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Serbian

History

A Rom dance from Bujanovac, a village in South Serbia. I learnt this dance at the EEFC Ramblewood Balkan Camp in 1998 and refined it with Steve Kotansky in 2004.

Rhythm

The music has an even 4/4 rhythm.

Steps

Open circle, arms in a W hold. Start off near the centre of the circle as the first steps go backwards.

Facing centre, step back on the right, then on the left, then on the right, followed by two quick steps in place (left, right).

One grapevine - step across in front with the left foot, step to the side with the right, cross behind with the left foot, side with the right.

Facing right of centre step forward with the left foot, quickly close with the right, then step forward again with the left. Turn to face centre to start the sequence again.

When Steve taught this dance in 2004 he started with the three steps going in, but otherwise the dance is the same. I still find it easier to start with the backward steps, but it does mean you have to move the dancers inwards before starting.

Music

I don't know the original source of the music, but it is available on Steve Kotansky's Findhorn 2004, available from me.

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