DJADO MITJOVATA

Bulgaria

TRANSLATION:

ORIGIN

"Grandfather Mitjo's dance" is an original line-dance from the village

of Kabile in the Jambol district of Eastern Trakia, Bulgaria.

The dance was named after, and in honor of, one of the village's

beloved and well respected line leaders Djado Mitjo.

Today's leader, Todor Krâstev, still recalls Djado Mitjo as saying: "the slower and relaxer the dance the better. After all it's a dance for

us eldery folks".

METER:

2/4

or

MUSIC

Cassette "FOLK DANCES FROM BULGARIA" - JL1997.04

with Jaap Leegwater Side B, Nr, 15.

STYLE:

Trakijski, and for the performance of this dance in particular:

- a relaxed and bouncy character

- small lift on cts & before each measure.

SOURCE:

Learned, notated and recorded in the village of Kabile as danced by the local folklorna grupa and played by their musical group in the

summer of 1995 during the Folklora Balkana Summer Dance

Seminar.

FORMATION

Open or half circle. Hands held at W-position.

INTRODUCTION:

10 bars

DIRECTIO	N ME	AS CT	PATTERN	ARMS
	> 1	1 & 2	step on R ft step ("fall") on L ft behind R ft step on R ft	fwd low bkwd low fwd low
	_ 2	1 & 2	step on L ft step ("fall") on R ft slightly behnd L heel step on L ft	fwd Iow bkwd Iow fwd Iow
	3	1 2	step on R ft slightly sdwd R bounce on R ft, swinging L leg in front	W-position
	4	1 2	step on L ft slightly sdwd L bounce on L ft, swinging R leg in front	W-position

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