

## KARSILAMAS

**SOURCE:** The Karsilamas is danced in Macedonia, Greece and Asia Minor. It is a couple dance, with many different styles, body movements, and gestures. In Macedonia, it is a bouncy and uplifting dance. With the advent of the bouzouki, however, it has become a popular dance of the tavernas and has assumed a more flirtatious nature. The dancers create a dialogue of movement, using the man's hands and the woman's handkerchief.

9/8 couples facing each other

## PATTERN

- 1 Step R to R.
- 2 Step L behind R.
- 3 Step to R with R.
- 4 Raise L by R ankle.
- 1-4 Repeat opp. ftwk.

## Var. 1

- 1-4 Same basic ftwk. Partners come fwd. shoulder to shoulder.

## Var. 2

- 1-4 Same ftwk. as basic with turn.

## Var. 3 (Man)

- 1 Step R to R.
- 2 Step L over R.
- 3 Squat on both feet.
- 4 Rise and slap R ft. with R hand.

## Var. 3 (Woman)

- 1 Step R to R.
- 2 Step L over R.
- 3 Step R to R.
- 4 Feet together do half squat.

Note: Man has hands extended snapping rhythm and woman has hands on hips or twirls her handkerchief.

