

KALAMATIANOS

Kalamatianos (ka-la-ma-TIAN-os) is the National Dance of Greece.

Record: Folkraft #1020G

Formation: Open circle, leader at right.

Starting Position: Hands joined, Right foot free.

Note: The music for the dance is characteristically played in 7/8 rhythm. It is counted 1,2,3, 1,2, 1,2. The first step of each bar takes 3 beats, others take 2 beats.

Measure

- 1 **STEP SIDEWARD RIGHT** on Right foot (1,2,3), turn back to line of dance and **STEP BACK** on Left foot (4,5), turn to face center and **STEP SIDEWARD RIGHT** on Right foot (6), **HOP ON RIGHT FOOT** turning right to face line of dance (7).
- 2 **STEP FORWARD** on Left foot (1,2,3), turn to face center and **STEP SIDEWARD RIGHT** on Right foot (4,5), turn back to line of dance and **STEP BACK** on Left foot (6,7).
- 3 Turn to face center and **STEP SIDEWARD RIGHT** on Right foot (1,2,3), **POINT LEFT** in front of Right (4,5,6,7).
- 4 **STEP SIDEWARD LEFT** on Left foot (1,2,3), **POINT RIGHT** in front of **LEFT** (4,5,6,7).