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Bulgaria

This women's dance from East Trakija is a Lazarski dance. On Lazar day, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, dances are performed to symbolize the raising of Saint Lazarus, and thus the awakening and bringing of new life, fertility, happiness and prosperity.

PRONUNCIATION: BOOIE-neck

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FORMATION: Couples in one line, hands in V-pos. Leading girl is called Buenets.

BASIC STEP: The basic step is a smooth walking step, going R,L, with an up-

accent on the R leg.

METER:	2/4		PATTERNS		
Direct	Meas	Ct	Steps		Arms
			INTRODUCTION: 16 meas		
\hookrightarrow	1-16		FIG. I 16 basic steps in LOD		arms in V-pos.
1	1-4		FIG. II 4 basic steps twd ctr		arms in W-pos, bouncing up on ea ct 1.
	5-6		2 basic steps bkwd		arms in W-pos.
\bigvee	7-8		Repeat meas 5-6		bring arms down 4 cts
	9	1 2	Small step with R to R Light stamp with L next to R (no wt)	}	arms swing slightly fwd.
1	10		Same as meas 9 with opp ftwk		arms swing bkwd.
	11		Repeat meas 9.		
	12	1 2	Light stamp with L (no wt) Pause		arms swing bkwd.
	13-16		Same as meas 9-12 with opp ftwk		
			FIG. III		
1	1	1-2	Step R,L. twd ctr		bring arms up from
	2	1 2	Step R twd ctr Bounce on R ft	7	V-pos to W-pos in 4 cts.
+	3	1-2	Step L,R bkwd		
V	4	1 2	Step L bkwd Bounce on L ft	}	arms stay in W-pos.

Direct	Meas	Ct	Steps	Arms
	5	1 2	Small step with R to R Light stamp with L next to R (no wt)	bring arms down and bkwd in 4 cts.
	6		Same as meas 5 with opp ftwk	
	7	1 2	Step R to R Cross L behind R	bring arms up to W-pos in 4 cts.
	8	1 2	Step R to R Bounce on R ft	
\leftarrow	9-10		Same as meas $7-8$ with opp ftwk	bring arms down and bkwd.
`	11-20		Repeat meas 1-10, finish facing ctr with cpls holding hands and releasi others.	
(0) (1)	21-22		Cpls make $\frac{1}{2}$ turn cw in 2 basic step pers on the R turns in pl, as pers on the L walks fwd around the one on the R	arms in W-pos.
	23	1 -	Step with R in pl, accent up,	arms accent up in W-pos
4		2	ptnrs look at ea other Hold	hold.
1 21		&	Free wt from R ft	arms accent down (W-pos).
(0/00	24–26		Repeat meas 21-22, thus completing a full cir	
ф	27-28		2 basic steps in pl	bring arms down and bkwd.
Q (n)	29-36		Same as meas 21-28 turning ccw, with pers on the L becoming the axis in pl.	
			FIG. IV: GRAPEVINE	
\	1	1 2	Cross R in fr of L Step L to L	arms swing fwd
	2	1 2	Cross R behind L Step L to L	arms swing bkwd
	3-16		Repeat meas 1-2 7 more times (all this in RLOD).	
			ORDER OF FIGURES:	
			Fig I Fig II Fig III Fig I Fig I Fig IV Fig II: repeat meas 1-8 2x	
			Fig III Fig I Fig II: repeat meas 1-8 2x	

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