

Batraneasca de la Ciocanesti

This dance was learned from Viorel Vatamaniuc, dance master of Ciprian Porumbescu Ensemble of Suceava, Moldova.

Ciocanesti, is a village near Vatra Dornei, Moldova and Batraneasca means "Old Way" from the Ciocanesti Village.

Music: Village Dances of Romania Vol. III

Formation: Open circle or closed, Hands "W" position.

Meter 4/4

Measures Introduction - 16 measures

Part One

- 1 Facing center in place weight on Left start with R stepping at rear (ct. 1), L in place (ct. &), bring R forward (ct. 2) and while body motion slightly - R shoulder moving in and out. Repeat ct. 1&2.
- 2-16 Travelling to R with R 7 steps, ending on 7 with a slight stamp inside as in ct. 2(first figure) and while travelling, arms swing down once and go back up, as you stamp towards center. Repeat fig. 1 & 2, 3 more times, 4 times in all.

Part Two:

- 1 Traveling LOD Step R (ct.1) Hop on R (ct. &2), step L in front of R (ct. 1), Hop L (ct.2), Step R to R (ct. 1), step L behind R (ct. 2), Step R in place (ct. 1), close with L to R (ct. 2).
- 2-8 Repeat part two traveling opposite direction with opposite footwork.
Repeat figure both sides, 2 in all.
Repeat dance from beginning 4 times, (5 in all).