. The show features a wide repertoire of dances from around the world, including traditional and contemporary dances of Europe, the British Isles, the islands of Hawaii and the South Pacific, as well as the Americas. The dances are supported by high quality renditions of familiar songs and other rich melodies unmistakable for their ethnic roots. The colorful. authentic costumes of the represented countries contribute to the theatrical atmosphere of a Lariat performance.

The Lariat troupe has been acclaimed as one of the most talented, exciting young people's folk dance ensembles that this country has produced. Founded in 1950 by Dr. J. Tillman Hall as an after school square dance class for local teenagers, the troupe today consists of 28 young people ranging in age from 10-17 years They combine the charm and old. enthusiasm of youth with the precision and polish of a professional adult group. Being selected as a performing Lariat is an honor for a young person. The dancers are required to attend regular dance classes and rehearsals, maintain their academic standing, and perform in shows throughout the year. Each year since 1957, the troupe has taken an annual summer tour, traveling and performing extensively through the United States and Europe. The past few summers have seen the group visit New England and New york, the Southwest and, most recently, the Pacific Northwest and Victoria, Canada. This summer the group will tour Northern California, and they look forward to a European tour during the summer of 1996. The troupe performs for local groups and at local festivals, including a return performance this past month at Disneyland.

-Jean Lawler

Lynn Anne Hanson, a member of the AMAN International Music and Dance Ensemble and instructor with the Music Center Education Division, is the artistic director of the troupe and teaches weekly classes for community children, from which classes students are invited to join the performing group. Classes are held each Monday afternoon in Westchester, just north of the LA International Airport, at the Westchester United Methodist Church located at Emerson and 80th Place. Three 10week sessions are held during the school year, beginning each September and continuing through May. All children and young people are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Those attending the Spring classes will perform in the Spring show.

The Westchester Lariats is a nonprofit educational group, chartered by the State of California and governed by a board of 10 directors. All proceeds received by the Lariats are used for general operating expenses. There is no renumeration to any person, including dancers and directors.

For additional information about the performing group for a show, tickets to the Spring Show, or the weekly classes, call (310) 288-7196 and leave a message. Your call will be returned promptly. Tickets for the Spring Show may be purchased at the door. The High school auditorium is located at 640 Main St., El Segundo.



#### Ojai Odyssey, Statewide '95

The weekend of May 26-29 will truly be a nostalgic journey for many of our folk dancing friends. When I mention the event to my 'more experienced' folkdance friends, a knowing smile comes across their faces and their eyes light up. As *Let's Dance* predicted, this festival, which first sprouted in 1946, has become an annual shared event between both halves of the International Folk Dance Federation.

As in the original "Statewide Festival", there will be an Outdoor Dance at the Libby Park Fountain. There will be Israeli dances taught by Schlomo Bachar and Armenian dances taught by Tom Bozigian at the institutes. Participants will enjoy live music by the Bi-Coastal Band as well as recorded dance music. A concert will be given on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. by devoted and vivacious international and specialized dance Vendors will offer their groups. international wares. Afterparties, a Kolo Hour, an Armenian Dance Party and the final picnic and dance with a bar-b-que lunch are part of the activities scheduled.

We will celebrate in Ojai which, from all accounts, is ready to open its doors wide once again. Accommodations vary from motels and inns to camping and RV parking. If you have not made your reservations yet and need a registration form, call (818) 348-6133, or use the registration form in the Folk Dance Scene (Xeroxes are fine!). Advanced registration will save you money. People under 18 come free. For more information on Ojai, call (805) 646-For assistance with 8126. accommodations, call (805) 646-0865. - Sylvia Stachura

## Zlatne Uste Balkan Band returns to CalTech

On Tuesday, June 13 at 9 p.m. in CalTech's Dabney Hall, Cal Tech International Folkdancers hosts a folkdance celebration featuring live Balkan brass band music. Zlatne Uste is a group of musicians specializing in Gypsy and Slavic music of Bulgaria, Serbia and Macedonia. Last year when this group was in town, they attracted a large crowd of happy dancers. Join us for this year's event. All are welcome. Admission is free with donations gladly accepted. For information, call (818) 797-5157 or (310) 692-0366.

#### Koroyar News

There's lots of excitement on the musical front with a second complete Turkish set (medley) ready to debut, a second Israeli set in progress and a Romanian set in the planning stages, plus a strong chance of having a guest guitarist. The dances are not being neglected, with the Macedonian women's "Kira Maria" almost ready, the Greek solo "Leibekikos" well underway and the addition of a Bulgarian "Kopanitsa" planned. Both the orchestra and full ensemble have a performance this month.

The group is seeking 2-3 energetic men and women who prefer authentic material and are unafraid of village styling. For information, contact L. Lichty, 1140 N. Coronado St., L.A. 90026.

#### Ritmo Tango comes to West Hollywood

Argentine Tango dancers Alberto Toledano and Loreen Arbus will present their show, Ritmo Tango, at the cabaretstyle club, Luna Park at 665 N. Robertson Blvd. in West Hollywood. Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. on March 17, 24 and 31 in the upstairs Club Room.

The show features authentic exhibition style Argentine Tango and includes ten dance numbers, including one depicting the brothel origins of Tango. Several songs are included to show the wide range and richness of Tango lyrics. Instrumental numbers draw from various periods in the hundred year old repertoire of the Argentine Tango. For more information and/or reservations, call (310) 652-0611.

#### Hava Nagilla

A new folk dance group has begun at Big Bear Lake! Currently meeting on the first Saturday evening of each month, the group plans to expand to two Saturdays/month very soon. Teaching is at 7:30 p.m., by Bob and Francine Block, Nancy Freedland and Bill and Jerry Woods. Each teaching session is followed by a request dance party.

The group is located at the Bear Valley Dance Studio in the Triangle Center on Moonridge Road and Big Bear Lake. If you live in the area, or if you're up for a weekend of skiing, come dance with this group! For more info, call the Blocks at (909) 866-2532 or the Woods at (909) 689-6153.

#### Southern California Folklore Camp May 4-7, 1995 at Camp Seely

Join us in "Total Ethnic Immersion" at the Southern California Folklore Camp...dance to the music of the Bi-Coastal Band with Jaap Leegwater, Gene Ciejka and Theodor Vasilescu...enjoy surprise "ethnic happenings", where you can let your imagination run wild... eat Polish, Romanian and Bulgarian foods...all in the pine meadowlands of the Valley of Enchantment in the San Bernardino Mountains.

It's not too late to reserve your spot! For those who can't attend the entire camp, several part-time options are available, and for those who are willing to do a little work, there are several work scholarships available.

For more information, call Beverly (310) 202-6166, Jill (818) 368-1957, or Flora (805) 967-9991.

#### Westwood Co-op's Annual Camp Hess Kramer Weekend, April 28-30

Come to Malibu and join us in dance classes (all reviews of old classics), dance parties, nature walks,



sports, games, crafts, story telling, singing, plenty of food, fun and camaraderie. Call Wes for reservations at (310) 452-1538 and Sandy for more information at (310) 391-7382.

#### April Festival Celebrates Westwood Co-op's 50th Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon, April 9, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Westwood Co-op Folk Dancers will celebrate 50 years of dancing by sponsoring a Spring Festival at Culver City Memorial Auditorium.

This year's festival, which is free, will include an exhibition of Polish dances. An Afterparty Dinner and Dance follows in the evening. See the ad in this issue for further details.

#### UC Santa Barbara International Music & Dance Symposium

The 20th anniversary seminar expands its teaching staff with the addition of Bulgarian specialists Jaap Leegwater and Nina Kavardjikova. Jaap returns to Santa Barbara after several vears and is well known throughout Southern California. He has been to Bulgaria many times, dating back to 1969, and focuses his research on regional song and dance. Nina Kavardjikova is a Bulgarian native who graduated from the Academy of Music and Dance Arts in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. She was ballet-master and principal dancer with the Traika State Folklore Ensemble in Plovdiv, performed in over 35 countries throughout the world and has taught throughout Europe and the U.S. Scene will update further additions to the Symposium in future issues. For more information, write to the Symposium, c/o Tom Bozigian, P.O. Box 242, La Mirada, CA 90637

#### L.I.F.E. Dance & Music Camp, Claremont, CA June 15-18

Be sure to include L.I.F.E. 1995 on your MUST DO list!! 1995 is proving to be a very exciting year for folk dancers. There is a special event or workshop tour nearly every month and each event is unique, with its own flavor, its own character. One charac-

teristic that distinguishes L.I.F.E. is mystery, stepping into the unknown. With four outstanding teachers and at least 23 top-notch musicians on staff, you can expect to be surrounded by music and to dance your heart out. The entertainment wizards of L.I.F.E. are working to provide you with a feast for the senses, a rollercoaster ride, an opportunity to observe from new vantage points, to participate in new ways. You'll have a blast at the killer parties each night, but you will never forget the experience of being there from curtain up to curtain down. Make the journey with us. For more information, call Sherry Cochran or Michael Kirk at (818) 774-9944, or see the ad in Folk Dance Scene.

#### Mediterranean Dance Cruise with Beverly & Irwin Barr, 6/24-7/9/95

An interesting, exciting 14 day cruise with 13 full days in port and one day at sea. Enjoy your floating hotel. Sail each night, on land each day. No packing or unpacking. All outside cabins. Only 400 passengers.

If you've not yet traveled with Beverly and Irwin Barr, this just might be your chance. Deposits NOW will reserve a special price. Cabin choices and upgrades are available on a first comefirst served basis. Pre and post stay in Europe also available. See the ad in this issue of *Scene* for the very exciting "Ports of Call" in France, Spain, Italy, Tunisian, Corsica, Sicily, Sardinia, and others. RESERVE NOW -- space is filling up fast! For more information, call (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659.

#### Branson & the Ozarks with Beverly & Irwin Barr, September 1995

Beverly and Irwin will be taking a group on a trip to Branson, the Ozarks and the surrounding area in September, 1995. For info, call (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659.

#### Dunaj Performing at the 1995 Ballroom Dance Feather Awards

Dunaj International Dance Ensemble will introduce Folk and Vintage dance to the Ballroom Dance world at the 1995 Feather Awards Presentations on June 24 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The Feather Awards are considered the highest honors in Ballroom Dance and the event is a glitzy, high-energy celebration of couple dance in its many forms.

The company will perform twice, presenting "Szatmari Verbunk and Csardas" from Hungary in the Ethnic Dance portion and the Ragtime "Maxixe" in the "American Ethnique" demonstration of the evolution of American dance. For info about the 1995 Feather Awards, call Cay at (714) 494-5086.

#### Magyar Mania - North meets South May 5-7, 1995

L.A. and San Francisco teamed up to present a fun-filled Hungarian weekend of eating, drinking, dancing and general carousing at Harwood Lodge on scenic Mt. Baldy. Teaching by Istvan Szabo (Kovacs) and Tibor Toth, both formerly of the Hungarian State Ensemble in Budapest and the Forgatos Ensemble of the San Francisco Bay area, will center on gypsy dances and dances from Gyimes.

For more information, contact Debbie Rand at (310) 202-9024 or David Skuse at (510) 528-0884.

#### "Button Box Jamboree"

The Fontana Slovene Button Accordion Club presents "Button Box Jamboree", a two-day Slovenian polka dance event, on Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, 1995. The party starts Friday night with a free get-acquainted polka party. Saturday's party goes from noon to midnight and Sunday's program begins with a polka contest at 1 p.m., followed by more polkas, food, and music.

The Fontana Slovenian Hall is at 8425 Cypress in Fontana. For more information, call (909) 793-4090 or (909) 422-1994.

May I have this dance?

This is my first regular column for *FolkDance Scene*. In this column, I will explore different styles, music, influences, history and other topics concerning Vintage Dance. I will also cover dances or workshops/weekends devoted to Vintage Dancing.

What is Vintage Dance? We associate the adjective "vintage with superior wine, most of which comes from a single year. Over the years, vintage has also been used to signify something old of enduring interest, quality and importance. This is why we use vintage to describe quality clothing, cars, and dances which have endured from past times. Thus, Vintage Dance refers to American social dance from the 1780's to the end of World War II and the Swing Era. (These are approximate dates.)

Up to the 1890's, dances were imported from England and the Continent. Many of the early dances incorporate typical European folk dance steps such as polkas or schottisches. By the turn of the century, American social dancing began to develop its own style and devices. A new style of music, American jazz, greatly influenced social dance development in the 20th century. The two-step, the Ragtime dances, the fox trot, the jazz waltz, and the Charleston are good illustrations of how dance adapted to the new jazz music.

Perhaps the best way to understand Vintage Dance is to listen to the music that inspired and accompanied the dancing. Conveniently, a 1978 collection of instrumental dance music has been reissued on CD by New World Records with the title, "Come and Trip It", Instrumental Dance Music 1780s-1920s. Three musical ensembles are on the CD. The early music is performed by Members of the Federal Music Society (Tracks 1-9), the later music performed by Gerard Schwartz and His Dance Orchestra (Tracks 10-15) and by Dick Hyman and His Dance Orchestra (16-21). I will give a brief description of the dance styles inspired by the music. the notes accompanying the CD are very detailed and I have summarized some of the observations in the notes.

#### Country Fiddle Music/English Country Dances (Track 4) 7:01 minutes.

This track is a compilation of 6 country fiddle tunes, some of which are very old and familiar. The 6 tunes featured here are played in 3 pairs: 1) College Hornpipe, aka Sailor's Hornpipe/La Belle Catherine, 2) Hunt the Squirrel/Down Went McGinty to the Bottom of the Sea, and 3) Ashley's Ride/Fisher's Hornpipe. Country dances were easy to learn, highly sociable, and readily adaptable to include some local characteristics. A typical dance would be the Virginia Reel in which the couple facing each other at the head of the line dance with or around dancers from other positions in the line, either second or at the bottom. The other couples move progressively up to the point where they, too, will dance the figures. These dances survived in isolated areas of the Appalachian Mountains. You might hear these tunes at contra dances today.

#### Minuet and Gavotte (Track 3) 2:53 minutes

When I hear a minuet, I think of ladies in elaborate large hair-dos and dances which are formal and elegant. This track features a piece played on the pianoforte which sounds very prissy and formal. The dance consisted of bows and curtseys, small gliding steps, quarter turns, and a small amount of travel along a prescribed "Z" pattern. The minuet and gavotte did not last past the end of the 18th century. The dance is very formal and the steps difficult.

#### La Sonnambula Quadrille Number Two (Track 9) 4:32 minutes

The quadrille is the French version of English country dances. This particular version is based in part on the airs from an opera and the orchestration is taken from a piano version published in 1838. Quadrilles are generally in 3/4 time and were danced in fashionable society in major cities and resorts. Typically, the underlying forms of a

number of sequences danced are done in a square, with first the head couples and then the side couples doing the figures. You may see the Lancer's Quadrille danced at Victorian balls today.

#### Prima Donna Waltz (Track 1)

1:43 minutes

The waltz remains a popular dance today, but did you know at one time it was considered scandalous because it was a couple dance decidedly different from the very social exchange of partners in the earlier dances. This track is from the 1850s and consists of the first group of strains from a set of waltzes. The traditional waltz is in 3/4 time, but it can be fairly fast at 54 bars per minute. The waltz continued to pick up speed through the 18th century, culminating in the spinning of the typical Viennese waltz, a dance not to be attempted by beginners who have dizziness problems.

#### Victoria Galop Track (Track 7) 1:08 minutes

This piece was originally published in 1839 for pianoforte and an early bugle called "comet a pistons". The pack of this track is quite brisk. A galop is a quick and simple couple dance in 2/4 time involving sliding and turning steps. The dance was widely performed from the 1830s to the 1890s. When we hear a galop, we don't mean that the dancers gallop down the floor; the galop is really more of a chasse step. Galloping is meant for horses, not polite Vintage dancers. Jenny Lind Polka (Track 2) 1:01 minutes The Flirt Polka (Track 8) 3:10 minutes

The 19th century polka is derived from an old Polish dance. (See great article from *Folk Dance Scene* magazine by Richard Powers last year on the history of the Polka.) These polkas do not have the ump-pa-pa sound that most people associate with the polka. The polka was a lively round dance with turns, some vigorous hopping and leaping.

#### Natalie Polka-Mazurka (Track 5) 2:54 minutes

Chopin is purportedly responsible for promoting the mazurka in his works. However, the mazurka is considered a Polish contredanse. This tune sounds like a grade school music recital piece rather than a lively dance.

#### Flying Cloud Schottishe (Track 6) 1:17 minutes

The word "schottishe" is German for Scottish and the term was used to describe the quick shifts from foot to foot and the striking of the heel and pointing of the toes characteristic of the Scottish reel. The tune sounds more like the um-pa-pa polka we associate with the traditional German style polka.

Tracks 10-21 present the music for the dances from the 1880s to the 1920s. These tracks follow in historical sequence. Here, we also change bands to Gerard Schwartz and His Dance Orchestra (Tracks 10-15)

#### Eliza Jane McCue (Track 10) 2:22 minutes

I really like this cut. It always reminds me of the Santa Monica carousel. This track is supposed to be perfect for the Boston-Dip Waltz, which consisted of a bending of the knee so as to dip slightly on the first beat, a pause on the second, and close on the third beat. This step was done during the chorus of the song to vary the waltz. This track conjures up the image of a Sunday afternoon dance social replete with lemonade and ice cream and ladies with white lace parasols in the late 1880s.

#### Blaze Away (Track 11) 2:22 minutes

The march two-step in 6/8 time was all the rage at the end of the century. Although the music certainly sounds like marching band music, the two-step is really a couple dance done in waltz position. People even did two-step dances to John Philip Sousa tunes at this time. The turn of the century was a time of optimism and this seems reflected in the musical style of the early 1900s.

#### Hiawatha (Track 13) 2:53 minutes

This track continues the two-step marching band style. The name of the song has nothing to do with Hiawatha or any type of music associated with Indians, American or Indian. The name comes from the cycle of Indian intermezzo two-steps as they came to be called and the style was very popular in the first years of the decade (1900-1910). It is a very upbeat track complete with marching band piccolo.

Ma Ragtime Baby (Track 12) 3:06 minutes

This track is much jazzier than the two-step marching bands -- it has a definite cakewalk feel, the dance of the show-offs. The rhythms in this track are varied and suggest a mixture of steps -- pretty confusing for newer dancers. The cakewalk high stepping and body movements incorporate the most scandalous of dances, the French cancan. This was a scandalous time (1910) and dance halls such as those found in San Francisco, were very bawdy places.

## Chinatown, My Chinatown (Track 14) 1:52 minutes

This track has all the stereotypical sounds you would expect in an American version of Chinese music. The gongs, cymbals, and drums sound a bit strange and at first I though this track was Hiawatha (Track 13) because of the drum beats. but the emphatic drum was important to the one-step, the perfect dance for this music. The one-step was a jaunty traveling couples dance done to upbeat music in 2/4 time. This dance had become very popular by 1913 when Vernon and Irene Castle returned from Paris and the "Castle Walk" became an important dance.

#### El Irresistible (Track 15)

#### 2:05 minutes

The tango was, of course, imported from Buenos Aires. It had the reputation of being a shockingly sensuous dance. I think it still does. This particular tango has a very sensual sound...you get a sultry palm tree swaying image. It is also known as the Maurice Tango, named after the dancer who popularized it in about 1914. Rudolph Valentino sparked a tango revival in the 1920s with his movie, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." We are now in the midst of another tango revival. It would be great to hear some of these older tangos at dance clubs.

We again change dance bands and the remaining five tracks are performed by Dick Hyman and His Dance Orchestra. This is the music of my own grandmother who danced every single Sunday night. The time before WWI was quite social and I can't imagine anyone not participating in dancing. According to my grandmother, they rolled back the oriental carpets for dancing in the parlor. This was the time before income tax and prohibition. It seems the emphasis was on having good times.

#### The Mississippi Cabaret (Track 16)

Yes, folks, there is a dance called the "turkey trot" and this is the music for a syncopated turkey trot done at one-step tempo. (The one step is purported to be a smoother, subdued version of the turkey trot). The turkey trot consists of strides and a lot of wigwagging the body back and forth along with changes in direction. (Do these movements resemble those of a turkey?) The animal dances such as the turkey trot, grizzly bear, camel walk, and the chicken glide were considered sexually explicit and scandalous. It is said that there were signs posted in the more conservative dance halls saying, "No Camel Walking".

#### Valse de Ma Coeur (Track 17)

Around 1915, the Hesitation- and Boston-Waltz became a very popular dance. You can hear the hesitation and, of course the 3/4 time waltz. The rhythm seems tricky and I think dancers must have been fairly confused. This is a beautifully orchestrated piece that has a dreamy and sad quality about it.

#### Kansas City Blues (Track 18) 2:06 minutes

The fox trot developed as a combination of steps that had been in general use for at least 5-10 years. The 4/4 rhythm with unusual breaks in the middle of the tune forced dancers to improvise with some one-step, trot, tango, and the glide. This particular track is a piano blues number arranged for a dance orchestra. Characteristically, it has some breaks that I'm sure baffled dancers.

#### Hold Me (Track 20) 1:40 minutes

This track is cute, with a tickity-tock wood block. The early 1920s was the beginning of the flapper era, and you can hear it in this track. The beat is more regular and the banjo provides a good consistent rhythm for dancing. The saxophones on the track make it sound very jazzy.

#### Waltzing the Blues (Track 20) 2:22 minutes

This track has great orchestration, with some cross rhythms and breaks by the piano and flutes. Because it's a waltz, it sounds old fashioned for the 1920s but the arrangement is definitely jazzy. People who waltz don't get the blues, so I wonder why they bothered trying to combine two incompatible styles.

#### Sweet Man (Track 21) 2:27 minutes

The charleston was the dance of the roaring 20s, but it was first danced in the South by Black dancers in the first decade of the century. (Of course, the charleston takes its name from Charleston, South Carolina.) Everyone knows the basic charleston step with knock-kneed and twisted body motions. It was a wild dance and people took solos to show off.

This CD is so much fun to listen to -- I've played it hundreds of times and am still fascinated. the tracks are unusually short but I suppose this was done so that a lot could be packed onto the CD. It gives a good survey of the music that was played at the dances. Now all you have to do is close your eyes and start dancing. You might also want to attend some Vintage Dance classes. As you can see, Vintage Dance includes everything from minuets to contra to the charleston to the tango! A complete catalog of New World Records is available by calling (212) 302-0460 or FAXing (212) 944-1922.

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11:00	??	Afterparty (Art Center)
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TRANSLATION: The bride is a red rose

PRONUNCIATION: NEH-res-tah TSRR-vehn tren-DAH-fehl

MUSIC: Yves Moreau cassette, YM-MC-9404, side A/6

RHYTHM:

11/8 counted: 1-2-3 4-5 6-7 8-9 10-111 2 3 4 5 (S-Q-Q-Q-Q)

Dance rhythm:  $\frac{1}{S} \frac{2-3}{S} \frac{4}{Q} \frac{5}{Q} \text{ or } \frac{1-2-3}{S} \frac{4-5-6-7}{S} \frac{8-9}{Q} \frac{10-11}{Q}$ 

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2	Still facing ctr - step R bkwd (ct 1); step L Note: Done very lightly on balls of ft.	bkwd (ct 2-3); step R beside L (ct 4); step L beside R or slightly fwd (ct5)
3	Still facing ctr - step R fwd (ct 1); step I	, fwd (ct 2-3); closing R to L, lightly bounce twice on both ft tog (ct 4-5)
4	Repeat meas 3, moving bkwd with same	ftwk.
	Repeat dance from beg to end of music.	
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WESTSIDE ISRAELI & INTERNÀTIONAL DANCERS

HUNGARIAN TANCHAZ

#### **BEGINNER'S CLASSES**

ARMENIAN DANCE CLASS M-F, 6:30-10 pm (8 week series) CABRILLO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Thurs, 7:30-10 pm CONEJO VALLEY FOLK DANCERS Mon., 7:30 pm CRESTWOOD FOLK DANCERS Mon, 7-8:15 pm DESERT INTERNATIONAL Tues, 7:30-8:30 pm FOLK DANCERS EDY GREENBLATT'S ISRAELI DANCERS Tues, 7-8 pm GOTTA DANCE! Thurs, 7:15-8:15 pm Israeli Dancer HAVERIM FOLK DANCERS Sun, 7-9 pm OF VENTURA ISRAELI & INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS Tues, 7:45-10 pm KAYSO FOLK DANCERS Sat, 1-3 pm LAGUNA BEGINNER'S FOLK DANCE CLASS Wed, 8:00-10:15 pm NICHEVO FOLK DANCERS Wed., 7:30 pm NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY Thurs, 7:30-9:30 pm BEGINNERS OJAI FOLK DANCERS Wed., 7:30 pm ORANGE COUNTY FOLK Fri., 7:30-8:30 pm DANCERS

(310) 478-5968 Edy Greenblatt (310) 769-3765 Trudy Bronson (818) 248-2020, Antoni (213) 660-1030, Jozef (310) 478-5968 Edy Greenblatt, instructor (310) 426-7601 (805) 967-9991

Thurs, 7:15-11 pm All levels

Fri, 8 pm-midnight

Tues, 7-10:15 pm

Wed, 8-10:30 p.m.

Tues, 7:30-9 pm Thur, 7:45-9:15 pm

Mon., 7:30-9:30 pm

Mon, 1:00-3:30 pm

Mon 7:30-9:00 pm

Instructors class

Wed, 7:30-10 pm

2nd Saturdays 7:30 pm-midnight

Tues & Fri

9 am-noon

Sun, Wed, 7:30-10 pm

Thur, 1-3 pm

Flora Codman (818) 845-7555 Susan Ounjian

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VAN NUYS, 17231 Sherman Way L.A., 4950 W. Slauson Ave.

SAN PEDRO, YWCA, 437 W. Ninth St.

MAR VISTA, 11827 Venice Blvd.

Westwood, Hillel Student Center, 900 Hilgard Ave. Call for details

Encino, 15739 Ventura Blvd.

WEST L.A., Westwide Jewish Ctr., 5870 N. Olympic Blvd.

L.A. Gypsy Camp, 3265 Motor Ave.

Different locations each night. Call for details.

SAN DIEGO, Recital Hall Balboa Park

WEST L.A., Brockton School 1309 Armacost Ave.

PALM SPRINGS, Village Center 538 N. Palm Canyon Dr.

VAN NUYS. Valley Cities Jewish Ctr. 13164 Burbank Blvd.

LOS ANGELES. Westside Jewish Community Ctr., 5870 W. Olympic Blvd.

VENTURA, Temple Beth Torah 7620 Foothill Rd. (corner Kimbal)

REDONDO BEACH, Temple Menorah 1101 Camino Real

SAN DIEGO, North Park Rec Center, 4044 Idaho St.

LAGUNA BEACH, Community Center, 384 Legion Ave.

SANTA BARBARA. Carillo Rec. Center 100 E. Carillo

ESCONDIDO, Methodist Church Rec. Hall, 4th & Kalmia

OJAI. Ojai Art Center

ORANGE, The Music Room, 3514 E. Chapman

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

PASADENA CO-OP BEGINNER'S CLASS	Fri, 7:45-8:30 pm	(818) 794-9493	PASAE 300 S.
SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLASS	Wed, 7-8:15 pm	(619) 422-5540 Alice Stirling	SAN D Balboa
SIERRA MADRE FOLK DANCE CLASS	Mon, 8-9:30 pm	(818) 441-0590 Chuck Lawson	SIERR Bldg, 6
SKANDIA FOLK DANCE CLASSES	Mon, 7:30-10 pm Wed, 7:15-10 pm	(714) 533-8667 (310) 459-5314	ANAHE CULVE
SOUTH BAY FOLK DANCERS	Fri, 7-10 pm	Bea, (310) 377-6393 Ted/Marilyn (310) 370-2140	TORR/ 3330 C
UCLA HILLEL Israeli Dancers	Mon 9:00-10:30 pm	(310) 478-5968 Edy Greenblatt	Westw 900 Hil
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WESTSIDE ISRAELI & INTERNATIONAL DANCERS	Tues & Fri, 9-10 am	(310) 478-5968 Edy Greenblatt	WEST 5870 V
WESTWOOD CO-OP FOLK DANCERS	Thurs, 7:30-9 pm	(818) 998-5682 (310) 476-1466	WEST 1670 S

PASADENA, Throop Memorial Church, 300 S. Los Robles

SAN DIEGO, Balboa Park Club Balboa Park

SIERRA MADRE, Sierra Madre Recreation Bldg, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

ANAHEIM, Ebell Club, 226 N. Helena St. CULVER CITY, Peer Gynt, 3835 Watseka

TORRANCE. Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Dr., (310) 781-7150

Westwood, Hillel Student Center, 900 Hilgard Ave. Call for details

Call for address.

WEST L.A. Westside Jewish Ctr 5870 W. Olympic Blvd.

WEST L.A., Emerson Jr. High Gym, 1670 Selby, behind Mormon Temple

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