

YAGI BUSHI -(Handkerchief Version)

This is a story telling type of ballad from Gunma Pref. There are several different versions of the dance such as with a hat, fan, parasol, handkerchief, etc.

FORMATION: Circle facing center. A handkerchief with one's Right hand.

DIRECTION: Moving CCW

INTRODUCTION: Start to dance any time.

1. Step Right foot cross diagonal forward Left, Right arm swings from Right shoulder down to Left. Step Left foot back to the place. Right arm swing up at the same time step Right foot backward. (cts 1-4)
2. Swing down as above. (ct 5-6) Step Right foot beside Left. Hold handkerchief with both hands straight forward (ct 7-8)
3. Repeat 1, & 2. with opposite foot and hand (cts 1-8)
4. Face to CCW. Kick Right foot twice and shift weight to Right foot. Swing handkerchief forward & backward diagonal Right (ct. 1-4) Then repeat to opposite side (cts 5-8)
5. Finish dance 2 running steps starting with Right foot and jump down, feet together, twirling handkerchief inward twice and to behind neck (ct 1-4)

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