

RADIKALKO KOLO - HAJ, HAJ, BOZHE DAJ, KOLO

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Dances from Yugoslavia

Many kolos are so popular that they are done more than once during a dance gathering and so different tunes are used for them. As for example the Radikalko and the Haj, Haj, Bozhe Daj, Kolos. Both are identical, but the music is different. To an onlooker these dances may seem dull and monotonous. But not the folk dancer who enjoys moving in the simple steps, over and over again, occasionally bursting forth in a shout or verse and relishing the music. They feel it "inside" and are not concerned with how they look for performances. These are good easy Kolos for beginners to learn.

Formation: Dancers in a circle, no partners, hands joined low, with a leader at one end to make it a broken circle. Dancers should stay quite close together during dance.

THE DANCE: All face to right and move diagonally forward to the right and to the center ~~and take 3 tiny quick steps in place~~ with two slow steps, right and left/

Face center and take 3 tiny quick steps in place, right, left, right.

Still facing center, move directly backwards two slow steps, Left, right.

Take 3 tiny quick steps in place, left, right left.

Repeat dance from beginning, Simple, isn't it? Except that each step is taken with a little bounce so that there is a tiny tremble of the whole body on each step. The leader weaves the circle in and around the room. Once in a while he cajoles them into turning the walking steps into a skipping step and the circle picks up in liveliness, then once more he settles down to a walking step.

PRONUNCIATION Radikalko - rod-ee-kol-ko

Haj, Haj, Bozhe, Daj - hi, hi (Like in high) bozh-e (like in yet)
die

Note that the "j" is pronounced like a "y" in Kolo titles.

Incidentally title means Hey, Hey, the Good Lord Gives!

Although this dance is simple it requires good ~~sty~~ style to make it enjoyable so don't forget to keep hands joined low and to move closer together when you walk.

And don't forget to inject an occasional shout such as Hey, Hey, or Hup, Hup, or a word like Veselo, ro Hoopatscoop" or any other Kolo shouts you know.

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