DE DOI DIN BANAT (Rumania)

De poi pin Banat (Deh doy dean Bah-naht) means "For Two from Banat".

It is a couple dance from Banat which is close to the Yugoslav border. This dance was learned by Mihai David while performing with the Rumanian State Folk Dance Ensemble in 1966.

MUSIC:

LARK

FORMATION:

Part I - Cpls in Varsouvienne pos facing ctr of

circle.

Part II - M & W facing in low hand hold.

MUSIC: 4/4

PATTERN

Meas.

PART I:

FIG I TRAVEL

Ftwk same for both M & W

- On first step, make 1/4 turn to face L (RLOD) and with small running steps, run L,R,L, (cts 1 & 2), R,L,R (cts 3 & 4).
- Step down on bended L leg (ct 1), sharp rise on L (ct &), small leap onto R--make 1/2 turn CCW to face R (RLOD)(ct 2), step L,R,L in place (cts 3 & 4).
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 to R (LOD) and with opp ftwk.
- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4.

Fig I is done a total of 8 times.

FIG II:M IN PLACE, W TURNING

In place, facing ctr, W in front of M, repeat Fig I, meas 1
M turns W 1/8 to L (cts 1 & 2), then to R (cts 3 & 4).
M dances meas in place.

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- Repeat Fig II with M turning W one turn to L (CW) M release W L hand (cts 1 & 2) step in place (cts 3 & 4).
 M dances meas in place.
- 3-8 Repeat meas 1-2, 3 more times.

 On last repeat of meas 2, W does extra 1/2 turn to end facing M (W back to ctr) in low hand hold (R to L,L to R).

 PART II: SIDE TO SIDE & COUPLE TURN

Ftwk for M unless otherwise noted.

- 1 Moving LOD, walk L,R,L, close R to L (cts 1-4)
- 2 Repeat meas 1 in RLOD and with opp ftwk.
- 3-8 Repeat meas 1-2, 3 more times.
- 9-10 M repeats Part I, Fig II, meas 1-2. Releasing M L and W R hand, W travels once CCW completely around M. W repeat ftwk of Part I, Fig I, meas 1-2. M starts L, W R. Free hands on hips, fingers fwd.
- 11-12 Both continue ftwk of PartI, Fig I, meas 1-2. On first ct resume Varsouvienne pos and both travel in a tight circle CCW, ending with W facing M in low hand hold. M starts R W L.
- 13-16 Repeat meas 9-12.
 To finish Part II, repeat meas 1-16, 2 more times.

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