HORA DRĂGĂȘENILOR

(Romanian)

Hora Dragasenilor (Haw-RAH Drah-gah-SHEN-ee-lor) is a line dance named after the region from which it comes--Dragasani. The dance was introduced by Mihai David who learned it from the Romanian Ensemble Ciccirlia.

Record: Gypsy Camp GC 5201 side 2, band 2

Formation: Mixed lines facing ctr. Arms held in shoulder hold ("T" pos).

Steps and
Styling:

Basic step, <u>fedeles</u>, is a walk-run hora step. Eight
steps are taken in a circular path-fwd, L, bwd, and R
to place. The dance moves smoothly and not vigorously.

Ft remain close to floor throughout the dance. There are
no hops, only lifts, which means the supporting ft remains
in contact with the floor.

Meter: 4/4

Meas	Pattern
1-8	INTRODUCTION
	FIG I
1	Facing ctr, step fwd R (ct 1). L (ct 2). R (ct 3). Lift on R raising L knee slightly (ct 4).
2	Repeat meas 1 but reverse ftwork and move bwd out of circle (cts 1-4).
3	Step R fwd (ct 1). Lift on R raising L knee slightly (ct 2). Step L fwd (ct 3). Lift on L raising R knee slightly (ct 4).
4	Facing ctr, step R to R (ct 1). Step L behind R (ct 2). Step R to R (ct 3). Lift on L raising E knee slightly (ct 4).
5-8	Repeat meas 1-4 but reverse ftwork.
	FIG II
7	Facing and moving slightly in LOD, step fwd R (ct 1).

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	Lift on R raising L knee slightly (ct 2). Step fwd L (ct 3). Lift on L raising R knee slightly (ct 4).
2 - 3	Do eight (8) fedeles steps in circular path as described above.
4	Repeat meas 1, Fig II moving slightly R and bwd (cts 1-4).
5 - 8	Repeat meas 1-4, Fig II.
	Dance repeats from the beginning.

Presented by Mihai David at the 1974 Louisiana Spring Folk and Ethnic Dance Festival, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.