Ballon Firtur

(Døstrup [Sønderjylland], Denmark)

This dance is from Døstrup in the Sønderjylland region of Denmark.

Pronunciation: bah-LOHN FEER-toor Translation: Ballon's Four Figure Dance

(Ballon is a person's name)

Music: 6/8 and 2/4 meter Liflig Sang CD 1, Track #11

Formation: 4-couple square set, all begin with the outer foot.

Steps & Styling: Waltz, Step-hop.

Hopsa: 1 M leap L (ct 1), step R (ct 2), step L (ct 3), turning CW half. W

use opp ftwk.

2 M leap R (ct 1), step L (ct 2), step R (ct 3), turning CW

remaining half. W use opp ftwk.

<u>Tyrolerhopsa</u>: In ballroom pos, 4 Hopsa steps progressing CCW around set:

With inside hands joined in W-pos, M push arm fwd and leap slightly L (ct 1), step R (ct 2), step L (ct 3). W use opp ftwk.

2 M pull arm back and leap slightly R (ct 1), step L (ct 2), step R

(ct 3). W use opp ftwk.

Meas	<u>6/8 and</u>	1 2/4 meter Pattern
		INTRODUCTION. None.
6/8	I.	HONORS. (Refer to diagram above on right)
1-2		Cpl 1 and Cpl 2 bow to ptr and advance with 3 Waltz steps and acknowledge opp at end of meas 2.
3-4		Same cpls retire with 3 Waltz steps and acknowledge ptr at end of meas 4.
5-8		Cpls 3 and 4 repeat meas 1-4.
9-16		Repeat meas 1-8.
2/4	II.	CHAIN AND TYROLERHOPSA.
1-8		All Grand Chain (Grand R & L) with Step-hops once around the set (1 step-hop per person).
9-10		All dance 1 Tyrolerhopsa to pos on R.
11-12		Repeat meas 9-10, and continue to opp pos.
13-16		Repeat meas 9-12 to return to beg pos.
Sequence: Repeat dance three more times (4 times total).		

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