TRANSLATION &

ORIGIN

Line dance from the region of <u>Sever na Bulgaria</u>, also called <u>Severnjaško</u>, Northern Bulgaria.

Severnjaško is the largest etnographic region of Bulgaria.

Roughly it can be divided in three subregions:

the Dunabe river stream area in the North, the Northern Bulgarian Plain in the middle and the slopes of <u>Balkana</u>,

the Balkan Mountain Range in the South.

Each region has its own distinct styling characteristics

in the dance and music performance.

The dance described here is a typical example of the Plain

area, reflecting its space and wide strech.

Simular dances are known under different names, such as:

Sitno Horo, Sitnata, Sitno Severnjaško Horo and

Sitno Kradunavsko Horo.

SOURCE

Severnjaško Horo consists of original variations learned by Jaap Leegwater in several villages in the Veliko Târnovo district during a field study with the assistance of Ivan Donkov in the fall of 1979.

The pattern described under Part 2 is known as <u>Jadžijskata</u> and is danced by the inhabitants of the village of Pavel.

METER

2/4

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MUSIC

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STYLE

: Severnjaški

- small energetic steps

- jumpy and bouncy character

FORMATION

Half or open circle.

Hand joined in W-position.

INTRODUCTION

: 16 measures

MEAS	CTS	PATTERN Part 1
1		<pre>facing ctr, moving diag R fwd, step on R ft (ct 1), step on L ft behind R ft (ct &amp;), step on R ft (ct 2)</pre>
2		repeat action of meas 1 with opp ftwk & directions
3		facing ctr, moving bkwd, step on R ft (ct 1), step on L ft (ct 2)
4		step on R ft (ct 1), leap onto L ft, kicking R heel behind (ct 2)
5-16		repeat action of meas 1-4 three more times

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MEAS
        CTS
              PATTERN
                                 Part 2
1
              facing ctr, dancing in place, both knees slightly bent.
              fall onto R ft (ct 1),
              step on L ft next to R toes, wt equally on both ft (ct &),
              fall back unto R ft (ct 2),
              tap L ft next to R toes (ct &)
2
              repeat action of meas 1 with opp ftwk
3
              repeat action of meas 1
4
              facing ctr, moving sdwd L,
              leap onto L ft (ct 1),
              leap onto R ft across in front of L ft (ct &).
              leap onto L ft (ct 2),
leap onto L ft behind R ft (ct &)
5
              step on L ft (ct 1).
              bring R leg with the knee bent in front (ct &).
              hop on L ft, lifting R knee (ct 2),
              strike R heel next to L toes on the floor (ct &)
6
              repeat action of meas 4 with opp ftwk & directions
7-8
              repeat action of meas 1-2
9-16
              repeat action of meas 1-8
                                  Part 3
1
              step on R ft slightly sdwd R (ct 1),
         2
              step on L ft in front of R ft (ct &),
         3
              step back on R ft in place (ct 2),
              step on L ft next to R ft (ct &)
         5
2
              step on R ft in front of L ft (ct 1).
              step back on L ft in place (ct &),
              fall onto R ft, lifting L knee slightly across in front
              of R leg (ct 2)
3
              fall onto L ft, extending R leg across in front of L leg (ct 1),
              repeat action of ct 1 with opp ftwk (ct 2)
4
              repeat action of ct 1 of meas 3 (ct 1),
              fall onto R ft, extending L ft fwd low slightly across in front
              of R ft (ct 2)
5
              small hop on R ft, swinging L ft around (ct 1),
              step on L ft bkwd (ct &).
              step on R ft next to L ft (ct 2),
              slightly turning body face diag R, step on L ft fwd (ct &)
6
              turning body face diag L.
              hop on L ft, sharply lifting R knee in front (ct 1).
              step on R ft diag L fwd (ct &),
              turning body face diag R.
              hop on R ft, sharply lifting L knee in front (ct 2).
              turning body face diag L,
              fall onto L ft, turning R ft sdwd out (ct &)
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MEAS	CTS	PATTERN Part 3 (continued)
7		still facing diag L, slightly moving sdwd L bkwd, close R ft with a sharp click agains L ft (ct 1) fall onto L ft, turning R ft sdwd out (ct &), repeat action of ct 1-& (ct 2-&)
8		repeat action of meas 1-& of meas 7 (ct 1-&), turning face ctr, stamp R heel, without wt, next to L toes (ct 2)
9-16		repeat action of meas 1-8
		Repeat the entire dance two more times

