

Pongauer Walzer

(Austria)

Pongauer Walzer (PONE-gaw-er VAHL-ser) is a couple dance from the province of Salzburg, Pongau Region of Austria. Morry Gelman learned the dance from folk dance leaders there and he presented it at the University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp in 1979.

MUSIC:Record: Tanz SP 230683/4 meter

FORMATION:Cpls, at random around floor, all M with L shldr twd ctr. W is to R of ptr, inside hands (MR-WL) joined. W free hand is on hip, fingers fwd, thumb back. M free hand may either be on hip or hooked in suspenders.

STEPS and STYLING:Waltz;* A landler type waltz is used throughout, very smooth, without dips or accents. The arm lead is important; extend arm fwd on 1st open waltz, pull in easily on 2nd.

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MUSIC 3/4	PATTERN
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- Measures
- 2 ctsINTRODUCTION (4 'pick-up' notes; no action)
- THE DANCE
- 1-2Beg ML-WR, move fwd (LOD) with 2 waltzes. Joined hands extend easily fwd on 1st waltz, back on 2nd.
- 3-4Release hands, turn in twd ptr to face RLOD, join new inside hands and move bkwd (LOD) with 2 waltzes. Arms swing fwd and back as in meas 1-2.
- 5-8In closed pos, dance 4 waltzes, turning CW and progressing LOD.
- 9-16Continue in LOD with 8 more turning waltzes.
- 17-24Repeat action of meas 1-8.
- 25-28M move LOD with 4 waltzes as W turns twice CW under joined hands (ML-WR) with 4 waltzes.
- 29-32Repeat action of meas 5-8.
- Repeat dance from beginning.

