TSU-RERO BUSHI

Tsu-rero Bushi is a dance from the town of Shirotori, in Gifu Prefecture. This is one of the few Japanese folk dances done with hands joined. It was taught in Sacramento by Ryoichi Oikawa in 1997.

Formation: closed circle, hands joined down in 'V' hold.

Introduction: wait 9 counts, pick up pattern at meas. 1, ct. 3, on words "shyan ran ran".

Pattern:

- meas. 1 Moving CCW around circle, step R ft to R (ct 1), step L ft to R (ct 2), step R ft to R (ct 3), bounce of R ft, L ft lifted forward low (ct 4)
- meas. 2 Step L ft to L (ct 1), stamp R ft beside L, slightly forward (ct 2), Pause (ct 3), stamp R ft forward (ct 4)
- meas. 3 Step R ft forward (ct 1), swing L ft forward low, or stamp L ft beside R ft (ct 2), step L ft backward with slight accent (ct 3), bounce on L ft, R ft lifted forward low (ct 4)
- Chorus: Tsu tsu rero rero tsu re ro, tsu re rare tsure tore shyan, tsure rare tore shyan ran ran