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Dear Dancers



As some of you may Linedancer magazine is of a publishing group called Champion Media Group. publish local papers and magazines and occupy floors of the same building in Southport. Recently, decided that we should move,

that is to say everyone downstairs went upstairs and vice versa.

Many people felt this was a useless exercise only designed to make lives impossible, an exercise for the sake of it but the truth has been that it has encouraged each department to get rid of clutter accumulated over some years, learn new daily routines, sit next to other departments and get on with other team members they only knew from afar.

Fast forward to three weeks later, and everyone is feeling better and looking more settled. Those changes everybody hated at first are starting to kick in as curiously, though we all do the same job as before, most of us feel rejuvenated, more motivated and more enthusiastic. Betty was right after all and had understood before we all did that this seemingly worthless change would actually alter attitudes, shape new things, renew enthusiasm and open new friendships.

Changes are universally disliked by every human being, though most of us concede that they are an important part of life. Changes through the centuries have meant that horse and cart progressed to car, vinyl became CD then MP3 and outside toilets found themselves integrated inside the home.

Changes are also a part of Line dance. However because people resist anything new, some of us still look back to past years with regret and longing.

This has always struck me as odd.

I totally understand that a true country fan has a problem with Girls Aloud. And that a pop lover may not be that keen on Alan Jackson's music. But surely, the beauty of dance is that all music styles can be embraced and that everyone is free to express themselves to the sounds they love.

Of course, if you like your Line dance to be of a certain era and style, you can. But why force the world to adopt your view? Why not be content to see others enjoy other styles? Why must Line dance be the property of a few, when in truth it belongs to everyone? I don't know.

Over the years, changes have meant that today's dancer has a huge repertoire to choose from. Anyone can be a Spanish senorita, a cool dude, a Western cowboy or a Fifties matinee idol during the space of one dance. And to me, that is one of the defining joys of Line dance.

And it is all due to the magic of change, the magic of Linedance circa 2009.





NEW

Linedancer Magazine Beginner DVD/CD Set

Do you know someone who is interested in starting to Line dance, but who feels a bit nervous? Or someone who has already started but would like to practice more often?

There is no doubt that when you start Line dancing it can seem a bit daunting. "I will never remember all these steps", "I am going to be at the back of the class", "I am so stressed thinking about this" are all reasons why a Beginner can feel discouraged and anxious before he/she takes the plunge.

This is why we are introducing this fabulous new set. \heartsuit to Line dance for Beginners is everything a newcomer needs to start the right way.

A great selection of ten dances including Cowboy Charleston, Dream On, Flobie Slide, One Step Forward and Texas Stomp will take your dancer right through the basics and ensure they will become confident in their abilities and steps.

Each set has a CD with the music of each dance. Produced by Glenn Rogers and his talented team, each track is perfect for Line dance and it simply means that dancers can get used to the sound of the music for each choreography. As they listen to the disc at home or on their way to work, they can familiarise themselves more and more with each dance.

The Dvd is made up of videos with step by step tuition and a complete demo of each dance. Headed by Steve Healy, these teaches are, as you would expect, fun and very easy to follow. The perfect way to start with Line dance.

Each set also comes with its own stepsheets booklet.

This full and total package means that new dancers can learn, improve and familiarise themselves with new dances and steps, giving them a real chance of looking forward to new lessons and acquiring new skills. It also means that a beginner can start his or her journey with every advantage at home. An invaluable tool that, we believe, every dancer should have.

Order this set before its release date of 19th October and you can secure it for just £ 14.99, a £ 5 saving on each set. With Christmas not so far away, this is the time to buy it right now and surprise someone you love.

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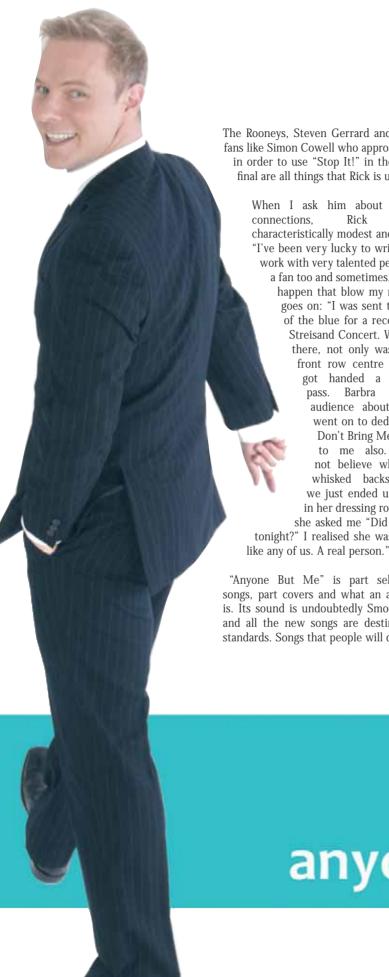
Rick Guard is a total artist. Gifted songwriter, amazing performer, superb singer, his talents are truly endless. So when the team at Linedancer received his new album, we kinda knew it was going to be good. What none of us realised is how "good" it would be! Superlatives are common place but no other album this year deserves tags such as outstanding and instant classic as this release does. Rick can be justly proud of this amazing and career defining album.

Now in his early thirties. Rick has been part of the music scene for a long time and his first ever single "Stop It! I Like It" was a smash hit International success. He says: "I was originally signed as a swing/pop cross over artist and then I wrote "Stop It!" so all plans were thrown out of the window when it took off." He laughs "As a matter of fact I ended up touring the world singing that song for five years!" Looking back at his Line dance album "Stop It And Dance" in 2007, he admits that it was "a real challenge". "I am a writer at heart and the album offered me a real chance to write in varied styles and try my hand at different genres. The international response from dancers was phenomenal."

Rick has always been recognised as a major talent by other stars. Performances for the Queen, Princess Anne, the Prime Minister are not unusual. Playing at celeb parties for people like Shirley Bassey, Lionel Richie,

"Sea Salt Sally", "Show Me Yours", "Stop It!

I Like It!" are all signature tunes from *Rick*Guard and superb dances too. In this exclusive interview for Linedancer, Rick speaks to Laurent about his career so far and why his new album "Anyone But Me" is so important for him.



The Rooneys, Steven Gerrard and counting fans like Simon Cowell who approached him in order to use "Stop It!" in the X Factor final are all things that Rick is used to.

> When I ask him about all these connections Rick remains characteristically modest and unfazed. "I've been very lucky to write for and work with very talented people. I am a fan too and sometimes, things do happen that blow my mind." He goes on: "I was sent tickets out of the blue for a recent Barbra Streisand Concert, When I got there, not only was I seated front row centre stage and got handed a backstage Barbra told the audience about me and went on to dedicate "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" to me also. I could not believe when I got whisked backstage and we just ended up chatting in her dressing room. When she asked me "Did I sing OK

"Anyone But Me" is part self penned songs, part covers and what an album this is. Its sound is undoubtedly Smooth Swing and all the new songs are destined to be standards. Songs that people will discover in

tonight?" I realised she was insecure

years to come and own for a while, songs of elegance, gorgeous lyrics and meaningful lyrics.

Rick's process of writing songs is difficult to define. "I wish I could stick to a formula. Sometimes it is a word, a phrase that I hear and I think "I'm having that". And sometimes it is a music riff I think off. If it's fresh and memorable a couple of days later me and Phil (Phil Rice has been Rick's co writer for many years) sit round and bash it till we get something. If we don't we drop it. Our greatest successes are always songs we have had fun to write and feel like they have written themselves.'

The covers on the album are also very much Rick's versions of well known songs. His version of "How Deep Is Your Love" has had the seal of approval from Barry Gibb with whom a mysterious music project is under way.. "Big Spender" also gets a work out and "Stop It!" sounds like you never dreamt it would

Rick sings like no one else and his delivery on this album is pure class. Once you hear him sing "Making Movies" or "Stunned And Amazed", you realise what Barbra and other stars see in him. "To deliver a song to a crowd but make every individual feel like you sing for them only is the ultimate goal. Never forget that the stories you tell in a song describe what we all feel. Being upset, moved, uplifted is universal."

anyone but me

Rick has waited a long time for this album to happen and as he puts it "I am so proud of this album and I would be so disappointed if people didn't like it. I do hope that some of my work lasts."

Anyone But Me has another deep connection with Rick's life. "When my mother fell ill with Alzheimer, I was struck by how little the disease is diagnosable and treatable. It's a minefield of immorality and double standards when it comes to government funding and research into dementia. Music is so very important for Alzheimers sufferers that I thought I would help if I could." He continues: "You see, music can help so much, for example if patients sing. It stimulates their brain activity so I am involved with the Alzheimer Society "Singing For The Brain" campaign and it is a true honour for me." Poignantly, one of the most beautiful songs of the album is "Missing Person". "This is about my mother and Alzheimer. The song is backed by the society. Never forget that we are all affected by this terrible disease one way or another and we just have to try to make a difference."

The album will be out on September 21st and is already available www.amazon.co.uk as a pre order and will be downloadable from iTunes also. For each album sold, all artist royalties for "Missing Person" and a further donation will be handed to the Alzheimer Society.

As the editor of the magazine, it is not often that I urge people to buy music. I always feel that I should not bring my own tastes to the fore but in this instance I will have to break with tradition. You see I have loved and bought music for as long as I can remember, my home is full of Cd's, so is my office station. I own Mp3 players, use a few computers and I still don't have enough room for my music files.... But I really can't imagine my collection complete without a copy of this incredible album. And I do listen to it often as you will to. Discover it today. You will play it for years to come, I promise.





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Season Of Goodwill

Sylvia Adams from Liverpool attended a very special garden party recently. She told us: "One of the girls at my Line dance class, Jan, has a Line dance party in her lovely garden about three times a year during the summer. We all have a great time, with her partner Norman providing a delicious buffet and her friend Donna providing the music. Jan asks a few different girls and one of the teachers from each Line dance class she goes to and she is so welcoming. Thank you Jan." Sounds great Sylvia, I always say, friends are flowers in the garden of life. Ed.



Dancing In Israel

Sandy Leigh from Step In Line dance club in Ra'anana, Israel describes her classes as 'one big happy family', she started the classes five years ago. She told us: "At least once a year one of our male dancers, who is also a tour bus driver, hires a bus and we go on an organised day trip somewhere. Each time it is somewhere different and with a different style of eating, restaurant, picnic, BBQ etc. At each tourist stop, we get off the bus and put our Line dancing music on and dance in the car park, which leads to lots of funny looks and lots of clapping at the end. We had to stop dancing in August as the weather is just so hot even with four air conditioners in the hall." Unfortunately Sandy recently experienced a house fire and lost all her possessions. She adds: "My dancers got together and raised enough money for me to replace my sound system. One dancer hand sewed a magnificent summer quilt for my bed too. They are just great and I love them all."



Smile, Smile, Smile



Linda Evans told us what a brilliant weekend she had with Peacetrain in Torquay earlier this year. "The whole weekend was so well planned and organised. The entertainment was fantastic with Michelle teaching during the day and taking to the floor all night with a continuous and infectious smile." Live performers were Natalie and Calico. Linda added: "The atmosphere was tremendous. I have to say Michelle never ceases to amaze or impress everyone with her abundance of energy, endless wit and sheer staying power. I would like to say thank you and very well done Michelle and Peacetrain."

Where To Dance

Brenda and Brian Mansbridge from Treharris, Glamorgan enjoy Line dancing so much that whilst on a recent Lions Tour to South Africa they contacted Maggie Cockrell who runs a class just outside the centre of Cape Town. They told us: "Maggie's husband, Neville, collected us from our hotel to take us to their class where we were given a very warm welcome. The class was held in a dance studio 'Crazy Foot' where we were told 'Crazy Foot Mambo' was first choreographed and therefore we felt very privileged to be there. If it had not been for the Where To Dance section in the Linedancer magazine we would not have found Maggie and Neville's class."



Just A Spot Of Rain!

Pat and Maurice Littlemore from Runcorn in Cheshire kindly sent us a photo of some of the members of Elton Eagles Line dance club at the Heulen Trust's 22nd Country Music Festival in Welshpool. They told us: "The photo shows class member Sue and her friend resting between dances and we did have the odd spot of rain from time to time." The Heulen Trust is a charity organisation whose aim is to bring enjoyment and pleasure to disabled children and adults by offering scenic canal boat trips through some of the most beautiful Welsh countryside.



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Quick Learners

Members of CD's Corral from Newbury in Berkshire proudly received their Bronze and Silver BWDA2000 medals with their instructor Caroline Dewsbury, Caroline proudly told us: "Most of the group have only been dancing between 12 and 18 months, but they all agree it has enriched and changed their lives. They are a joy and tremendous fun to teach. I am amazed at the wonderful progress they have made in such a short time"





Stepping back 10YEARSago

Ten years ago Linedancer magazine front cover was showing a young, up and coming band, Scooch. Their first single When My Baby had the Line dance Skips A Beat written to it by Peter

Metelnick. Rob Fowler was so taken with it that he wrote the dance Syncopated Rhythm to another of their tracks of the same name. Scooch have since represented the United Kingdom in the Eurovision Song Contest 2007 in Helsinki with their song Flying the Flag, finishing 23rd out of 24 entries after receiving 19 points in the final. The song did go on to reach number five in the UK Top 40 Singles Chart in May 2007.

In the Grapevine section, Barbara Greening of the Charlestown Stompers kindly sent in some Hot Tips, which were: Try dancing Ham's Jam to She Does by The Mavericks if you want the dance a bit faster. Strollalong Cha Cha is great to Missing You by Puff Daddy and try the Tush Push to Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom by The Vengaboys.

Page 9 reported on rumours in the national newspapers that Princess Margaret had a passion for Line dancing. The Princess was soon the talk of the nation as the story appeared in The News Of The World, The Guardian and Sarah Kennedy's Radio 2 Breakfast Show. The Palace Press Office would neither confirm nor deny this.

Number One in the Dancers Top Ten on page 12 was Pot

Of Gold by Liam Hrycan, followed by After MIdnight by Judy McDonald and third place was Black Coffee by Helen O'Malley.

On pages 22 and 23 we featured Allison Moorer from Alabama, who was not only blessed with good looks but also a talent for singing and songwriting. This led her to the Country music capital of the world, Nashville, Tennessee. Allison told us of her plans: "I am not one of those people who sets goals. So many things can happen that you can't control. My one aim at the moment is to keep doing what I do the best way I can, writing and performing. You've got to work hard and keep going."

A great weekend of top quality dancing and competition at the sixth London Dance Classic held in Windsor Leisure Centre was reported on page 33. It was attended by some of the world's best Line dancers. John 'Mr Showcase' Robinson and Pedro Machado, both from the United States, went to party, showing off their skills to great effect. Pedro's new dance at the time, Mambo #5 was the hot dance of the weekend.

The Bay Area of San Francisco was described as a 'hot bed of talent' on page 43. One of its most gifted instructors and choreographers, Charlotte Skeeters, was in Paris to instruct and judge at the First French Country Western Dance Championships. Charlotte told us: "When I choreograph, the inspiration comes first from the music. It can be any kind of music but it must have my feet tapping."

Some of the dances featured in Stepping Off The Page were, Wrong Night, Rose Garden, Islands In The Stream, Straighten Up and Shut Up And Drive.

Love Is In The Air

Walk This Way Line Dance Club, run by 'The Girls' Maureen and Michelle, is currently celebrating the news of Michelle's engagement. She has become engaged to Oliver Lockley and their story has a fairytale quality as he is 'the boy next door'. Maureen told us: "They have known each other all their lives and both have very happy memories of playing together during their childhood. However, life parted them as the world of employment, study and commitments meant they no longer moved in the same circles. Now, several years on they

have suddenly realised that they are more than just life-long friends and within three months of becoming boyfriend and girlfriend, they decided to spend the rest of their lives together. Oliver insists, however, that he always knew Michelle was the girl for him and he says he has waited 20 years for her to realise the situation. Oliver is already becoming a familiar face at our classes as he pops in to meet everyone and to help with equipment. We might even get him dancing next!" *Congratulations Michelle and Oliver from all of the Linedancer team. Ed.*



Up Up & Away

Evenlines Club at Mytchett celebrated two birthdays recently, 11 years as a Line dance club and Eve and George's 60th birthday. Eve told us: "I would like to thank all my wonderful dancers who gave myself and husband George a most wonderful birthday surprise. Unknown to us our class had been collecting and arranging for a balloon flight, six months before our birthdays, it was amazing how it remained a secret. We held our birthday party and the celebration of our clubs 11th year with a free disco, buffet and champagne. We stipulated that we didn't want presents just their presence. So on my birthday they gave me the voucher, it was a wonderful surprise. We have a really lovely group of people and have great fun in our classes, a great big thank you to all my wonderful dancers." Congratulations to you all and wishing you many more years together. Ed.



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Ahoy There!

Southern Stomp Line Dance club from East Sussex have a social activity every month and in August organised an outing to the Sovereign Harbour at Eastbourne. Instructor, Joy Ashton told us: "Everyone enjoyed a harbour boat trip and lunch at one of the marina's restaurants. As you can see some of my dancers got into the spirit of the day and came nautically attired! We also had lots of nautical jokes and comments from passers by!"



New Addition

Country singer, Sean Hogan and his wife recently celebrated the birth of their son. Sean told us: "His name is, drum roll please, Jack Liam Garrett Hogan. Jack is another name for John, Sean is Gaelic for John, hence Jack, Liam is Gaelic for William, his grandpa's name and Garrett is his great uncle's name. This fella is proof that a little Irish goes a long way, weighing at 11 lbs 1 ounce, born July 13th." Here is a photo of a tired Dad with his sleeping son.



Living Line Dance

Some European countries are experiencing an unprecedented Line dance boom and no more so than Germany. Daniela Fischer who is the editor of Living Line dance told us all about it.

Line Dance in Germany is full of diversity, variety and sits between leisure and sports. The German Line Dance scene features fascinating personalities, brilliant musicians and terrific dancing instructors, exhilarating championships and straightforward Country festivals, fantastic parties and one thing above all else: a great deal of fun. In this article, I can only sketch a snapshot. Our magazine "Living Line Dance" has allowed us to travel our country and gain a unique insight of the scene here today. Here is a snapshot of Line dance in Germany.

It is not precisely known when and where in Germany people discovered "Line Dance". What we do know however is that today, there are more than 1,000 clubs, and that's a lot of members!

Dancers can meet several times a week to learn new dances. Instructors often organise dance parties and events that last whole weekends and include workshops to learn new dances during the day. It is always great to see workshops often held by easygoing and relaxed championship dancers . What is more, there are German dancers who achieve many top places at international championships.











People

Just as in Line Dance itself, there is great variety in the dancers in Germany. There are those who are happy with dancing in a group and learning some new dances once a week. Others love events and attend many of them. Some dancers have a more sportsoriented view and are seeking perfection and are interested in "technique" and "motions". And others are interested in championships, get to join organisations and invest what can amount to huge sums of money to take part in international competitions.

What is really impressive is the dedication of many dancers who want Line Dance to develop further. Those who do are not afraid to invest a lot of their time into Line dance and are the leading minds of the German Line Dance scene. Most of course work hard on a totally voluntary basis in their leisure time on top of their job.

Many German Line dancers love country and western lifestyles. A recent (but not representative) survey in our magazine showed that almost 70 per cent of our readers favour dancing to country music. In Germany, light dance sneakers are more and more taking over from boots that are not really suitable for dancing, and dancers are making their moves to pop and rock songs. Yet at many festivals, people still have fun dancing in cowboy hats, buckles and bolo ties. Line dancers in Germany feel an affinity with America - the American national anthem is often played at the beginning of a festival (we even heard it at a private country-style wedding), and American flags decorate festival rooms. Many dancers dream of travelling to Nashville, to the roots of country music.

Rock and pop song choreographies are spreading fast in Germany. This is why an increasing number of young people are getting into Line Dance. They do not really relate to the "Western" theme or to country music but perceive Line Dance to be a new way of expressing themselves. It is fascinating to experience the diversity of Line Dance and listen to all the music it can be danced to. No matter where we travelled, we saw young and older people being equally enthusiastic about our hobby and placing all their emphasis on the pleasure of dancing together.

Oroups

Many dancers belong to an association as people want a legal protection. Members meet regularly and are in contact with other associations. Those contacts help them exchange information about currently taught dances as well as about rules and techniques. This helps the main aim for many people which is to go to cheerful dancing events and to experience a true sense of community. Line Dance groups often inspire others when they appear in public. They show the diversity of this form of dance in their performances, and quite often the spectators see something like this for the first time. Many Line Dance groups travel together and enjoy pursuing their hobby in a community. Time and again our editorial office receives information about associations that are very involved in charity and raise donations for various disadvantaged groups.

Locations & Festivals

Line Dance is danced everywhere in Germany, but there are strongholds with especially active clubs and a multitude of events. A particularly high number of clubs can be found in the federal states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Bavaria, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Baden-Wuerttemberg.

Some dates have become essential in the diaries of many Line dancers, for instance the events held in the Western towns "Pullman City" in Bavaria and in the Harz Mountains as well as in the "Eldorado Templin". Those "International Line Dance Weekends" are meeting points for hundreds of dancers and, in part, for top-class international trainers and instructors.

Dancing Schools

There is a multitude of professional dancing schools in Germany. We all remember learning to waltz and tango in our younger days – not always with a good feeling. Teaching there predominantly focuses on ballroom and Latin American dances, and in the last years there has been an opening towards Jazz Dance, Hip Hop or Street Dance. There is growing demand for Line Dance, but so far only very few courses are offered. Yet this is going to change, we are sure of it! Dancers who want to become

certified Line Dance teachers themselves can register for courses and examinations for instance with the National Teachers Association (NTA).

Competitions

Those who regard Line Dance as a sport have a wide range of possibilities. To begin with, there is the "Bundesverband für Country und Westerntanz" (BfCW – Federal Association for Country and Western Dancing). It operates under the umbrella of the Deutscher Tanzsportverband (DTV – German Dance Sport Association). Only groups can become members here, there is no membership for individual people. This association organises so-called "popular sports tournaments" where dancers can present themselves to a jury.

Furthermore, it organises the "German Masters" in cooperation with Masters in Line in England and the "Deutsche Meisterschaft" (German championship) in Flönsheim near Frankfurt on the Main in the autumn of every year. It also provides trainers education with an extensive range of further education offers. Another interesting development is the "Deutsches Tanzsportabzeichen" (German dance sport badge). This is a small badge that is awarded at different levels: bronze, silver and gold. In order to get it, the dancers have to perform three, four or five predefined Line Dances in front of a jury of DTV-approved dancing teachers.

Championships of the "World Country Dance Federation" (WCDF), which also gives out memberships to individuals, are held in Germany in Berlin (Berlin Open, March) and Kalkar (German Summer Classics, July), and every December the Saxonia Cup takes place in Dresden – where our publishing house is based.

As in the world over, Germany has realised that there are only few leisure activities that inspire people from different generations which can match the true diversity of spirit of Line dance.

One things for sure.... this is only the beginning of Line Dance in Germany!

More details on www.living-linedance.de

Line dancing is the best!

Many people know Cath Dearden and they may not even realise. Anyone who remembers the sight of jolly ladies from Yorkshire dressed up in full cowgirls outfit with seven inflatable cowboys at a recent Crystal boot weekend will know exactly who we mean. Laurent asks her about her love of



Dearden's Cath discovery of Line dancing goes back to 1997, when her Mum dragged her (well pushed her gently) to the pub. Cath had never heard of or even seen Line dancers so though her Mum danced regularly, Cath never thought this strange pastime would be for her. With two small children and a husband who worked long shifts as a paramedic, she had to find some "adult" friendships to compensate and her childminder (her dad) suggested that "it would be good to get outta the house for a bit!" Cath says: "Well, as we all know dads are always right." "There I was, just 29 years of age and because I was never the shy retiring sort I looked at those dancers that night, got up and joined them." Her first and lasting impression was how friendly everyone was and how welcome she was made to feel. "I just wanted to come back from that day on."

Then things did change forever. Looking back, Cath says: "The lady whose class I first went to was called Mandy. There we were, about 12 of us and we did not even have a club name. When I remember Mandy, she was great, always laughing and having fun." Mandy sadly passed away and Cath says: "For the first six months I was there Mandy became seriously ill and because she had noticed how quickly I was picking up dances she took me aside and asked me to promise that when she was no longer with us I would keep the class going." This was a huge shock to Cath and she had to think seriously on how far she wanted to take this new hobby of hers. However she agreed and today, she says: " I made that promise and I have kept my word, but I will a l w a y s remember that it was all down to Mandy."

The club "with no name" started to grow and Cath had to look for new premises.

"I had also gone back to work in June 1999 in a local secondary school which had a very large school hall with a great wooden dance floor. This was our cue to become an official dance club with the name Silver Star Stompers. We still had 12 members and I decided that if I was going to do it properly then I would get the right qualifications to teach. So I completed all BWDA2000 levels and the CWDC national dance teachers course." She laughs heartily: "Let's face it, it all looks good when you display the certificates in the club."

Anyone who does not know Cath could think that she is just a happy gal always up for a laugh. That is true but there is also an other side to her. Under her guidance Silver Stompers has expanded beyond recognition and between children and improvers, beginners and intermediates she counts 100 members in any given week.



everyone for their help and support and Magill is her star turn every Christmas. She says: "I also organise weekends away and we always attend a weekend in November event with Kings Hill holidays." She adds mischieviously "Only about 40 go on that one. However I do book a whole hotel in April or May in St Annes and organise a weekend where up to 60 of us do attend." And when you know the level of sound that seven of Cath's dancers can reach, 40 or 60 must be

Cath explains why the CBA is such a joy for her group. "We love the CBA, just love it. We came for the first time in 2006 and we come back because the people who go are on the same wavelength as us. You know what I mean, they are all a little bit crazy and want to live life to the full, we love to dress up too so that's a bonus!" Looking back at the halcyon days of 1997 she thinks the scene has changed. "To be honest Line dance is like everything else. It is what you make of it, for example when I pick the dances I am going to teach I think carefully about the members of my club and try my best to cater for them. If I

something else!

and socials, it is always about supporting my fellow teachers the best I can."

Her own tastes are somewhat eclectic though she reckons that she still dances early days dances. "They are such classics and so well put together." For Cath, Line dance is for everyone and it is just a matter of "tweaking" things to your own class needs.

As a teacher her attitude is a simple one. "I try and teach all my classes with a bit of fun and with very basic steps, I always dance the dance first to show the class and I also teach the count and how to count it in for themselves. "Another burst of laughs. "We have a saying in our club, we never go wrong we just freestyle!"

Cath loves her Line dancing and her friends, no doubt about that. "I love the way Line dance has changed my whole life. I now feel that I have SO many great

She also knows to count her blessings. "I owe a lot of thanks to my class members as we get involved with quite a few charity dance demos and they are always there to support me. Most people who know me wonder how I fit it all in. I work full time and teach all my classes too and all the dances I teach I teach myself after hours of research on the internet." She laughs out loud again. "That's the way I am and I would not have it any other way. Line dancing is





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Dance Level

Beginner



Rachael McEnaney

1.	Toes	Rachael Mc	Enaney	Toes
2.	Smile On Your Face	Audrey Wats	son	Put A Smile On Your Face
3.	This And That	Gary Laffert	ty	Woman
4.	Almost Tomorrow	Margaret Sv	vift	It's Almost Tomorrow
5.	T'Morrow Never Knows	Maggie Gall	agher	Tomorrow Never Knows
6.	Cabo San Lucas	Rep Ghazali		Cabo San Lucas
7.	Galway Girls	Helen Conro	y Noonan	The Galway Girl
8.	My New Life	John Offerm	ians	High Class Lady
9.	123 Waltz	Val Myers		Lonely You
10.	Arumba	Neil Hale	Does Fort V	Vorth Ever Cross Your Mind

Advanced



Craig Bennett

1.	Poker Face	Craig Bennett	Poker Face
2.	Whiter Than White	Kim Ray	A Whiter Shade Of Pale
3.	J Ho	Maggie Gallagher	Jai Ho
4.	Because	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	Because
5.	Redcoat Tiger	Maggie Gallagher	The Redcoats
6.	Hush Hush	Dee Musk	Hush Hush
7.	Loosen Up	L. Stott/P. Stott/R. Lindsay	Turn Me Loose
8.	Strength In Numbers	Peter And Alison	If No One Will Listen
9.	Angel Of Inspiration	S. Rutter/C. Butterworth	My Angel
10.	Strobe Lights	Rachael McEnaney	Strobe Lights

Music Style

Country



Peter And Alison

1.	Speak With Your Heart	Peter And Alison	Don't Tell Me Your Not In Love
2.	Holding On To Yesterday	Peter And Alison	I Told You So
3.	Cool Chick	Robbie McGowan Hick	tie Please Mama Please
4.	T'Morrow Never Knows	Maggie Gallagher	Tomorrow Never Knows
5.	Catch Me If You Can	Audrey Watson	Catch Me If You Can
6.	Hanging Out In Florida	S. Speck/C. Simmons	Jacksonville
7.	Boyfriend Of The Year	L. Hugginson/A. Pippe	en Favourite Boyfriend
8.	Urban Hit	Michelle Risley	Hit The Ground Runnin'
9.	Cabo San Lucas	Rep Ghazali	Cabo San Lucas
10.	Feeling Kinda Lonely	Margaret Swift	Feeling Kinda Lonely

Pop/Disco



Maggie Gallagher

1.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher My Life	Would Suck Without You
2.	Bad Influence	John And Jo Kinser/Mark Fi	urnell Bad Influence
3.	Release Me	Dee Musk	Release Me
4.	La Secret	Robbie McGowan Hickie	La Voix
5.	Run	Peter And Alison	Run
6.	Whiter Than White	Kim Ray	A Whiter Shade Of Pale
7.	Painted Windows	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	Painted Windows
8.	Just Dance Away	Maggie Gallagher	Dance Away
9.	Human-Dancer	Alan Birchall	Human
10.	Bullet Proof	Rob Fowler	Bullet Proof

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Classic Floor Fillers

DJ PLAYLISTS

1. Islands In The Stream 2. Pot Of Gold **Just For Grins** Black Coffee Into The Arena Bosa Nova 6. 7. **Chill Factor** Come Dance With Me 8. Feet Don't Fail Me Know Islands In The Stream 10. Live, Laugh, Love 11. Mariana Mambo 12. Shania's Moment 13. **Smokey Places** 14. Somebody Like You 15. Wishful Thinking 16. 17 **Human-Dancer** 18. The Way To Your Heart 19. Tango Cha

Guantanamera

20.

- Karen Jones Liam Hrycan Jo Thompson Szymanski Helen O'Malley Michael Vera-Lobos Phil Dennington D. Whittaker/H. Westhead Jo Thompson Szymanski Peter Metelnick Karen Jones Rob Fowler Kate Sala Nathan Easey Michele Perron Alan Birchall Jim O'Neill Alan Rirchall W. Bos/R. Verdonk/J. M. Belloque Vane J. Thompson Szymanski/D. Szekely Kim Ray
- Islands In The Stream Dance Above The Rainbow Billy B Bad Sometimes When We Touch Now I Can Dance Blame It On The Bosa Nova Last Night Come Dance With Me Hillbilly Shoes I Like It Like That Live, Laugh, Love Mariana Mambo From This Moment **Smokey Places** Somebody Like You Lovin' All Night Human The Way To Your Heart Tango Guantanamera

Current Floor Fillers

Paul McAdam

Chris Hodason

DJ PLAYLISTS

1. **Crazy Foot Mambo** 2. **Galway Girls** 3. **Amame** Dance Like You're The Only One 5. **Head Phones** Amor De Hielo 6. Human-Dancer 7. 8. Cabo San Lucas 9 10. Catch The Rain Inside Out 11. 12. La Secret 13. When I Crv 14. Over The Top 15. Fire On Ice

She Believes

My Mamacita

Black And Gold

East Bound & Truckin

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18. 19.

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Robbie McGowan Hickie Teresa And Vera Maggie Gallagher Debbie Ellis Alan Birchall K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie Rep Ghazali Peter And Alison Kim Ray Robbie McGowan Hickie Maria Hennings Hunt L. & P. Stott/R. Lindsay Kate Sala Kate Sala Andrew Blackwood Rep Ghazali Rachael McEnanev Teresa And Vera

If You Wanna Be Happy Galway Girl Amame Sun Goes Down Headphones Amor De Hielo Human Let Your Momma Go Cabo San Lucas Sunshine In The Rain On The Outside It Only Hurts Me When I Cry Can't Get Over Why This Kiss She Believes In Me East Bound And Down Mamacita

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Rachael McEnanev

	1.	Jesse James	Rachael McEnaney		Just Like Jesse James
	2.	Go Mama Go	K. Sala/R. McGowa	n Hickie	Let Your Momma Go
	3.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher	My Life \	Would Suck Without You
	4.	Cool Chick	Robbie McGowan H	ickie	Please Mama Please
ļ	5.	Holding On To Yesterday	Peter And Alison		I Told You So
	6.	Bad Influence	Jo And John Kinser/	Mark Furne	ell Bad Influence
	7.	Time To Swing	A. Palmer/S. Cox		Time To Swing
	8.	Mojo Rhythm	Rob Fowler	Don't You	Throw That Mojo On Me
(9.	Toes	Rachael McEnaney		Toes
	10.	Sin City Swing	Gary Lafferty		Viva Las Vegas

Step In Line Ra'anana, Israel

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Tom Clarke

1	١.	Sex On The Beach	Tom Clarke	Sex On The Beach
2	2.	My New Life	John Offermans	High Class Lady
3	3.	Good Time	Rachael McEnaney	Good Time
L	ļ.	Irish Stew	Lois Lightfoot	Irish Stew
Ę).	Candi Cha	Gary Lafferty	Young Hearts Run Free
6).	Bright Side Of The Road	Bill Bader	Bright Side Of The Road
Ī	1.	Por Ti Sere	Jo Thompson Szymanski	Por Ti Sere
8	}.	Tush Push	Maria Lippe	Every Little Thing
9).	Precious Time	June Deakin	Precious Time
1	0.	Black Coffee	Helen O'Malley	She Bangs

Jazzbox Harlow, Essex

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S. Cox/A. Palmer

1.	Time To Swing	A. Palmer/S. Cox	Time To Swing
2.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher	My Life Would Suck Without You
3.	Azer Bai Jan	Maggie Gallagher	Always
4.	In Control	A. Palmer/S.A. & S.J	. Cox Up!
5.	Go Mama Go	K. Sala/R. McGowar	Hickie Let Your Momma Go
6.	Mojo Rhythm	Rob Fowler	Don't You Throw That Mojo On Me
7.	Toes	Rachael McEnaney	Toes
8.	Human-Dancer	Alan Birchall	Human
9.	Boyfriend Of The Year	Yvonne Anderson	Favourite Boyfriend
10.	No More Cloudy Days	Alan Birchall	No More Cloudy Days

Silver Spur Limassol, Cyprus

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Robbie McGowan Hickie

1.	Amame	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Amame
2.	Go Mama Go	K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie	Let Your Momma Go
3.	Human-Dancer	Alan Birchall	Human
4.	Pacifico	Peter And Alison	Cabo San Lucas
5.	Galway Girls	Chris Hodgson	Galway Girl
6.	Boyfriend Of The Year	Yvonne Anderson	Favourite Boyfriend
7.	Time To Swing	A. Palmer/S. Cox	Time to Swing
8.	We Believe	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Rivers of Gold
9.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher My Life Wo	ould Suck Without You
10.	It Hurts	Sue Hsu/Kathy Chang	It Hurts

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Top Ten By Country

UK



R. McGowan Hickie/K. Sala

1.	Go Mama Go	Kate and Robbie	Let You	ur Momma Go
2.	Jesse James	Rachael McEnaney	Just Like	e Jesse James
3.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher My L	ife Would Su	ck Without You
4.	Coochie Bang Bang	Scott Blevins	Miss K	iss Kiss Bang
5.	Mojo Rhythm	Rob Fowler Don't Y	ou Throw Tha	at Mojo On Me
6.	Toes	Rachael McEnaney		Toes
7.	Release Me	Dee Musk		Release Me
8.	Bad Influence	Jo And John Kinser/Ma	rk Furnell	Bad Influence
9.	Holding On To Yesterday	Peter And Alison		I Told You So
10.	Sister Kate	Ria Vos		Sister Kate

New Zealand



Andrew Blackwood

B-B-B-Burnin' Up With Love 1. Burning Up Andrew Blackwood 2. Go Mama Go K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie Let Your Momma Go 3. East Bound & Truckin Andrew Blackwood East Bound And Down 4. Cool Chick Robbie McGowan Hickie Please Mama Please 5. 10 Ton Digger Andrew & Lynda Blackwood Life Begins At Forty 6. Boyfriend Of The Year Yvonne Anderson Favourite Boyfriend 7. Peppy Toe Jan Wylie Pepito 8. The More I See You W D Chapman The More I See You 9. Act Like A Man Dianne Stubbs Act Like A Man

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Austria



Maggie Gallagher

1.	Argentina	Maggie Gallagher Don't C	ry For Me Argentina
2.	Coochie Bang Bang	Scott Blevins	Miss Kiss Kiss Bang
3.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher My Life Woul	d Suck Without You
4.	Angie	Roy Verdonk/Wil Bos/Raymond	Sarlemijn Angie
5.	Poker Face	Craig Bennett	Poker Face
6.	J Ho	Maggie Gallagher	Jai Ho
7.	Bad Influence	Jo And John Kinser/Mark Furnell	Bad Influence
8.	In Control	A. Palmer/S.A. & S.J. Cox	Up!
9.	I Promise You	Craig Bennett	This I Promise You
10.	It Hurts	Sue Hsu/Kathy Chang	It Hurts

Norway

10. Six Ribbons Waltz



Six Ribbons

N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris

1.	Senseless Cha	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	Love Me Senseless
2.	Life Without U	Maggie Gallagher	Life Without You
3.	Bad Influence	Jo And John Kinser/Mark	Furnell Bad Influence
4.	In Control	A. Palmer/S.A. & S.J. Cox	Up!
5.	Inclination For Syncopation	Paul McAdam	Remember The Time
6.	Insomnia	Shaz Walton	Insomnia
7.	Amame	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Amame
8.	Give Me Romance	Sadiah Heggernes	Mamacita
9.	Jesse James	Rachael McEnaney	Just Like Jesse James
10.	Human-Dancer	Alan Birchall	Human

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Country music is big in France and that's official. In this issue of Linedancer alone, we report on two major festivals and could have done a whole edition on many others too. Mirande festival is a well known one and once again, our special French reporter *Michele Godard* was there.







I never miss this Festival, to me it is five days of music and dance heaven. This year was as always excellent and I took the opportunity to have a chat with Alain Ribaut, the festival organiser (directeur du festival).

MG: How did Mirande start?

AR: In 1992, my brother in law who was the Mirande mayor wanted to develop a new event and I got an idea watching a TV report of a Country festival in Texas. We created an association and we launched it in 1993 after I delved deep into my own pockets to get it started! We were lucky...it worked. My motto is "TTTC (Talent-Travail-Chance) which means Talent, Work and luck. Without these elements, nothing ever happens. Today the festival Country Mirande is a business and employs nine people full time. We also have around 200 volunteers who are the soul of the festival.

MG: You often ask big TV stars to open the festival, people like the actors from DALLAS for example. Why?

AR: We offer to live a dream to our visitors. To speak and see people like that is just unbelievable. Right from the start we have had a strong connection with the USA. So Mirande is the place for great cars, motorbikes, Miss and Mister Country... but always with a family twist.

MG: I have witnessed Line dance's revolution in France and Mirande is a place that many dancers love. How do you manage that?

AR: We respond to public demand whenever we can. Ghislain Grimal is in charge of the Line Dance Academy and he organises everything line dance here from workshops to social dancing. We are lucky to get dancers not just from France but also Spain, Belgium, Holland....

MG: Do you have any new projects?

AR: We are about to expand again. We are going to have stands and stalls dedicated to different activities in a dedicated huge space. We plan to have small boats and special little cars to ferry people to and fro to it.

MG: Anything special for dancers?

AR: A space of 2800 square metres! The Line Dance Academy is made up of 31 local clubs so progress is vital. And we hope to have all this ready for July 2011 with ten days of concerts. We will be able to welcome up to 300.000 visitors so we count on Linedancer readers!





As I walked around a few people had these words for me about the festival:

D. Monier:

This is my first time and I have Line danced in Toulouse since 2005. Mirande is way above my expectations, a marvellous place where I have met people from all over the world. I particularly enjoy the age mix.

R. Descamps:

Mirande is two festivals rolled into one, music and dance. I have been a volunteer for six years and I love the team spirit here.

T.Ottow:

I became a volunteer by chance and I fell in love with this festival. Because I can speak different languages, I am the celebrity chauffeur as well, a great job!

Then I decided to ask my Spanish friend her impressions of the festival. Her name is Cati Torella and this is what she said.

This is my third year and I have followed other Spanish visitors like Joan Targa and his members from Crazy Boots who started coming here some ten years ago.

I have been lucky in helping Mirande 's Line Dance Academy to start the new fun country dance contest of Mirande 2009: The Honky Tonk Line Dance contest, which follows a similar idea of our very own Spain Line Dance Association. I felt honoured to be chosen as president of the jury.

I have no doubt that Mirande´s Honky Tonk Line Dance Contest might be in the future a huge activity inside this festival. There was a lot of interest this year.

More and more Spanish people are coming to the festival because of its short distance to the frontier with Spain, and because of our promotion of the festival by Line Dance Association through its web site and Newsletters.

During the last few years I have witnessed the spectacular change of the French dancers. Not only with those who love competitions, but Mirande´s dance community in general. The Line Dance Academy has done a good

job putting together a system to share knowledge and experience beetween all the clubs of the area.

This year, I enjoyed very much teaching my choreographies: "Blueing" (that recently got the Spanish Hall of the Fame Award); the brand new "Stop Crying" and "Country Comes at night", and other dances by great choreographers like Xavier Badiella, Rachael Mc Enaney, Natalie Pelletier, John Buis, Barry and Dari Anne Amato, Max Perry and Kathy Hunyadi.

With both our associations sharing the same initials LDA, our future should be great together and I am sure we will have many years of great Country, great dancing and fun too.

Well this is it and though I know there are other great festivals around, Mirande will always have a special place in my heart. I told you all about it last year and I hope that the photos and reports on Onlinedancer this month can give you an idea of what the festival is all about. Who knows? I might even meet you next year!

A bientôt, Michèle











Anyone who has ever been taught by Maggie would probably agree that she is unique. The energy and passion she has when teaching is completely infectious. Maggie has an incredible ability to connect with everyone in a room even if there are hundreds of people and she has great skill and patience as an instructor. Line dance is a great mix of styles and rhythms and when Maggie exploded onto the Line dance scene ten years ago little did we know the effect she would have - her injection of Irish dance and music has had a impact on floors around the world, and has influenced many other choreographers to this day. She has a dedication to the dance community that is rare and over her ten years on the road it has never diminished. Long may she continue to be a driving force at the heart of the Line dance scene.

Betty Drummond

It's certainly true that Line dancing helps people in many ways, including creating social lives, keeping fit, having fun and most importantly of all making new friends. Just occasionally, someone comes along who has more of an impact, someone different, special, someone who stands out from the crowd with the ability to touch the lives of dancers in incredible ways. Miss Maggie is one of these special people. As a professional dancer Maggie is creative, talented and dedicated. Whatever she does she does with enthusiasm and at one hundred miles an hour. She leaves the rest of us standing!



aggie has already become one of the greatest icons we have on the international Line dance circuit and I am certain as the years progress her status and reputation will grow and her contribution will become even more legendary than it is today. Her circle of friends spans the world and the magic of Maggie-ness embraces them all.

To celebrate her ten years a very special weekend was organised in Blackpool and as you can see by the pictures for once, the tables were turned. Dave says: We wanted to give Maggie a fun weekend and a full house of 160 dancers turned up." He continues: "It was a real surprise with people like Barbara Blake who has been Maggie's agent and friend from day one, George who has helped script dances and finding many great tunes, Betty and Steve from Linedancer, Tim Ruzgar who was the inspiration behind Southport annual MaggieG experience and too many others to mention..."

And though ten years is an achievement, Maggie will continue to delight, amaze and influence Line dance in that unique way of hers. Maggie G, you are a true star and Line dance salutes you!



Maggie Abroad

aggie G is not only a legend in the United Kingdom but her fame extends far beyond. Certainly known in the USA, she has also recently become one of France's household names and her dances are popular throughout the rest of Europe. Asia is also a big fan of "Typhoon" Maggie as this recent report proves.

Earlier on this year, Typhoon "Maggie G" hit Tokyo. This was one typhoon that got a huge welcome from more than 150 Japanese Line dancers.

The event, 11th Annual Tokyo Crazy Country Dance Festival, held in Tokyo was directed by Crazy Feet Tokyo managed by Hiro Suzuki. The event started in 1999 is organized annually. Hiro says: "We always invite the very best instructors from abroad but we do have home grown talent present too."

Hiro adds: "I knew it would not be easy to have Maggie here as her work calendar is so full. So I contacted her and said: "So many Japanese dancers want to see you and dance with

you. It would be a big historical event in Japanese dance society." And being the lady that she is, she accepted." Hiro smiles and says: "I could not wait to shout "Maggie will be in Japan!"

The event was held in two wonderful dance floors with one of the Japanese top instructors, Yukiko Ohashi, and five big instructors, as well as Maggie. To familiarise dancers with Maggie's work, we gave away about 1,000 free "Maggie Dance DVD-Video" freely. Many dancers met prior to the event to make sure they knew her dances step perfect.

During her short stay, Maggie gifted us with her sense of fun, her dances, her beautiful styling and her unique way of getting everyone to enjoy Line dancing.

Some months have passed but I still receive messages from the people who attended. This was a memorable event thanks to the greatest and loveliest of typhoons!





Maggie's personal favourites dances

- 1 Take A Breather
- 2 Leaving Of Liverpool
- 3 Irish Spirit
- 4 Everybody's Someone
- 5 Is It So
- 6 Hot Love
- 7 Headphones
- 8 Life Without U
- 9 Pretty In Pink
- 10 Buy Me A Drink







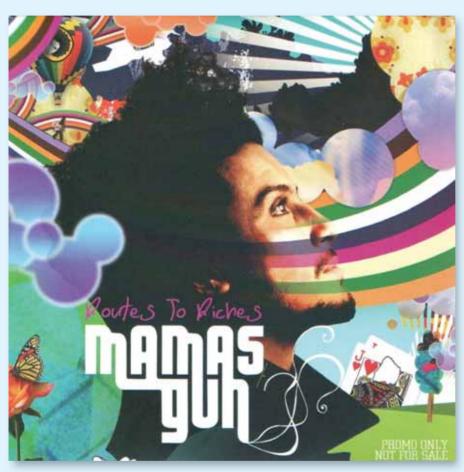


A Hit Excellent Very Good Good Poor Half star

by Tim Ruzgar Linedancer Magazine's Music Reviewer



ALBUM OF THE MONTH



MAMAS GUN ROUTES TO RICHES CANDELION RECORDS

Mamas Gun's music is described as being a fusion of pop, rock, blues, Jazz and funk. This five piece band is fronted by Andy Platts who writes most of the songs and co produces the album. Andy played on Corinne Bailey Rae's hugely successful debut album, and was a much respected musician before setting up his own band.

The opening song *House On A Hill* (138bpm) is a lively track with a good hook and a great dance beat. Those of you old enough to know the Small Faces will instantly recognise their influence here. This is a superb dance prospect.

Rico (100bpm) a fabulous track and already you get the feeling that this

album is going to be something special. Influences including Supertramp are prevalent and I can see dancers really taking to this one.

You Are The Music (96bpm) is quite a change musically from the previous to tracks and this is very much in the vein of Hall and Oats meet Jamiroquai. This track is going to be the next single and once again this has the right credentials to encourage a few dances to it.

Finger On It (84bpm) is a cool jazz funk track which highlights the versatility of the band. From the opening bar you will just want to dance to this track.

Pots Of Gold (73bpm) was a single release a while back and enjoyed a lot of airplay on Radio 2. This song just how soulful Andy's voice can be and I absolutely love this song.

Chasing Down Shadows (94bpm) the tempo changes swiftly to waltz style

and this is another outstanding track on which Andy's stunning vocal is backed with some sweet harmonies. This is my favourite track on the whole album.

Psycho Territory (103bpm) an altogether different track and it is rockier than any previous tracks and features a great guitar riff throughout.

Bitch (82bpm) is a complete departure from the rest of the album. It a really heavy track that will appeal to many, but sadly not to me. I can't see this hitting the dance floor anytime soon.

Let's Find A Way (93bpm) another superb track which has that great "Philly sound" and Andy's soulful vocal is in the same class as Michael McDonald and it could just be a big hit with dancers given the right choreography.

Miracle (125bpm) for some reason I picture The Stylistics when I play this track. This has a good beat and if a choreographer did justice to the song with a good dance they may just find they have a big hit on their hands.

Big Betty (125bpm) pure Stevie Wonder in style and that is a good thing! With a good solid beat throughout this is another exciting dance track.

Rarely will you find such an eclectic mix of musical styles on one album. Simply one of the highlights of the year.

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RUBY TURNER

I'm Travelling On RTR PRODUCTION – RTR003

Ruby Turner was a featured artist in the last issue of Linedancer so it is only right that we review her latest album which is all Gospel. Ruby has enjoyed huge success as a recording artist over the years.

Ruby opens up with *All Aboard/This Train* (85bpm) which was written by Sister Rosetta the first true star of gospel. This is a lively number which is going to be the first single release off the album.

Get Away Jordan (140bpm) this is a fabulous track puts you in mind of a little white church down in Louisiana. It is reminiscent of "This Little Light" a dance hit.

Old Ship Of Zion (111bpm) although a

Old Ship Of Zion (111bpm) although a beautiful and harmonious track this has little appeal as a dance track.

I'm Travelling On (113bpm) this could be unique in Line dance as this could be the first Gospel waltz we have ever had.

Live So God Can Use You (78bpm) this is a superb acapella song with some glorious harmonies.

Strength, Power And Love (105bpm) the tempo changes nicely with this Motown flavoured song and this is a good beat for a dance track.

The Love Of God (103bpm) does not have too much of a beat whilst Oh Mary Don't You Weep (90bpm) has a good beat and a brilliant Gospel backing.

Lord I Thank You (103bpm) this is one of the best dance prospects on the album with a good solid beat and a catchy chorus.

Jesus On The Mainline/Atomic Telephone (84bpm) is another medley and again it is acapella.

Lead Me Guide Me (108bpm) this is pure Gospel and Ruby's vocal is simply outstanding. You can't fail to be moved by this song.

Take My Hand Precious Lord (97bpm) once again a superb vocal from Ruby and she really belts this one out.

Stand By Me (146bpm) this is a foot stomping clap along number with just a tambourine provide the music.

Precious Memories (100bpm) here we have another harmony laden song with a Hammond organ backing.

Ruby closes with a bonus "Band" version of *The Love Of God* (82bpm) which is nightclub two step in style and may make some appeal as a dance track.

Ruby Turner has delivered a power packed album, so why not give it a try?

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GRETCHEN PETERS WITH TOM RUSSELL

One To The Heart, One To The Head western songs - wstnoo1

Gretchen Peters and Tom Russell are two highly acclaimed singer/songwriters and they now release a collaboration album based on songs from the west which includes songs by Bob Dylan and Townes Van Zandt.

After a musical opening the album begins with *Prairie In The Sky* (58bpm) one of four songs on which only Gretchen's vocals are featured. This is a haunting song with a beautiful musical accompaniment.

Billy 4 (126bpm) was written by the great Bob Dylan and the duo deliver this in a Tex Mex style. This does not have a very strong beat but it would be a nice gentle dance track

Blue Mountains Of Mexico (93bpm) is another Gretchen vocal song and here you can hear the clarity of her stunning voice. The accordion gives this track a real Mexican flavour.

These Cowboys Born Out Of Their Time (115bpm) this time we have a beautiful country waltz track with some excellent harmonies and a gorgeous musical backing. This will make a delightful dance track.

Guadalupe (64pm) is a dreamy nightclub two step on which strong harmony vocals are the order of the day.

Sweet And Shiny Eyes (82bpm) this is a good old fashioned country dance track perfect for a new waltz for those who still like to dance to country.

Wolves (81bpm) is a real country story song and it demands that you listen to every

Snowin' On Raton (94bpm) Tom's gravelly voice is the big feature on yet another delightful song.

Old Paint (104bpm) another excellent waltz track which features some surprisingly big guitar solos.

My Last Go Round (81bpm) Gretchen takes this one on her own and this is one of the most beautiful songs I have heard in a very long time. Stunning!

If I Had A Gun (99bpm) is a poignant song from which the album gets its title.

Another beautiful song *Prairie Melancholy* (93bpm) concludes this beautiful album and it is another outstanding vocal performance from Gretchen accompanied by gorgeous piano and cello backing.

There are just a few songs that would make dance tracks, in particular the waltzes; however this is a superb album of country music. For me personally the highlight was finding out just what an amazing vocal talent Gretchen Peters is. If you like country music with a touch of class then this album is a must for you.

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JON ALLEN

Dead Man's Suit
MONOLOGUE RECORDS - MONOR CD4

John Allen is multi instrumentalist singer/ songwriter from South Devon and his first single Going Home was featured worldwide on the Landrover adverts on TV.

Upbeat title track *Dead Man's Suit* (130bpm) is the opener and what a great song it is. Jon's distinctive voice is accompanied by some excellent musicianship.

In Your Light (76bpm) would be right at home on a Rod Stewart and The Faces album at their peak. This would be a delight to dance to with the right choreography.

Going Home (84bpm) is instantly familiar as the aforementioned Landrover advert song.

Down By The River (130bpm) this is another excellent song with an even stronger Rod and The Faces influence than before. There is a good cha cha rhythm to this.

Sleeping Soul (74pm) is an acoustic track with Jon's soulful voice and fine guitar playing accompanied by a beautiful cello.

Happy Now (93bpm) injects some punch musically and this is an altogether stronger dance prospect.

Take Me To My Heart (70bpm) is probably the most contemporary track. There is no doubt that this would make a fine single.

Lay Your Burden Down (76bpm) could be classed as a country song with its haunting lyrics and steel guitar.

Young Man Blues (120bpm) a bang up to date track and I particularly like the way Jon changes his vocal style.

New Years Eve (112bpm) has a lovely steady cha cha beat, perfect for dances like Stroll Along Cha Cha and it is a nice track for a new beginner dance. Jon delivers this song in the Style of Bob Dylan.

Bad Penny (120bpm) the style switches to Blues on this classy number which has a good strong dance beat and I see no reason why a choreographer wouldn't be tempted by this track.

A really pleasant song *Friends* (83bpm) provides the finale which is a listening song on which Jon demonstrates his fine harmonica playing.

It would be difficult to pigeon hole Jon Allen's music. What you have here is a fine collection of songs carefully crafted together to deliver a very elegant album and I urge you to give Dead Man's Suit a try.

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These pages will give you an insight to what is proving popular and will help you to make informed decisions on what to teach.

We thank those instructors who have contributed to this page. We appreciate their input and can assure our readers that these endorsements are given in the spirit of friendship on the floor. They do not contain any element of self-promotion or friendship endorsements. We welcome dance reviews from smaller local clubs!

Watch And Learn

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Video clips of the above dances and many more available at www.linedancermagazine.com



SHARON LEGGATE

Jazzbox

Harlow, Essex

Go Mama Go

64 Count - Four Wall - Improver

Robbie McGowan Hickie And Kate Sala

Let Your Momma Go - Ann Tayler

This dance is loved by all my classes. It has been around for a while now but as soon as I announce the dance the floor is filled. Some found the tag a slight problem at first but it was soon mastered. A dance that makes us feel good.

Toes

32 Count – Four Wall – Beginner *Rachael McEnaney*

Toes – Zac Brown Band

My Beginners found this dance a bit quick but it gave them a challenge. Having a Beginners dance with a bit of a move to it makes a nice change. For this reason all my classes have enjoyed dancing to it. The music is a lovely track and the steps fit beautifully. A big hit with us, I'm sure this dance will be around for a long time.

Time To Swing

48 Count — Four Wall — Intermediate Andrew Palmer And Sheila A. Cox

Time To Swing – Helmut Lotti

This is a personal favourite of mine and an easy teach. All my classes picked it up first time. The ending had a few dancers confused and in circles but with huge smiles on their faces as they found the correct timing and steps. There is a tendency to put in more brushes than is needed purely because the class love the steps and music so much. Brilliant dance to a fantastic track.

Mariana Mambo

64 Count — Four Wall — Intermediate *Kate Sala*

Mariana Mambo – Chayanne

My class danced this at an 'oldies' night. Most of the class enjoyed dancing to this great track. Some sat and and enjoyed watching the dancers who had trouble coordinating their feet with their brains to master the ending as you go back on yourself with a Sailor Step. A fun dance and well worth reviving.



LOIS RIVERA
Line Dance Lovers
Fayeteville, North Carolina, USA

Roomba

72 Count – One Wall – Improver Guyton Mundy

I Know You Want Me - Pitbull

This has a lovely Latin rhythm making it great to add lots of hip movements. Part B has some hand movements but nothing too difficult. Many of my students like that they can hear the transitions in the music easily so they know when they have to do part A or part B. I love this dance because it is fun and fairly easy.

Drop Your Socks

32 Count – Four Wall – Intermediate

Christopher And Lindsey Petre

Speakerphone - Kyle Minogue

The restarts are really easy to identify just listen to the music. I love the funk in the music, it has a great electronic beat. The dance goes so well to the song it seems to tell you when to do the lock steps or the restarts. The body movements are simple yet energetic.

Duck Soup

32 Count – Four Wall – Beginner

Frank Trace

Restless - Shelby Lynne

This dance is so great because Beginners pick it up easily but it is nothing like the typical slides many Beginners do. There are cute little Boogie Walks that make the dance more fun. It is not particularly slow or too fast, the pace is just right. Easy to follow and keep up with. The music makes you want to move, I love this dance.

Green Light

64 Count – Two Wall – Intermediate

Paul McAdam

Green Light - John Legend FT Andre 3000

I just learnt this dance last month and Paul taught it so well. It is very fast and appears more difficult than it really is. Once it is slowed down and the steps are defined then it is easy to learn. The footwork is so much fun. I think there is plenty of room for adding style and personality with this dance.

Miami aka Polka Dot Bikini

96 Count – Two Wall – Intermediate

Guyton Mundy And Will Craig

I'm In Miami Trick (Clean) - LMFAO FT Pitbull

There are two versions and I prefer version A. Version A has one tag, one restart and one repeat. There are unusual steps and plenty of attitude but not too many hand movements. The hardest part of the dance for me was the walking backwards Jazz Boxes.

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BENNY RAYThe Dance Studio Randers, Denmark

Mojo Rhythm

48 Count – Four Wall - Improver

Rob Fowler

Don't You Throw That Moio On Me - Wynonna

Probably the best dance to come out this summer. The music is really cool, and the steps fit just perfect. No tags and no restarts will make this dance easy to teach to most Improver and Intermediate classes. I hope everyone checks this dance out

Toes

32 Count - Four Wall - Beginner

Rachael McEnaney

Toes – Zac Brown Band

This is a great dance, especially for Beginners and Improvers. The music is a great feel good summer song and I expect this dance will be a floor filler everywhere around the world for a long time to come. I have taught this dance to classes on different levels, and they all enjoyed it very much.

Ease On Down

64 Count - Four Wall - Intermediate

Rachael McEnaney, JP And Bracken Ellis Potter Ease On Down The Road — Michael Jackson And Diana Ross

This is a great Intermediate dance to one of the earlier Motown recordings. Some of the steps are really tricky but once you get the hang of it, it flows really well. I highly recommend this dance to Intermediate dancers and if you teach this be aware that it will probably take a few repetitions before everyone will master it.

Want Ya

32 Count - Four Wall - Intermediate

DJ Henrik And Raymond Sarlemijn

Want Ya - Darin

In my view this is one of the best funky dances around right now. It has been picked as one of the new WCDF competition dances for the novice division for which it fits perfectly. It will also appeal to all social dancers who like to get down and funky. The steps are relatively easy, so you can focus on adding your own funky moves.



ROZ R. C. Liners Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Maria

64 Count – Four Wall – Improver

Rob Fowler

Maria – George Strait

This has been out for a while but it has proved very popular with my classes at the moment. There are no tags or restarts to worry about. This is a great track that has you singing along.

Speak With Your Heart

32 Count - Four Wall - Intermediate

Peter And Alison

Don't Tell Me You're Not In Love

I think this is a lovely flowing dance to a very pleasant song. There is a tag ending but this appears easy enough. A super little dance that I am sure will be a big hit.

Anticipation

32 Count - Four Wall - Intermediate

Peter And Alison

This was an instant hit with my classes especially for the Keith Urban fans amongst them. There are two Tiny Tadpoles that don't really seem to be needed and a restart that you hear in the music with no problems.

Rolling On The River

64 Count - Two Wall — Beginner/Intermediate Tony And Lana Wilson

River Of Love – George Strait

This is one of those dances I picked up and put down several times thinking shall I or not. I love the song anyway so I gave it a try and it has been well recieved by the classes. There are quite a few step turns that caught one or two of my dancers out to start with. I hope this is around for a while.

Everybody's Here

32 Count - Four Wall - Improver

Gaye Teather

Everybody's Here – Brad Paisley

This dance was recommended to me by a friend and how pleasantly surprised I was. It is a cracking song by Brad Paisley, very laid back compared to some of his other tracks. This dance was very much liked by the classes, even by my Beginners.



CLAIRE BELLKeswick Krazy Kickers
Keswick, Cumbria

Sister Kate

32 Count – Four Wall – Intermediate

Ria Vos

Sister Kate – Ditty Bops

We absolutely love this dance. It is a cheerful and happy dance that brings smiles to faces. There are just two easy tags and a couple of extra Charleston steps on two walls. There are also some really different steps in the second section. A real winner this one!

Speak With Your Heart

32 Count – Four Wall – Intermediate

Peter And Alison

Don't Tell Me You're Not In Love — Collin Raye

This dance is a well choreographed Cha Cha to lovely music by Colin Raye. There is one easy tag which is very similar to the first section and again some catchy steps to keep it interesting.

Just Dance Away

72 Count – Two Wall – Intermediate

Maggie Gallagher

Dance Away – Alan Connor

I thought this was an excellent dance to a revamped version of the great Brian Ferry song. This has a good variety of steps and a couple of easy restarts. The dance is proving to be very popular in our area.

Jesse James

32 Count — Two Wall — Intermediate

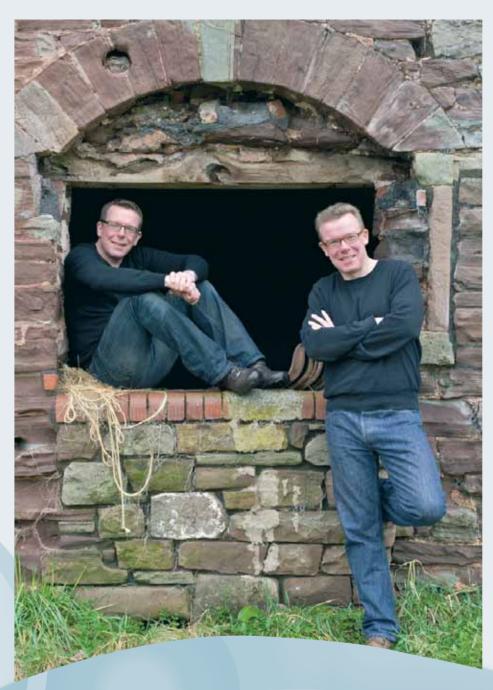
Rachel McEnaney

Just Like Jesse James - Cher

My high Intermediate dancers love this one, the great music and a lovely Nightclub Two Step. We took our time with it and it was worth every second. It has a tag which is only two walks and at first we weren't sure whether it was needed but after dancing it a couple of times it fits well.







CLAIMERS

Richard Kirk finds out about The Proclaimers and their new release in this EXCLUSIVE Linedancer Magazine interview.

The Proclaimers, twin brothers Craig and Charlie Reid, have carved a niche in the music field that continues to stand strong. There is a truth and honesty to the songs they write and perform be they political, gentle, raucous or sad. Their following is such that they raised over a million pounds for Comic Relief in 2007 topping the UK singles chart with a new rendition of their '(I'm Going To Be) 500 Miles', a collaboration with comedians Peter Kay and Matt Lucas.

In Scotland their concerts sold more tickets than any other single act. Last year The Proclaimers toured Europe, the USA and Canada followed by a selection of shows from Muscat to Bermuda plus appearances at various English resorts and a fourth appearance at Glastonbury. They have garnered Gold and Platinum albums and singles in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Their new album is entitled 'Notes & Rhymes" and it was a real pleasure for me to chat to Craig.

I asked him about the brothers and how music became important for them.

"There was always a lot of music, records and radio. Our parents were big Jim Reeves and Johnny Cash fans. Maybe it just seems like it now but we use to hear more Country on the pop radio in the '60''s and '70's. I bought an old, beat up drum kit and Charlie went for a guitar so we started playing together when we were about 14. We had been obsessed by music a number of years so we progressed to playing music ourselves."

He looks back at how they started.

"Punk had started to happen. By '77 it was a big thing. We had been playing mid-fifties R&B, Rock'nRoll so Punk was perfect for us and we played that for a while with various bands. After a couple of years our tastes broadened."

Of course, it was not always easy. "A lot of time we were unemployed. We tried various jobs. We reached a stage when both of us knew playing music was the thing we wanted to do. Charlie didn't play the pubs but I did. I got a better drum kit. Although we were 16 we were tall. In the areas where we lived people were more relaxed with a person's age."

What does he think is important to make it in the music business?

"You have to be the very best. In 1983 we started as a duo. We thought we would write our own songs and be more distinctive. We had just the guitar and tambourine. It proved to be true straight away. The first song we wrote was the basis, a few years later, for our first acoustic album. I tell my eldest son who plays guitar to strive to be an exceptional player. Though he's quite good, I also tell him you have to write as well. Unless you're writing all you're relying on is your playing. Even if they are not good songs it does not matter. You have to write." Hopefully that will improve as well as you're playing."

And how did success begin?

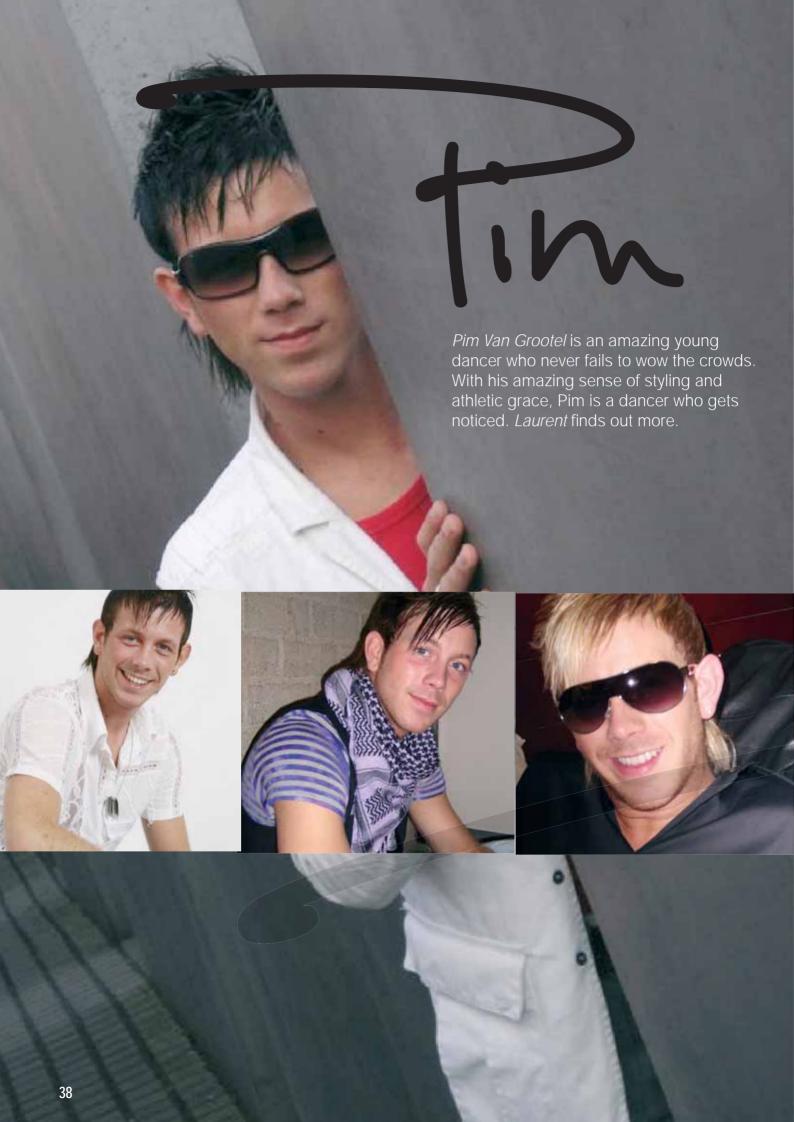
"The first time Charlie and I did a trip abroad we were still doing an acoustic thing. We did showcases in Hamburg and Munich and one in Oslo, Norway. At the time we had been having some airplay on the radio over there. That was before 'Letter From America' became a hit. We were twenty-five when we first signed a record deal and had our first hit. I would have rather done it at that age than 17 or 18. You can manage it much better. In the beginning our ambition was to get off the dole queue and make a living. We never thought of getting hit records. After 22 years we are still glad we are doing it!"

I ask him about The Proclaimers' new album "Notes & Rhymes" and Craig explains: "The album, our eighth, was written over a period of six months which, believe it or not, is the shortest time we have taken. It was a case of sitting down and writing pretty much for seven days a week. I like songs with different subjects and we don't shy away from political or social comments but hopefully we do things in an entertaining way....."

The album is similar to a book of short stories with every song having its own tale to tell. The kick off track 'Notes & Rhymes', a rocker, will get dancers on the floor. Other songs include 'Shadows Fall' which tells of sadness coming to people when they least expect it. The political issues are covered with 'Free Market' reflecting on the financial situation of the world today and 'I Know' which comments on our armed forces sent to various parts of the world.

I particularly liked the sentiment behind 'Just Look Now' a song about getting older. "You see people standing outside the pubs Saturday night watching people go by. Some things change for the better but a lot of things do not."

This is a very fine album with songs in turn individual, earthy and emotional. And just like a Spring day there may be grey skies and showers but the blue and the sunshine soon follow





im is a man whose life is summed up by dance. At just 23, he has attained international fame and has worked unbelievably hard to get there. He says: "I joined a country Line dance group when I was ten and danced there for two years as a social dancer, then at 12 I progressed to competition." This was an inspired move and one that would shape Pim's career. He is justly proud of his achievements. "In most competitions such as the Dutch, Swiss, Austrian and European championships I have been placed first. I also managed that at World Championship level in Line dance classic." As a dancer he has undeniable talent but he is also a respected choreographer and many dances written with his good friend Daniel Trepat are used for competition dances for the World CDF and the UCWDC.

I ask him about which achievement he is most proud of and he replies: "2007 was the year for me when my hard work and training finally paid off. That's when I became a megastar at the Austrian

championships, the highest level in Line Dance at the World CDF."

To watch Pim dance is always an experience. He sums up what he does. "My dance style changed very much in the last couple of years and that is because I feel much more confident on the dance floor." Pim is a showman and has no problems admitting that he "likes to show what he can do". "I am much more flexible and that has a lot to do with my school. I have been a member of the Tilburg dance academy (Netherlands) for the last two years and I have learnt a lot of different dance styles, Jazz, Ballett, Hip Hop, Tap Dance, Afro Style dancing, Limon and Graham." And because Pim never stands still, many new styling and technique ideas have made their way into his dancing routines for the delight of those lucky enough to watch him.

Pim moved to Belgium a few months ago with his girlfriend Nina Danner but he continues travelling the world most of the time. "I do see a lot of countries. Places like Hong Kong, Malaysia, Japan, Ireland, Switzerland, France and Sweden. I am also

really lucky in coaching my own teams. I dance pro-am, give technique workshops, styling classes and I also work with Daniel Trepat and Roy Verdonk."

I ask Pim what is the secret of his success? "I don't know" he laughs. He hazards a guess: "People say that I have a very nice style of teaching. I try to always be honest and helpful, down to earth. You will never see me in a bad mood, I am always very friendly. As a dancer I try to entertain and act some performances but I know I can also move people." He thinks a bit more and adds: "I always like to introduce new elements and because I get inspired by movies, music and dance styles, my shows have strong themes, themes that people can relate to."

The personable young dancer has been very busy but his enthusiasm and thirst for life continues. "I am always working on new shows and stretching myself in many new styles and dance genres. But my ultimate dream is to open my own dance school". And because Pim has made most of his dreams reality, I have no doubt that he will succeed at creating the best and most innovative dance school one could wish for.

Riverside

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Bea Verity's Riverside evenings are the stuff of legend and this month she gives you the low down on the venue and the stars about to appear.

hen I decided to organise my evenings I wanted two things. A fantastic venue for my Line dancers and make sure that they would love every star they would come to see and dance to. And oh yes, the third thing (and the most important of them all)... it had to be FREE!

It was a dream come true to be able to work with the Riverside Club, near Southport. The Riverside Leisure centre is a great holiday place and a superb venue. The management were very helpful in helping me to organise my events. It was agreed that they would be held EVERY Wednesday evenings the whole year round which was terrific.

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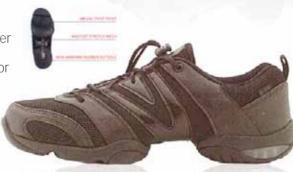
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Last year, the Country Music Festival in France took our breath away, and as the FFCLD and Country-France were kind enough to invite *Linedancer* again, we just had to go!

Cagnes Sur Mer. Picture a lovely French coastal town situated a few moments between Nice and Cannes and home to everyday sunshine, fantastic food, lovely beaches and in August some of the best Country music around, not to mention superb Line dancing.

Betty, Steve and I (Laurent) went back this year as guests of both the FFCLD and Country-France, knowing that we would have the best of times. We were greeted by our hosts and dancers as real friends and we felt "at home" straight away, blown away by people's kindness and consideration. We also had planned a surprise for our friends in France but more of that later.

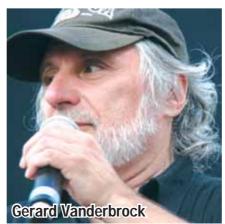
August on The Riviera is one of the hottest months of the year and this year was no exception. We were amazed to see many dancers in full Western dress looking cool





and totally unfazed in the sweltering heat. The venue was the Parc des Canebiers which is a large park in the centre of the city. Towards the far end, was a huge stage on which fantastic singers appeared all through the festival. The Hey Boyz from the USA, our very own Nadine Sommers, the French legends The Mariotti Brothers (who took our breath away) and the amazing Michael





Peterson who managed to get the crowds to sing with him (not that obvious when you speak a different language) and who filled the two dance floors to the full. His popularity was such that the audience would not let him go and his gig over ran by more than an hour, a real nightmare for the organisers.

We were surprised to see many more stands this year. And we were amazed too. Wonderful outfits (some very daring!), amazing hats and shirts and of course this being France quite a few food offerings too, from crepes to hamburgers you could feast right there and then. And to listen to the wonderful music and watch people dance, sat on a blanket...

sizzling country

on the ground under the stars and a clement sky is an experience too seldom experienced in the United Kingdom. Being outdoors helps people bond in a unique way. There does not seem to be an age barrier or a language barrier, you look, listen and smile. That seems to be enough.

We loved seeing grandmothers dancing with the children, simple and energetic routines, foot perfect as well as seeing teenagers dressed sassily and really putting on a show of intricate steps. In Line dance circles we use the word "fun" a lot, in Cagnes we truly experienced it.

On the Saturday, The FFCLD had organised an aperitif which was hugely successful and we were able to introduce "Onlinedancer France" which is about to be unveiled soon. This will be a monthly multi media magazine in French with videos and soundbytes. Many people were kind enough to chat to us and show a lot of interest in what Linedancer does and what we are about to do.

As always, photographs don't really do justice to an event that is pure "fun and joy" but they do speak for themselves. More videos available on this month's Onlinedancer.

Gerard and Violette Vanderbrock, the festival organisers, ought to be really proud of themselves. They have the perfect venue, a great line up and for a couple of evenings they make people dream of another world. They are true to the sound they love, and the dancers and visitors there would not want it any other way. I asked Annie Dance, whom some of you met at the last Crystal Boot what was the attraction of listening to a music so profoundly different from what France is used to. She looked at me and said: "You know, this is pure exotism for us. The music speaks of wind, sierras, lone cowboys and horses. Things we don't know but love the idea of and it does it with sounds and instruments we are not familiar with but that sound wonderful. what's not to love?" Indeed.





Concentrating on the next move...







Line dance at the festival

If Line dance was present in 2008 at the festival, you certainly could not ignore it this year. Some superb workshops throughout the day were given by the wonderful Christiane Favillier and the Canadian sensation Guylaine Bourdages.

Guylaine introduced her brand new dance "Yes We can" and the music by Bruce Springsteen forever associated with Barrack Obama inaugural day resonated strong in every dancer' heart. Gerard Simoncello, the FFCLD president had asked Guylaine to write a choreography to this piece of music and as always she did a wonderful job.

Then later, the Final of Guylaine's Linedance tour took place. The tour had taken place throughout the year and she had taught the same choreography to various dancers and clubs in France. These same dancers were all invited to come to Cagnes to dance together. About 30 took up the challenge and travelled high and low to be there. After just a couple of hours of rehearsal time, no one could believe the quality of the presentation.

We have to also salute Dj Denys who once again proved what an amazing presenter he is. Easy and charming but keeping every part of the event going for two days is no easy task but he, once again, showed complete professionalism and dealt with all the problems that "live" events never fail to deliver!

This was a complex routine with arm and body movements and each dancer performed in perfect unison. You can see a little of that performance in this month's Onlinedancer. Line dancers were present more than ever throughout the festival and as last year, they danced, danced, danced in and out of the sun, on the floors, on the grass, by the stands, wherever they were.... If anyone should doubt what Line dance is about or what it can bring to someone, this was the place to answer all your questions.

Linedancer wishes to thank the FFCLD and Country-France for their generosity of mind and spirit and we look forward to working together in the future.









Village Hall in Peterborough. *Michael Lynn* tells us all about the fun and frolics they had that day... all in the name of charity (of course!).

In Autumn of 2008 we decided that we wanted to organise a charity Line dance event in June. The charity we chose was for Cancer Research UK. We wanted our event to be a bit different, we didn't just want one star choreographer... we wanted four and I decided I would also join them! Numerous emails later we had our lineup; Neville Fitzgerald & Julie Harris, Kim Ray, Jo/John Kinser & Mark Furnell. James wanted the focus to be on fun, so only 32 count improver/easy intermediate dances were to be taught and 30 minutes was the allocated teach time.

As the months passed the interest in the event had grown massively. On the day of the event we were blessed with gorgeous weather. We felt anxious, we wanted it to be a successful day and raise money for such a worthy cause. Throughout the day we had about 90 people turn up and could see that people were having a good time.

I started the day with Ready, Set, Go! which was written for and launched at the event. The teach was full of laughs, especially when I asked them "to abole what we proposed well".

Kim was next up with her dance Dolly Mixture which was written to gorgeous track by Dolly Parton. Neville Fitzgerald taught Because, a nightclub two step that was a rather naughty teaching choice. It wasn't improver/easy intermediate, not 32 counts and not taught in 30 mins. Very naughty... but all was forgiven the moment we danced this beautiful dance.

Last (but not least) was Jo Kinser who taught their dance Don't Stop Believin'. This was a fabulous little dance written to a great upbeat dance/rock track by George Lamond

And with a Fish and Chip supper for all day ticket holders thrown in things got even better. After the delicious interval, we all got changed and danced the night away at the evening social. On behalf of James, I wish to thank all the choreographers for giving up their time for free, the Step-In-Line team who provided immense support and help at the event, Cancer Research for their guidance and finally yourselves... the dancers, you all made it special.



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MAGGIE GALLAGHER

Take A Breather

4 WALL - 32 COUNTS - IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Side, Drag, Back Rock, Side, Together, Chasse Step left to left side. Drag right beside left. Rock back on right. Recover forward onto left. Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Step Drag Back Rock Side Together Side Close Side	Left On the spot Right
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Styling	Cross, Touch, Step, 1/4, Step, Touch, Back, Hook & Click Cross left over right. Touch right toe behind left heel. Step right back. Step left 1/4 turn left. Step right forward. Touch left toe behind right heel. Step left back. Hook right in front of left. Count 8: raise arms and click fingers in Spanish style.	Cross Touch Step Turn Step Touch Back Hook	Right Turning left Forward Back
Section 3 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Tag 2	Step, Lock, Lock Step Forward, Cross, Back, Step, Sways Step right forward. Lock left behind right. Step right forward. Lock left behind right. Step right forward. Cross left over right. Step right back. Step left to left side swaying hips to left. Sway hips to right. Wall 9: Dance Tag 2 (hip sways) then restart dance again from beginning.	Step Lock Step Lock Step Cross Back Sway Sway	Forward On the spot
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Figure of 8 Grapevine Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Step left 1/4 turn left. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Make 1/4 turn left and step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side.	Side Behind Turn Step Turn Turn Behind Side	Left Turning left Right
Tag 1 1 - 8	End of Wall 4 (facing front) Repeat steps 1 - 8 of Section 4 (figure of 8 grapevine)		
Tag 2 1 - 2 3 - 4	Wall 9, end of Section 3: Sway hips left. Sway hips right. Sway hips left. Sway hips right. Then start dance again from the beginning.	Hip Sways Hip Sways	On the spot

Choreographed by: Maggie Gallagher (UK) April 2003

Choreographed to: 'I Need A Breather' by Darryl Worley from CD Have You Forgotten?;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (start on vocals)

Tags: There are 2 short Tags, one danced at the end of Wall 4 and one during Wall 9





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Approved by:



Cupid Shuffle

	4 WALL - 32 COUNTS - ABSOLUTE BEGINNER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1	Side, Together (x 3), Side, Touch			
1 - 2	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side Together	Right	
3 - 4	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side Together		
5 - 6	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side Together		
7 - 8	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Side Touch		
Section 2	Side, Together (x 3). Side, Touch			
1 - 2	Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Side Together	Left	
3 - 4	Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Side Together		
5 - 6	Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Side Together		
7 - 8	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Side Touch		
Section 3	Heel Touches/Kicks			
1 - 2	Touch right heel forward. Step right foot beside left.	Heel Together	On the spot	
3 - 4	Touch left heel forward. Step left foot beside right.	Heel Together		
5 - 6	Touch right heel forward. Step right foot beside left.	Heel Together		
7 - 8	Touch left heel forward. Step left foot beside right.	Heel Together		
Note	Heel touches can be replaced by kicks if preferred.			
Section 4	1/4 Turn Left			
1 - 8	March in place for 8 counts, gradually making 1/4 turn to the left.	Turn	Turning left	
Styling	Bend your knees and alternate knees apart/knees together on each step.			
	Or do whatever funky moves you can!			

Choreographed by: Unknown

Choreographed to: 'Cupid Shuffle' by Cupid, CD Single;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes

Note: This is a simple 32-count dance in the same vein as Electric Slide, Cha Cha Slide, etc





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Augine fourdages Yes We Can

1 WALL - 32 COUNTS - BEGINNER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1	Syncopated Weave, Coaster Step, Touch, Hold		
1 - 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Side Behind	Right
& 3 - 4	Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Step right to right side.	& Cross Side	
5 & 6	Step left back. Step right beside left. Step left forward.	Coaster Step	On the spot
7 - 8	Touch right beside left. Hold.	Touch Hold	
Section 2	Walk x 2, Triple Step In Place, Shuffle Step 1/2 Turn, Walk x 2		
1 - 2	Walk forward right. Walk forward left.	Walk Walk	Forward
3 & 4	Triple step in place, right slightly behind left (like a basic WCS step).	Right Left Right	On the spot
5 & 6	Shuffle turn 1/2 turn left, stepping forward left, right, left.	Shuffle Turn	Turning left
7 - 8	Walk forward right. Walk forward left.	Walk Walk	Forward
Section 3	Step, Sweep, Cross Shuffle, 1/4 Turn, Side, Cross Shuffle		
1 - 2	Step right forward. Ronde/sweep left round from back to front.	Step Sweep	Forward
3 & 4	Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Cross Shuffle	Right
5 - 6	Make 1/4 turn left stepping right back. Step left to left side.	Turn Side	Turning left
7 & 8	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Shuffle	Left
Section 4	Sweep, Chasse, 1/4 Turn, Cross, Side, Touch		
1 - 2	Ronde/sweep left round from back to front, crossing left over right on count 2.	Sweep Cross	Right
3 & 4	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	
5 - 6	Make 1/4 turn left stepping left to left side. Cross right over left.	Turn Cross	Turning left
7 - 8	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Side Touch	Left

Choreographed by: Guylaine Bourdages (Canada) July 2009

Choreographed to: 'Working On A Dream' by Bruce Springsteen (110 bpm) from CD Working On A Dream;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (32 count intro)



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4 WALL - 32 COUNTS - BEGINNER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1	Chasse, Back Rock, Rocking Chair		
1 & 2	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
3 - 4	Rock left back. Recover onto right.	Back Rock	On the spot
5 - 6	Rock left forward. Recover onto right.	Forward Rock	
7 - 8	Rock left back. Recover onto right.	Back Rock	
Section 2	Chasse, Back Rock, Toe Strut x 2		
1 & 2	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	Left
3 - 4	Rock right back. Recover onto left.	Back Rock	On the spot
5 - 6	Step right toe in front of left. Drop right heel taking weight and click fingers.	Right Strut	Forward
7 - 8	Step left toe in front of right. Drop left heel taking weight and click fingers.	Left Strut	Forward
Section 3	Jazz Box Scuff, Jazz Box 1/4 Turn		
1 - 2	Cross right over left. Step left back.	Cross Back	Back
3 - 4	Step right to right side. Scuff left forward.	Right Scuff	Right
5 - 6	Cross left over right. Step right back.	Cross Back	Back
7 - 8	Step left 1/4 turn left. Touch right beside left. (9:00)	Turn Touch	Turning left
Section 4	Jazz Jump Forward And Back, Hip Bumps		
& 1 - 2	Step right slightly forward and out. Step left slightly forward. Clap hands.	Jump Jump Clap	Forward
& 3 - 4	Step right slightly back and out. Step left slightly back and out. Clap hands.	Back Back Clap	Back
5 - 8	Bump hips right. Bump hips left. Bump hips right. Bump hips left.	Hip Bumps	On the spot

Choreographed by: Vikki Morris (UK) June 2009

Choreographed to: 'Boom Boom Goes My Heart' by Alex Swings Oscar Sings

from CD Heart 4 Sale; also available as download from tescodigital.com (32 count intro - start on the word 'heart')





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4 WALL - 32 COUNTS - IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1	Side Rock, Cross Shuffle, Touch Out, Touch In, Kick Ball Cross		
1 - 2	Rock right to right side. Recover onto left.	Right Rock	On the spot
3 & 4	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Shuffle	Left
5 - 6	Touch left to left side. Touch left beside right.	Touch Out In	On the spot
7 & 8	Kick left forward. Step left beside right. Cross right over left.	Kick Ball Cross	Left
Section 2	Rock 1/4 Turn, Forward Shuffle, 1/2 Turn, Hold, Back Rock		
1 - 2	Rock left to left side. Recover onto right making 1/4 turn right.	Rock Turn	Turning right
3 & 4	Step left forward. Close right beside left. Step left forward.	Left Shuffle	Forward
5 - 6	Make 1/2 turn left stepping right back. Hold. (9:00)	Turn Hold	Turning left
7 - 8	Rock back on left. Recover onto right.	Back Rock	On the spot
Section 3	Cross, Flick, Cross Shuffle, Sway x 3, Touch		
1 - 2	Cross step left over right. Flick right out to right side.	Cross Flick	Right
3 & 4	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Shuffle	Left
5 - 6	Step left to left side, swaying onto left. Sway onto right.	Sway Sway	On the spot
7 - 8	Sway onto left. Touch right beside left.	Sway Touch	
Section 4	Full Rolling Turn, Touch, Scissor Step, Hold		
1 - 2	Turn 1/4 right stepping right forward. Turn 1/2 right stepping left back.	Quarter Half	Turning right
3 - 4	Turn 1/4 right stepping right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Quarter Touch	
Option	Replace full rolling turn with Grapevine right, Touch.		
5 - 6	Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Side Together	Left
7 - 8	Cross step left over right. Hold.	Cross Hold	

Choreographed by: Gaye Teather (UK) July 2009

Choreographed to: 'Dance Tonight' by Paul Bailey (128 bpm) available as free download from www.paulbaileymusic.co.uk (32 count intro)



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Mamma Do

	4 WALL - 32 COUNTS - IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION	
Section 1	Syncopated Grapevine With Rock Step, Full Rolling Turn			
1 - 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Side Behind	Right	
& 3 - 4	Step right to right side. Cross rock left over right. Recover onto right.	& Cross Rock		
5 - 6	Step left 1/4 turn left. Make 1/2 turn left and step right back	Quarter Half	Turning left	
& 7 - 8	Make 1/4 turn left and step left to side. Cross right over left. Step left to side.	Quarter Cross Side		
Section 2	Cross, Touch, Paddle 1/4 Turn x 2, Kick, Cross, & Side Cross			
1 - 2	Cross right over left. Touch left to left side.	Cross Touch	Left	
3 - 4	Turn 1/4 right touching left to side. Turn 1/4 right touching left to side.	Paddle Turns	Turning right	
5 - 6	Kick left forward. Cross left over right.	Kick Cross	Right	
& 7 - 8	Step right back. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	& Side Cross	Left	
Section 3	Syncopated Grapevine, 1/4 Turn, Coaster Step, Step, Pivot 1/2			
1 - 2	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Side Behind	Left	
& 3 - 4	Step left to side. Cross right over left. Make 1/4 turn right and step left back.	& Cross Turn	Turning right	
5 & 6	Step right back. Step left beside right. Step right forward.	Coaster Step	On the spot	
7 - 8	Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step Pivot	Turning right	
Section 4	Step, Brush, 1/4 Turn, Bend Knee, 1/4 Turn, Cross, & Side			
1 - 2	Step left forward. Brush right forward.	Step Brush	Forward	
3 - 4	Make 1/4 turn right and step right to right side. Bend right knee in.	Turn Bend	Turning right	
5 - 6	Make 1/4 turn right (keeping weight on left). Cross right over left.	Turn Cross		
& 7 - 8	Step left back. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	& Side Cross	Right	
Tag	End of Wall 4 (facing 12:00): 1/4, Touch, Paddle 1/2, Kick Cross & Side Touch			
1 - 2	Step right 1/4 turn right. Touch left to left side.	Turn Touch	Turning right	
3 - 4	Make 1/4 turn right, touching left to left side. Repeat 1/4 turn and left touch.	Paddle Turn Paddle Turn		
5 - 6	Kick left forward. Cross left over right.	Kick Cross	Right	
& 7 - 8	Step right back. Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	& Side Touch	Left	

Choreographed by: 'Mama Do' by Pixie Lott from CD Mama Do (Uh Oh Uh Oh);

also available as download on amazon.co.uk or iTunes (start on vocals)

Tag: There is one 8-count Tag, danced at the end of Wall 4





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4 WALL - 48 COUNTS - IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Side, Behind, 1/4 Turn, Scuff, 1/4 Turn, Behind, 1/4 Turn, Scuff Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Make 1/4 turn right and step right forward. Scuff left beside right. Make 1/4 turn right and step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Make 1/4 turn left and step left forward. Scuff right beside left.	Side Behind Turn Scuff Turn Behind Turn Scuff	Right Turning right Turning left
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Step, Pivot 1/2, 1/2 Turn, Hold, Back Strut x 2 Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Make 1/2 turn left and step right back. Hold. Step back on left toes. Drop left heel taking weight. Step back on right toes. Drop right heel taking weight.	Step Pivot Turn Hold Back Strut Back Strut	Turning left Back
Section 3 1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Coaster Step, Hold, Step, Pivot 1/4, Cross, Hold Step left back. Step right beside left. Step left forward. Hold. Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 turn left. Cross right over left. Hold.	Coaster Step Hold Step Pivot Cross Hold	On the spot Turning left Left
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	1/4 Turn x 2, Step, Hold, Rocking Chair Make 1/4 turn right stepping left back. Make 1/4 turn right stepping right to side. Step left forward. Hold. Rock forward on right. Recover onto left. Rock back on right. Recover onto left.	Turn Turn Step Hold Forward Rock Back Rock	Turning right Forward On the spot
Section 5 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Monterey 1/2 Turn, Heel, Together, Heel, Together Point right toes to right side. Make 1/2 turn right and step right beside left. Point left to left side. Close left beside right. Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left. Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right.	Point Turn Point Together Heel Together Heel Together	Turning right On the spot
Section 6 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Monterey 1/4 Turn, Heel, Together, Heel, Together Point right toes to right side. Make 1/4 turn right and step right beside left. Point left to left side. Step left beside right. Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left. Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right.	Point Turn Point Together Heel Together Heel Together	Turning right On the spot

Choreographed by: Wil Bos & Roy Verdonk (NL) July 2009

Choreographed to: 'A Band's Gotta Do What A Band's Gotta Do' by The Refreshments (162bpm)

from CD A Band's Gotta Do What A Band's Gotta Do;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (48 count intro - start on vocals)





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4 WALL - 64 COUNTS - IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Chasse, Hold, Back Rock, Side, Hold Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side. Hold. Rock back on left slightly behind right. Rock forward onto right. Step left to left side. Hold.	Side Close Side Hold Back Rock Side Hold	Right On the spot Left
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Weave, Back Rock, Step, Hold Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross step right over left. Step left to left side. Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left. Step right forward. Hold.	Behind Side Cross Side Back Rock Step Hold	Left On the spot
Section 3 1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Option	Step, Pivot 1/2, Step, Hold, Full Turn Travelling Forward, Hold Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right. Step left forward. Hold. (6:00) Make 1/2 turn left stepping right back. Make 1/2 turn left stepping left forward. Step right forward. Hold. (6:00) Counts 5 - 8: Do right shuffle forward, hold.	Step Pivot Step Hold Full Turn Step Hold	Turning right Turning left Forward
Section 4 1 - 4 5 - 8	Left Hip Bumps, Right Hip Bumps Step left diagonally forward left, bumping hips - left, right, left. Hold. Step right diagonally forward right, bumping hips - right, left, right. Hold.	Hip Bumps Hold Hip Bumps Hold	Forward
Section 5 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8	Charleston, Coaster Step, Hold Swing left toes forward to touch in front of right. Hold. Swing left backwards stepping left back. Hold. Step right back. Step left beside right. Step right forward. Hold.	Touch Hold Back Hold Coaster Step Hold	On the spot
Section 6 1 - 4 5 - 8	Forward Lock Step, Step, Pivot 1/4, Cross Step left forward. Lock right behind left. Step left forward. Hold. Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 turn left. Cross right over left. Hold. (9:00)	Left Lock Left Hold Step Turn Cross Hold	Forward Turning left
Section 7 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Point, Together, Monterey 1/2, Point, Together, Point, Hold Point left toes to left side. Step left beside right. Point right to right side. Turn 1/2 right on ball of left, stepping right beside left. Point left to left side. Step left beside right. Point right to right side. Hold.	Point Together Point Turn Point Together Point Hold	On the spot Turning right On the spot
Section 8 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Cross Rock, Side, Cross Rock, Side, Touch, Hold Cross rock right over left. Rock back onto left. Step right to right side. Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right. Step left to left side. Touch right beside left. Hold.	Cross Rock Side Cross Rock Side Touch Hold	On the spot

Choreographed by: Diana Dawson (UK) July 2009

Choreographed to: 'The Shape I'm In' by The Deans (176 bpm) from CD Multiplication,

available from www.johndeanlive.com (32 count intro - start on vocals)

Music Suggestion: 'The Shape I'm In' by Just John from CD Working On Dreams;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes







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Speak With Your Heart

	4 WALL - 32 COUNTS - INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 - 3 4 & 5 6 - 7 8 & 1	Side, Cross Rock, Left Cha 1/4, Step, Pivot 1/4, Cross Shuffle Step right to right side. Cross rock left over right. Recover onto right. Step left to left side. Step right beside left. Turning 1/4 left step left forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 left. (6:00) Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Step Cross Rock Step & Turn Step Turn Cross Shuffle	Right Turning left Left	
Section 2 2 - 3 4 & 5 6 & 7 8 - 1	Side Rock, Sailor Step, Behind, 1/4, Step, Forward Rock Rock left to left side. Recover onto right. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place. Cross right behind left. Turning 1/4 left step left forward. Step right forward. Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. (3:00)	Side Rock Sailor Step Behind Turn Step Left Rock	On the spot Turning left On the spot	
Section 3 2 - 3 Option 4 & 5 6 & 7 8	Full Turn Back, Coaster Step, Syncopated Box Forward, Start Box Back Travelling back, make full turn left stepping left forward, right back. (3:00) Replace full turn with Walk back - left, right. Step left back. Step right beside left. Step left forward. Step right to right side. Step left beside right. Step right forward. Step left to left side.	Full Turn Coaster Step Side Together Forward Side	Turning left On the spot Right Left	
Section 4 1 - 3 4 & 5 6 - 7 8 &	Complete Box Back, Back, Coaster Step, Step, 1/4, 1/4 Cha Step right beside left. Step left back. Step right back. Step left back. Step right beside left. Step left forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 left swaying hips. (12:00) Turning 1/4 left step right to right side. Step left beside right. (9:00)	Together Back Back Coaster Step Step Turn Turn Together	Back On the spot Turning left	
Tag 1 - 3 4 & 5 6 - 7 8 &	End of Wall 4 (facing front): Dance Tag then restart dance from beginning Step right to right side. Cross rock left over right. Recover onto right. Step left to left side. Step right beside left. Turning 1/4 left step left forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 left. (3:00) Turning 1/4 left step right to right side. Step left beside right. (12:00)	Step Cross Rock Step & Turn Step Pivot Turn &	Right Turning left	
Ending 6 - 7 8 & 1	After Wall 9 (Wall 10, starts facing 9:00): Dance first 5 counts, then Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 left. Step right forward. Close left beside right. Step right forward and hold.	Step Pivot Right Shuffle	Turning left Forward	

Choreographed by: Peter Metelnick & Alison Biggs (UK) May 2009

Choreographed to: 'Don't Tell Me You're Not In Love' by Collin Raye from CD Never Going Back;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (32 count intro)

Tag: There is one Tag, danced at the end of Wall 4





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4 WALL - 48 COUNTS - INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Diagonal Rock, Behind, Side, Cross, Diagonal Rock, Behind, Side Cross Rock right diagonally forward to right. Recover onto left. Step right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left. Rock left diagonally forward to left. Recover onto right. Step left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right	Right Rock Behind Side Cross Left Rock Behind Side Cross	On the spot Left On the spot Right
Section 2 1 - 2 & 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Tag	Forward Rock, Switch, Forward Rock, Mash Potatoes Step Back x 4 Rock forward on right. Recover onto left. Step right beside left. Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Step left back (twisting heels in). Step right back (twisting heels in). Step left back (twisting heels in). Step right back (twisting heels in). Wall 5: Repeat counts 5 - 8 (Mash Potatoes) then continue from Section 3.	Rock Step & Rock Step Back Back Back Back	On the spot Back
Section 3 1 - 2 & 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Back Rock, Switch, Back Rock, Walk x 2, Forward Shuffle Rock back on left. Recover onto right. Step left beside right. Rock back on right. Recover onto left. Walk forward right. Walk forward left. Step right forward. Close left beside right. Step right forward.	Back Rock & Back Rock Walk Walk Right Shuffle	On the spot Forward
Section 4 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Step, Pivot 1/2, Forward Shuffle, Step, Pivot 1/2, Step, Pivot 1/4 Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right. Step left forward. Close right beside left. Step left forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step Pivot Left Shuffle Step Pivot Step Turn	Turning right Forward Turning left
Section 5 1 2 & 3 4 & 5 - 8 &	Heel Grind Moving Back x 4 With Claps Step forward on right heel with right toe pointed in. Twist right foot, pointing to right side, while stepping back on left with clap. Step right beside left. Step forward on left heel with left toe pointed in. Twist left foot, pointing to left side, while stepping back on right with clap. Step left beside right. Repeat counts 1 - 4 &.	Heel Grind & Heel Grind &	Forward Back Forward Back
Section 6 1 - 3 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Walk x 3, Kick, Walk Back x 2, Coaster Step Walk forward right. Walk forward left. Walk forward right. Kick left forward, clapping hands. Step left back. Step right back. Step left back. Step right beside left. Step left forward.	Forward 2 3 Kick Back Back Coaster Step	Forward On the spot Back On the spot
TAG	Wall 5: Dance first 16 counts of dance, then repeat 4 Mash Potato steps During Wall 5, dance total of 8 Mash Potato steps, then continue with dance.		
ENDING Note: 1 2 3 4 5 - 6	Wall 7: Music slows down after Mash Potato x 4 It is easier here to dance to the lyrics rather than listen for the beats. On first 'Mary', take right hand out to right side. On second 'Mary', take left hand out to left side. Clasp both hands in front of face, as if praying. On word 'way' ('why you want do do me this way'), cross right over left. Unwind 1/2 turn left. Slowly take a bow. Start dance again until end of Mash Potatoes and finish with a proud stomp. The ending is not as hard as it may seem!	Right Hand Left Hand Pray Cross Unwind Bow	On the spot Left Turning left

Choreographed by: Darren Bailey (UK) July 2009

Choreographed to: 'Mary' by Zac Brown Band from CD The Foundation

(32-count intro, start on vocals);

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes

 $\pmb{\mathsf{Tag:}}\ \, \mathsf{There}\ \mathsf{is}\ \mathsf{one}\ \mathsf{short}\ \mathsf{Tag}\ \mathsf{during}\ \mathsf{Wall}\ \mathsf{5},\ \mathsf{then}\ \mathsf{continue}\ \mathsf{with}\ \mathsf{dance}$



A video clip of this dance is available at

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Robbie Tap Room Boogie

4 WALL - 64 COUNTS - INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Kick Ball Step, Heel Twists, Back Rock, Step, Pivot 1/4 Kick right forward. Step ball of right beside left. Step left forward. Twist both heels left. Twist both heels back to centre (weight on right). Rock back on left. Rock forward on right. Step left forward. Pivot 1/4 turn right. (3:00)	Kick Ball Step Heel Twists Back Rock Step Turn	Forward On the spot Turning right
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Cross, Hold, 1/4 Turn x 2, Cross, Hold, Rock 1/4 Turn Cross step left over right. Hold. Make 1/4 turn left stepping right back. Make 1/4 turn left stepping left to side. Cross step right over left. Hold. Rock left to left side. Recover onto right making 1/4 turn right. (12:00)	Cross Hold Turn Turn Cross Hold Rock Turn	Right Turning left Left Turning right
Section 3 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8	Grapevine 1/4 Turn, Hitch, Hip Bumps Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Make 1/4 turn left stepping left forward. Hitch right knee. Step right to right side bumping hips right. Bump hips left, right, left. (9:00)	Side Behind Turn Hitch Hip Bumps	Left Turning left On the spot
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 8	Stomp Forward (Out-Out), Hand Brush x 2, Clap x 2, Finger Click x 2 Stomp right forward and out to right side. Stomp left forward and out to left side. Brush/slap both hands back and across hips. Brush/slap hands forward and across hips. Clap hands at chest level twice. Flick right hand in the air clicking fingers right. Flick left hand in the air clicking fingers left.	Stomp Stomp Hand Brush Clap Clap Click Click	Forward On the spot
Section 5 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Note	Scuff, Touch, Heel Tap x 2, Scuff, Touch, Heel Tap x 2 Scuff right forward. Touch right toe forward. Tap right heel to floor twice (taking weight on right). Scuff left forward. Touch left toe forward. Tap left heel to floor twice (taking weight on left). Counts 1 - 8 above should travel forward slightly.	Scuff Touch Heel Heel Scuff Touch Heel Heel	Forward On the spot Forward On the spot
Section 6 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Restart	Forward Rock, Side, Rock, Jazz Box 1/4 Turn Rock forward on right. Rock back on left. Rock right to right side. Recover onto left. Cross step right over left. Step left back. Make 1/4 turn right stepping right forward. Step left forward. Wall 3: Restart dance again from beginning at this point (facing 6:00)	Forward Rock Side Rock Cross Back Turn Step	On the spot Back Turning right
Section 7 1 2 3 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Dwight Swivels, Chasse, Back Rock Swivel left heel to right touching right toe beside left instep. (12:00) Swivel left toe to right touching right heel diagonally forward right. Swivel left heel to right touching right toe beside left instep. Swivel left toe to right touching right heel diagonally forward right. Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side. Rock back on left. Rock forward on right.	Toe Heel Toe Heel Side Close Side Back Rock	Right
Section 8 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Option	1/4 Turn, 1/2 Turn, Step, Scuff, Step, Pivot 1/2, Step, Pivot 1/2 Make 1/4 turn right stepping left back. Make 1/2 turn right stepping right forward. Step left forward. Scuff right forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. (9:00) Counts 5 - 8: Replace with right rocking chair.	Quarter Half Step Scuff Step Pivot Step Pivot	Turning right Forward Turning left

Choreographed by: Robbie McGowan Hickie & Karl-Harry Winson (UK) August 2009

Choreographed to: 'Maxine's Tap Room Boogie' by Travis Kidd (170 bpm) from CD Midamerica;

also available as download from tescodigital.com or iTunes (32 count intro - start on vocals)

Restart: There is one Restart, during Wall 3





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Footsteps Of Our Fathers

4 WALL - 64 COUNTS - INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 Note 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Walk Walk Shuffle in 1/2 Circle, Side Rock, Weave The first 4 counts complete a 1/2 circle travelling to the right. Walk forward right, left, curving right to start the 1/2 circle. (completing 1/2 circle) Step right forward. Close left beside right. Step right forward Rock left to left side. Recover onto right. (6:00) Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Right Left Right Shuffle Side Rock Cross Side Behind	Curving right On the spot Right
Section 2 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8 Restart	Side Rock, Sailor 1/2 Turn, Step, Touch, Kick Ball Change Rock right to right side. Recover onto left. Cross right behind left. Turn 1/2 right and step left to side. Step right in place. Step left small step forward. Touch right beside left. (12:00) Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left beside right. Wall 2: Restart dance again from beginning at this point.	Side Rock Sailor Turn Step Touch Kick Ball Change	On the spot Turning right Forward On the spot
Section 3 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Forward Rock, Shuffle 1/2 Turn, Forward Rock, Full Turn Back Rock forward on right. Recover onto left. Shuffle step 1/2 turn right, stepping - right, left, right. (6:00) Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Turn 1/2 left and step left forward. Turn 1/2 left and step right back. (6:00)	Forward Rock Shuffle Turn Forward Rock Full Turn	On the spot Turning right On the spot Turning left
Section 4 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Back Rock, Rock & Cross, Side Rock, Cross Shuffle Rock back on left. Recover onto right. Rock left to left side. Recover onto right. Cross left over right. Rock right to right side. Recover onto left. Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Back Rock Rock & Cross Right Rock Cross Shuffle	On the spot Right On the spot Left
Section 5 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 & 6 & 7 & 8	Side, Hold, Coaster 1/4 Turn, Heel & Toe & Heel & Touch Step left to left side. Hold. Turn 1/4 right and step right back. Step left beside right. Step right forward. Dig left heel forward. Step left beside right. Touch right toe back. (9:00) Step right beside left. Dig left heel forward. Step left beside right. Touch right to right side.	Left Hold Coaster Turn Heel & Toe & Heel & Touch	Left Turning right On the spot
Section 6 & 1 - 2 & 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 & 8	& Side, Clap, & Side Rock, Weave, Scissor Step 1/4 Turn Step right beside left. Step left to left side. Clap. Step right beside left. Rock left to left side. Recover onto right. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Step right to side. Turn 1/4 left and step left beside right. Step right forward. (6:00)	& Left Clap & Left Rock Behind & Cross Scissor Turn	Left On the spot Right Turning left
Section 7 1 - 2 & 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 & 8	Step, Clap, & Forward Rock, Weave, Scissor Step 1/4 Turn Step left forward. Clap. Step right beside left. Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Step right to side. Turn 1/4 left and step left beside right. Step right forward. (3:00)	Step Clap & Forward Rock Behind & Cross Scissor Turn	Forward On the spot Right Turning left
Section 8 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Forward Rock, Triple Full Turn, Cross, Back, Coaster Step, Step Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Triple full turn left on the spot, stepping - left, right, left. Cross right over left. Step left back. Step right back. Step left beside right. Step right forward. Step left beside right.	Forward Rock Triple Full Turn Cross Back Coaster Step Step	On the spot Turning left Back On the spot

Choreographed by: Kate Sala (UK) February 2009

Choreographed to: 'Footsteps Of Our Fathers' by Pat Green (112bom) from CD What I'm For; also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (16 count intro)

Restart: There is one Restart, during Wall 2, at the end of Section 2





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Release Me

4 WALL - 64 COUNTS - INTERMEDIATE				
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	Direction	
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Forward Rock, Full Turn, Back Rock, Kick Ball Change Rock forward on right. Recover onto left. Travelling back, make full turn right stepping right forward, left back. Rock back on right. Recover onto left. Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left forward. (12:00)	Right Rock Full Turn Back Rock Kick Ball Change	On the spot Turning right On the spot	
Section 2 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8 Restart	Step, 1/4 Turn, Cross Shuffle, 1/2 Turn, Forward Shuffle Step right forward. Make 1/4 turn left (weight onto left). Cross step right over left. Step left to left side. Cross step right over left. Make 1/4 turn right stepping left back. Make 1/4 turn right stepping right to side. Step left forward. Close right beside left. Step left forward. (3:00) Wall 2 and Wall 5: Restart dance again from beginning at this point.	Step Turn Cross Shuffle Half Turn Left Shuffle	Turning left Left Turning right Forward	
Section 3 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Step, 1/4 Turn, Cross, Side, Behind Side Cross, Side Rock Step right forward. Make 1/4 turn left (weight onto left). Cross step right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross step right over left. Rock left out to left side. Recover onto right. (12:00)	Step Turn Cross Side Behind Side Cross Left Rock	Turning left Left On the spot	
Section 4 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Behind Side Cross, Point, 1/2 Monterey, Point, Cross, Back Side Cross Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross step left over right. Point right to right side. Make 1/2 turn right stepping right beside left. Point left to left side. Cross step left over right. Step right back. Step left to left side. Cross step right over left. (6:00)	Behind Side Cross Point Turn Point Cross Back Side Cross	Right Turning right Right Left	
Section 5 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Chasse, Back Rock, Kick Ball Cross, Stomp, Hold Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side. Cross rock right behind left. Recover onto left. Kick right to right diagonal. Step right beside left. Cross step left over right. Stomp right to right side. Hold. (6:00)	Side Close Side Back Rock Kick Ball Cross Stomp Hold	Left On the spot Right	
Section 6 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Sailor 1/4 Turn, Walk Forward x 2, Sailor 1/2 Turn, Side Rock Cross left behind right. Make 1/4 turn left stepping right to side. Step left forward. Walk forward right. Walk forward left. Cross right behind left. Make 1/2 turn right stepping left to side. Cross right over left. Rock left out to left side. Recover onto right. (9:00)	Sailor Quarter Right Left Sailor Half Left Rock	Turning left Forward Turning right On the spot	
Section 7 1 & 2 3 4 & 5 6 7 & 8	Kick Ball Cross, Side, Kick Ball Cross, Side, Touch Ball Cross Kick left to left diagonal. Step left beside right. Cross step right over left. Step left to left side. Kick right to right diagonal. Step right beside left. Cross step left over right. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right. Step left to left side. Cross step right over left. (9:00)	Kick Ball Cross Side Kick Ball Cross Side Touch Ball Cross	Left Right Left	
Section 8 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Back, Side, Forward Lock Step, Step, Pivot 1/2, Kick Ball Step Step left back. Step right to right side. Step left forward. Lock right behind left. Step left forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left forward. (3:00)	Back Right Left Lock Left Step Turn Kick Ball Step	Right Forward Turning left On the spot	

Choreographed by: Dee Musk (UK) May 2009

Choreographed to: 'Release Me (UK Radio Edit)' by Agnes (128 bpm) CD Single;

also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (64 count intro)

Restarts: There are 2 Restarts, both at the same point, during Walls 2 and 5





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2 WALL - 64 COUNTS - INTERMEDIATE				
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 2 & 3 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Back, Coaster Step, Step, Forward Rock, 1/2 Turn, 1/4 Turn Step left back. Step right back. Step left beside right. Step right forward. Step left forward. Rock forward on right. Recover onto left. Turn 1/2 right and step right forward. Turn 1/4 right and step left to left side.	Back Coaster Step Step Forward Rock Half Quarter	Back On the spot Forward On the spot Turning right	
Section 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 5 & 6 7 & 8	Heel Bounces, Heel Swivels, Sailor Step, Sailor 1/4 Turn Lift both heels (knees pop forward). Drop heels. Lift both heels. Drop heels. Swivel right heel in. Swivel right heel out. Swivel left heel in. Swivel left heel out. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place. Cross left behind right. Turn 1/4 left and step right together. Step left forward.	Bounce Bounce Heel Swivels Sailor Step Sailor Quarter	On the spot Turning left	
Section 3 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Kick & Slide, 1/4 Turn, Together, Forward Rock, Back, Touch Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Slide left toe back.* * Right knee bends and body dips forward. Make 1/4 turn left (weight on left). Step right beside left. Rock left forward. Recover onto right. Step left back. Touch right beside left. (Touching flat sole)	Kick & Slide Turn Together Forward Rock Back Touch	On the spot Turning left On the spot Back	
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Side, Behind, 1/4 Turn, Side, 1/4 Turn, Cross, Side, Cross Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Turn 1/4 right and step right forward. Step left to left side. Turn 1/4 right and step right to right side. Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Side Behind Turn Side Turn Cross Side Cross	Right Turning right Right	
Section 5 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Brush, Step, Brush, Step, 1/2 Turn x 3, Together Brush right forward and across left. Step right forward, slightly across (not tight). Brush left forward and across right. Step left forward, slightly across (not tight). Turn 1/2 right (weight onto right). Turn 1/2 right and step left back. Turn 1/2 right and step right forward. Step left beside right.	Brush Step Brush Step Turn Turn Turn Together	Forward Turning right	
Section 6 1 2 3 4 5 - 6 & 7 - 8	Back, Touch, Back, Touch, Back, Back, & Walk Walk Turn 1/8 right and step right back (knees bent and body dipping). Touch left beside right (and straighten up to 3:00 wall). Turn 1/8 left and step left back (knees bent and body dipping). Touch right beside left (and straighten up to 3:00 wall). Turn 1/8 right and step right back. Turn 1/4 left and step left back. Step right beside left. Turn 1/8 right and step left forward. Step right forward. (3:00)	Back Touch Back Touch Back Turn & Walk Walk	Back On the spot Back On the spot Turning left Forward	
Section 7 1 - 3 4 - 6 7 - 8	Forward Rock, Back Step, Back Rock, Step, Step, Pivot 1/2 Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Step left back. Rock back on right. Recover onto left. Step right forward. Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right (weight onto right). (9:00)	Forward Rock Step Back Rock Step Step Pivot	Back Forward Turning right	
Section 8 1 - 2 & 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Side Rock, & Side Rock, 3/4 Sailor Turn, Forward Rock Rock left to left side. Recover onto right. Step left beside right. Rock right to right side. Recover onto left. Turn 1/4 right and cross right behind left. Turn 1/4 right and step left together. Turn 1/4 right and step right forward. Rock forward on left. Recover onto right.	Left Rock & Right Rock Turn Turn Turn Forward Rock	On the spot Turning right On the spot	

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Watch & Learn



Your query reminds us that Line dancing borrows and makes use of steps and technique from many different dance genres. And because of this we sometimes find that a step has more than one name or description. This is the case with side shuffles and chassés. These two terms are often used in Line dancing to refer to the same step. Whether described as a side shuffle or a chassé both refer to a combination of stepclose-step or step-together-step, travelling to the side. To understand why there are two terms for the same step we need to consider where the terminology comes from. Different dance genres each have their own terminology and technique. So it is possible to have a step called one thing in one genre and a similar step called something else in another genre. Chassés for instance, are found in, ballet, ballroom and modern Jazz dance. In ballet, a chassé is a glide into an open position and in ballroom it is a gliding step with a step-close-step or step-togetherstep format. The precise nature of the step depends on the dance. In modern Jazz dance a Jazz chassé is also fundamentally three steps danced in two counts but often danced with a particular Jazz dance style, travelling long and low (with bent knees) in a specified direction. The word chassé comes from the French verb chasser meaning to chase and dance chassés, are also described by some, as steps where one foot chases the other.

Taking this into consideration it is likely that we will favour the terminology we are used to. For example, a choreographer with a ballroom background is likely to favour ballroom terminology and so on. This shows us how step names or terminology builds up from various sources and how we can end up with more than one name for a step.

Regarding a 'shuffle in place' it is not uncommon in dance for steps to be adapted within choreography. So although the technique of a step may define it as a travelling step when incorporated in a dance this may change. Where a step is changed beyond recognititon then I would suggest it should become a different step altogether but where the change is considered minor and the step is still recognisable as itself, then this would come under 'artistic license'. With this in mind, although a shuffle is usually a travelling step a choreographer might choose to restrict it by dancing it on the spot. At the other end of the scale, a choreographer might want to include 'giant shuffles' that travel right across the floor from one side to the other. Essentially they are still shuffles but vary from a basic shuffle because of the extra travel. When you know what the basic step is then you can recognise variations to it within dances.

I have a technical question.
How do side shuffles vary from a chasse step? Sometimes step sheets and instructors in class ask for a side shuffle but when danced or when looking at a video of the dance it looks like a chasse to me. What is the correct description of how to do a side shuffle compared to a chasse? Also step sheets sometimes say shuffle in place which again I find confusing because surely a shuffle is a moving step so it is not possible to do it in place?Many thanks I always enjoy your column, very thought provoking and useful.

Jay Ripley



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A Good Mix

Margaret Smith of Forfar in Scotland, sent us a photo of Line dancers who twice a year attend a charity dance that she holds to raise funds for the Mountains Animal Sanctuary at Glen Ogil near Forfar. She told us: "This is a permanent home for around 160 rescued ponies and donkeys. We have a dance mixture of both Scottish country dancing and also western Line dancing and what a good mix it is. People come from two or three dance classes and country clubs in our area and all mix well. So much for the comments, 'dances don't mix', they certainly do in Forfar. We also have a large raffle to add to the funds and we usually raise £1000 in the one night, which in these troubled times, we think is a very good amount."



Golden Years



Peter and Wilma Linford who attend Silver Boots Line Dance Club in St. Neots, Cambridgeshire, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They did not want any presents but did ask for donations to their favourite charity, NACC, (National Society of Crohns and Colitis). Instructor Sylvie World told us: "They hired Kimbolton Castle for the day and had family and close friends for lunch. They asked me to do a charity Line dance in the evening. It was a fantastic venue, over a hundred people attended and we all had a great time." The total amount raised from the whole day was a fabulous amount of £2055.

Racy Sisters

Two sisters, Carol Sterratt and Christine Botfield from Jaycee Liners Line Dance club in Beacon, Cornwall, recently completed the 5km Race For Life. Carol told us: "The race took place at Truro and we have raised £100 so far. We also had a lovely day out as well."



Making It Happen In Manhattan



Martin House Children's Hospice in Boston Spa are £3125.32 richer thanks to the fund raising efforts of The Sioux Tribe Line dancers from The Manhattan Club in Harrogate. Over the last nine months they have held a series of raffles at their usual Monday night class and also donated the proceeds of their Christmas Party and what has now become their Annual Charity social in May. Country singer Dean McCall provided live music at their latest social and Instructor Sue Fawcett kept the dancers happy with music requests. £1000 of the amount raised came from a staff charity scheme at HSBC where Sue works. Sue told us: "I think this is a tremendous achievement from a relatively small group of people. Work colleagues and my dancers are a very generous bunch and we have a great deal of fun whilst raising the money." Alison Wragg, on behalf of the Hospice, recently visited the class to meet some of the dancers and accept the donation.

Krazy Bra Collection



There was a huge response when Krazy Feet club leader Jo Myers asked members for contributions to a bra collection. This was to be used for raising breast cancer awareness in developing countries. Pictured at the club's venue in St. Helens, Merseyside, are some of the dancers with samples of the donations. Jo Said: "We had a great response and I would like to thank everybody for the contribution. Well done girls!"

Two Brave Ladies

Ann Frary of T & A's Dance Ranch in Bispham, Blackpool told us about two of her dancers that the class are so proud of. "Barbara Rose was diagnosed with breast cancer four years ago. She opted to have a double mastectomy and then had a course of chemo during which she lost her hair but she looked brilliant in her wigs and scarves. Since then Barbara has had to deal with the death of her Mother and Father, her brother was also involved in a very serious car accident. She has since found out that the cancer has returned. In spite of all this she has danced when she has been able and smiled her way through the bad times. Our Line dancers have been

with her every step of the way as we all will be in this next chapter of her life. Another brave dancer is Val Allen who collapsed while on holiday in Scotland. Her husband got her home where she collapsed again. They found it was a virus affecting her brain. Val can't remember anything of the weeks she was in hospital." The classes raised £115 for Val and she has donated it to the ward she was in at Victoria hospital. Ann added: "They are both an inspiration to us and make us count our blessings. Barbara and Val have said what a difference it makes knowing that so many people are thinking about them and sending their best wishes."



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Bournemouth. Wallisdown Alamo Line Dance Club Pauline Westcott 01202 531955 Ref: 1865

Bridport Lyric School Of Dancing Teresa Grinter 01308 425828

Chickerell, Wevmouth Dixie Six Angie 07837 575978 Ref:1889 Dorchester

A B C Steppin In Line Bob Francis 01305852026 Dorchester

L & B Line Lyn 01300320559 Ref:1656 Ferndown

Luv 2 LineDanz Club Ros King 01202 861690

Highcliffe Rebel Riders Chris & Martyn Hocking 01425 673414 ■Ref-1231

Parkstone, Poole Bucking Broncos Ron & Hazel 01202693389 ●Ref:2538

Portland Carol iners Caroline Milverton 01305821596

Tarrant Keyneston, Witchampton Chasing Lines Karen Hill

01258 840519 ■Ref:1488

Verwood Silver Star LDC Tina Summerfield 01202 849202 Ref: 2367

Wevmouth Borderline Scuffers Paul & Jo 01305 773033

Ref:1809

DURHAM

Bishop Auckland Vip Linedance Vivien Tinker 07941812390

Darlington Texas Toetappers Mary Latcham 01325263038

Durham Ladies In Line Audri R 07913 352 077 Durham PJ's Line Dancing 07961930109 ■Ref-1999

Stanley Renegades Line Dance Club Agnes Roberts 01207 239996

FSSFX

Ardleigh, Lawford, Manningtree Debbie's Boot Scootin' Dancers Debbie Millar 01206 230806 Ref:1850

Braintree Crazy Chicks Linedancers Ann Gandy/Marion French 01376 322224/01376 326479

Canvey Island, Hockley, Ingatestone, Billericay, Wickford, Benfleet Gill Light School Of Dance Gill Light 07931 370544 Ref:1878

Chadwell Heath Rob's Raiders Line Dance Rob or Terri 02085950969 or 07776402237

Chadwell St Mary Dixieliners 07803081902 ■Pof-2536

Chelmsford 1 Step 2 Heaven Mick Woulfe 01245491497 Ref:2523

Corringham, Stanford-Le-Hope Cool Country

Maureen Lincoln 07989 210449 Ref: 1804

Eastwood Woody's Line Dance Pat Wood 01268777171

Elm Park, Tiptree, West Mersea Rob's Raiders Line Dance

Rob or Terri 02085950969 or 07776402237

Elsenham, Harlow, Newport (Saffron Walden) Quendon Studs & Stars Dawn 07746753009

Hadleigh, Shotgate SideKicks Pat Johnson 07828 269920

Ref-2430 Hainault The Cowboy Way/Daylight

Stompers Sally Macdonald 020 8500 0301 Ref:1355

Kelvedon Linedance Classes Penny Welton 07731 320858

Ref:2391 Maldon Step In Line Lorna Dennis 07912 567032

Mistley Mistley Movers Lawrence Morrison 01255434000 Ref-1560

Rainham, Redbridge, Ilford, Romford, Gants Hill

Kelado Kickers Pat Gladman 01708 551629 Rayleigh Woody's Line Dance Pat Wood 01268777171

Romford Hills n Toes Hillary Kurt-Webster 01708 702468 07961 427527 Ref:2443

Witham Rockin' Horse LDC Lyndi Lou 01376 516118

Witham, Braintree Sureline Sundancers Bob Hamilton 0780 1223061

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Avening, Gloucester, Stroud

Sunset Stompers Steve Holmes 01453 731749

Cam, Dursley Sunset Stompers Maureen Wingate 01453 548680

Cheltenham, Gloucester Buckles 'n' Boots Andy & Kay Ashworth 01452 855481

Painswick, Stonehouse Jolly Stompers Julie Cole 01453752480

Ref:1876 Podsmead, Tuffley Shootin' Stars Jack 01452 551322

Ref: 1967 Stroud, Whitminster Jolly Stompers
Julie Cole 01453752480

■Ref:1176 Yate, Near Bristol Laughter in Line LDC Sarah Cleaver 01454 773929

GREATER LONDON

■Ref-1970

East London PB's Wild Horse Linedance Club

Barbara Lowe 07759695525 Ref:2537 Greenford

Country Knights Marie 07596 718679 Ref:2337

Hillingdon 1st Steps Linedance 07958 643307

GREATER MANCHESTER

Audenshaw G & J Line Dancers 01614946804

Bolton Alan B's Alan Birchall 01204 654503

Bolton Buckin' Horses LDC

Sarah Massey 01204401018 Middleton, Manchester 5 Star Dance Ranch

Sheila 07976 769157 Ref:1454

Stockport NW Line Dance Club Adrian 07709910256

Stockport Tricia's Tenderfoots Tricia Bentley 07956 661582 Ref:2244

HAMPSHIRE

Aldershot J.R. Stompers Helen Bright 01252 371158 ■Ref:1977

Basingstoke Silver Wings Sue 01256 321972 ■Ref:1254

Basingstoke, Buckskin, Alresford Booted Out LDC Sue Hughes 01256 331046

Bedhampton, Portchester, Widley, Waterlooville BJ's Line Dancing

Bev 023 9236 1330

Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Winchester Southern Roots Brian Woodford 07511876149 Ref: 2539

Eastleigh Sidewinders
Pat & Ray Cartwright
02380 661015

Ref:1687 Eastleigh, Southampton Trickee Moves

02380 782268 Gravshott Lonestar Strutters Hazel Morris 07730755203

Havant, Petersfield, Rowlands Castle Driftwood Corinne 023 92611257

New Milton Rebel Riders Chris & Martyn Hocking 01425 673414

Ref:1222 Southampton

Copythorne Rita Turvey 02380865642 Southampton, Portsmouth

The 2C's Chris or Christine 01489576729

Southampton, St Deny's Western Wranglers Wavne Dawkins 07973189062

Stubbington, Titchfield, F areham Southern Steppers

Jan Harris (01329) 288360 Totton

Sidewinders Pat & Ray Cartwght 02380 661015 Ref: 1686

HEREFORDSHIRE

Hereford Crazy Boots Alison Harrington 01981570486

Ref:1872 Whitbourne Teme Valley Shufflers WDC Jeff and Thelma Mills 01886 821772

HERTFORDSHIRE Baldock

Friends In Line Kath Vasey & Sue Watson 01462 634524 Ref:1628 Barnet

Hitch and Hook Janice Hoy 07762225951

Bishops Stortford Studs & Stars Dawn 07746753009

Borehamwood Country Knights

Marie 07596 718679 • Ref:2083

Hatfield Steppin' Time Margaret Hall 01707655866

Northchurch, Watford Wendy's Wildkatz Wendý 07913516974 SRef:2304

Potters Bar Angie's Dance Academy Angle 07773341490

SRef: 2462 Potters Bar A B's Stompers Alison & Peter 07967 964962 Ref:1574

Rickmansworth G & B George 01923 778187

Royston
Dance World (Countyline Dance Club) Sue Hutchison (01767) 654992

St Albans A B's Stompers Alison & Peter 01727 853041 • Ref:1194

St Albans, Sandridge, Welwyn Garden City Peace Train Tony Risley 07774983467 ■Ref·2011

St. Albans, Hatfield, Welwyn Garden City Blue Velvet Linedancers Val Hamby 01727 873593

Watford 1st Steps Beginners/ Intermediate Stephanie 07958 643307

■Ref-2271

Watford, Croxley Green Wave Liners

Viv Bishop 079566755574 Ref-1906

ISLE OF WIGHT

Cowes Western Shufflers Dave 01983290117

Isle Of Wight Krazy Boots Katrina Kelly 01983 402754 Ref:2284

Line Dance Legends Kerry Sims 01983568910 Newport Vectis C M C

Dave Young 0198329017

Lake

KENT Ashford, Kings North

Cool Country Maureen Lincoln 07989 210449 ■Ref-1805

Belvedere Scuffs 'n' Struts Karen and Barbara 01634 314881 Ref:1956

Bexley Village, Crockenhill
Rollingvine, Country Mania
Linedancers
Sheila Still 01322 555860 ●Ref:1520

Birchington, Monkton, Westgate Line Rangers Theo Loyla 01843 833643

Ref:2247

Borstal, Walderslade, Rainham, Strood, Hoo, Rochester, Maidstone, Pony Express Linda Eatwell 01634 811895

Darenth Lonestar Linedancing Val Plummer 01634 256279 SRef:2061

Dartford Sue Barratt or Maria Hennings Hunt 01322 222508 or 078 118 23467 Nef:1131

Deal, East Studdal, Dover Two Left Feet Daphne

07889 369 507 Faversham, Margate R Line Brenda and Heather

01227 369747 Folkestone, Hythe Check Shirts

Julie 01303 274178 SRef:1871 Gravesend Country Roads

Pam 01424 221991 Gravesend The Gravesend Stompers

07545060652 Hartley, Longfield Cowboy & Angels Raquel Atkins 07971280371

Ref:2545 Herne Bay, Greenhill Denims & Diammonds Julie-ann Sayer 07754999963

Hoo Lonestar Linedancing

Val Plummer 01634 256279 Ref:2139 Orpington

Dance Freestyle Shirley 01689-890659 Orpington, Petts Wood, Hayes Calgary Stampede Line

Dancers Julie Mott 01689 876940 Ref: 1050

Rainham Revival 2000 Sheena Mackie 01634 235091 • Ref: 1879

Sandwich, Strood The Super Troupers 07960 433605

Ref:2276 Sidcup, Welling Boogie Boots Brenda 07958275036

Temple Ewell, Nr Dover Two Left Feet Daphne 07889 369 507

Tenterden Deep South LDC Pam Murphy 01580 241389

Tunbridge Wells, Rusthall, Southborough, Sevenoaks Pink Cadillacs Gillie Pope 01323639738

LANCASHIRE

Aughton, Ormskirk Texas Rose Linedancing Pam Lea 0151 929 3742

Barnoldswick EeeZee Linedance Deana Randle 07811 053586

Blackpool, Grimsargh, Bamber Bridge, Preston Liberty Belles
Dave Fife
01253 352591

Blackpool, St Annes, Cleveleys, Larkholme, Ormskirk

Fancy Feet Jean Webb 07984188972

Blackpool, Stalmine Julie's Step In Line Julie Hudson 01253 811719

Bolton, Horwich Elaine's Dancers Elaine 01204 694609

Ref:2524

Bolton

Jay's Line Dancing Jan Wood 07543 341373 Ref:2515

Bolton, Adlington Val & Pete's Val Simm 01204 655695 Ref:1899

Bolton, Horwich Julie's LDC Julie

01204 692265 Brierfield, Burnley, Colne Cactus Club

Pam Hartley 01282 691313 Bury Brandlesholme Bootscooters

Sue Kay 01617978321 Carnforth

\$ilver Dollar Linedancing Angela Clifford 01524701696 Ref:2468

Chorley, Eccleston, Euxton

Gill's Linedancing 07969656287

Ref:1635 Fleetwood, Bispham,

Cleveleys Lancashire Rose Line Club Doreen Egan 07766 310260

Littleborough, Castleton, Little Hulton Footsteps Dance Academy

Jean Cowcill 01706 644298 ■Ref-2399

Longridge Barbers Bandits John Barber 07974863141

Mellor, Blackburn Happy Feet Marjorie 01254 814121

■Ref-2204 Morecambe

Dancing Cowboys George Smith 01524833427

Ref:2474 Preston Alan B's

Alan Birchall 01204 654503 Preston

Hooligans Sheila Walmsley 01772 611975 Ref: 1959

Preston The Dance Studio Julie Carr 07776450866

Preston Hooligans Sheila Walmsley 01772 611975 Ref:2275

Rochdale Milnrow Rebels Gary 07985 789944

Ref:2549 Skelmersdale Fancy Feet LDC Chrissie Hodgson 01704 879516

Wigan Our Ladies Parochial Centre R Knowles 01942 741984

Ref:2408

Wigan Janet's Line Dance Janet 01257 253462

LEICESTERSHIRE

Leicester Dancexplosion Julie Harris 07971590260 ■Ref-2455

LINCOLNSHIRE

Bourne, Stamford, Rippingdale Bourne To Line Dance Donna Andrew 01778 421932 OR 07718972329

Grantham Busy Boots Diane Gee 01476 576823

Leasingham, Ruskington,

Strutting Stuff
Trevor and Angela
01522 810618
SRef:1901

Lincoln Lincoln Lone Stars David Spencer 01522 000000

Ref:1241 Lincoln Sioux/Cherry Reepers

Susan Gaisford 01522 750441 ■Ref-1858

Lincoln Country Classics DC Dave McGregor 01522 868595

Ref:2496 Skegness Kool Coasters Theresa & Byron 01754 763127

Skegness Richmond County Liners Raye & Barry 01754 820267

LONDON

Bermondsey SE16, Eltham SE9 Toe Tappers & Stompers

Angie T. 07958301267 Ref: 2159

East London PB's Wild Horse Linedance

Barbara Lowe 07759695525 Eltham

Stepping Out Maria Hennings Hunt 078 118 23467 or 01322 280 481

■Ref·1127 Eltham, Mottingham Wichita Line Dancing

Nita 020 8289 9009

Hammersmith, Chiswick Karosel Country Kim Swan 07904351064

Islington, Times Ladies Kim Philpot 02077295156 Ref:2521

Kilburn Wendy's Wildkatz Wendy 07913516974

■Ref-2194

London Timezone Lesley 07968 036373

Ruislip Wendy's Wildkatz Wendy 07913516974 Ref-2191

South Norwood JD's London Jenny 07808 621286

Stratford E15 LJ's American Line Dance Club

Lisa and Joe 01440 760821 Wimbledon

Hotshots Linedance Club Janice Golding 020 8949 3612

MERSEYSIDE

Bootle Boots 'n' Shooters

Owen Williams 0151 286 3610

Fazakerley Boots 'n' Shooters Owen Williams 0151 286 3610

Formby, Ince Blundell, Netherton, Thatto Heath Texas Rose Linedancing Pam Lea 0151 929 3742

Formby, Liverpool Wild Bills LDC Chrissie Hodgson 01704 879516

Greasby, Wirral Ali-Cats Alison & Ian Kohler 0151 652 3328

Ref:1251 Liverpool

Maria's Nutters Maria 01512817497

Liverpool Line Dance With Catherine Catherine Durr 07501349423 Ref:1730

Liverpool, Maghull Cactus Jims Jim 07904180136

Liverpool, Widnes Twilight Diamonds Colin Smith 07826 310779

Ref:2550 Meols, Moreton

Ali-Cats Alison & Ian Kohler 0151 652 3328 Ref:1252

Southport Reets Dance Ranch R. Eccles 01704 212764

Ref:1420 St Helens Moss Bank Labour Club Club

01744 605800 ■Ref-2514 St Helens Krazy Feet

Jo Myers 01744 629336 Upton, West Kirby Rhythm In Line

0151 678 3275 West Kirby, Wirral New Frontier 07984169939

Ref:1320

MIDDLESEX

Eastcote, Pinner, Ruislip, . Harrow 1st Steps Beginners/ Intermediates Stephanie 07958 643307

Edgware, Mill Hill, Burnt

Dancinline Laurel Ingram 020 8958 4123/07932 662 646

Greenford, Ealing Karosel Country Kim Swan 07904351064 ■Ref 2403

Harefield Starliners Sandy 07807748012 Ref:2424

Hayes & Harlington Dancing Cowboys Roy & Edie Ogilvie 02088480142

Ref:1450 Hounslow Strait Lines Judy Baily 07958 455403 Ref: 1583

Northwood Wave Liners Viv Bishop 07956675574

Northwood G & B

George 01923 778187

Ruislip Angels Linedance Club Lorraine Monahan 07886 230700 ■Ref-2478

Southall, West Drayton, Forest Hill Westliners

Michele 07901741089 Watford, Ruislip, Kilburn

Wendy's Wildkatz Wendy Knight 07913516974

NORFOLK

Bungay Crazy Legs Paul 01493 669155

Diss Monterey Melissa Hawkes 01379 651773

Ref:2500 Diss Nor'cam Coasters

Annemarie Gray 01953 681102 • Ref:1764 Diss Monterey Melissa Hawkes

01379651773 Ref:2376 Downham Market, King's

Lynn R C Liners Roz 07505 545216

Gorleston
J T's Line Dance Club 07788 408801

Great Yarmouth Crazy Legs Paul 01493 669155

Mulbarton, Wymondham, Long Stratton Tina Argyle Tina 01508 578071

Norwich Wild Stallion Kathy Robinson 01603744549 Ref:2402

Norwich

Applejax Linda 01603 747037 Ref-2279

Norwich Wild Stallion Kathy Robinson 01603744549 ©Ref:1472

Norwich Area Silverboots Dolly or Tony 01603 861271 Ref:2446

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Corby
Trailblazers Linedancing Amanda McPherson

Daventry, Northampton Stomping Boots Julie Harris 07971590260 • Ref: 2457

Daventry, Towcester The J & S Dance Ranch James and Suzanne 01327 830279

Ref:2484

NORTHUMBERLAND Berwick Upon Tweed,

Powburn Berwick & District Linedancers
Barbara McEnaney
07877597216

Morpeth Arizona Linedance Club Dave Baycroft 07868424587

Morpeth Awesome Linedance Club Dave Baycroft 07868424587

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Huthwaite, Sutton-in-Ashfield G-Force LDC

Gaye Teather 01623 403903 Ref:1893

Newark Colts 'n' Fillies Ann and Tony 07773681646 or 01636 677139

Ref:2472 Nottingham L Divas

Linda 0115 9810301 • Ref:2396 Nottingham Kickers And Stompers

0115 9140673 Ref-2531 Nottingham Jetsets Line Dance

Jane Middleton 0115 930 9445 Ref:1115 Pleasley, Nr Mansfield Just4Kicks

Chris & Ash 01623 654727 Ref:2438

Rainworth, Mansfield G-Force LDC Gaye Teather 01623 403903 SRef:1894

Retford Pauline's Line Dancing Pauline Brittan 07855 272358

Retford Julie's Loose Boots Julie Dunn 07866138173 SRef:2440

Sutton-in-Ashfield G-Force LDC Gaye Teather 01623 403903 Ref: 1892

Toton, Nottingham N.G. Niners Jenny Wells 0115 9172221 Ref-1729

Worksop, Edwinstowe Pet Shop Girls P.A.L.S. June Yates 01623 835551

Ref: 1741 OXFORDSHIRE

Banbury Banbury Boot Scooters Colin Clarke 01295 258916

SHROPSHIRE

Adderley Adderley A Liners Suzanne Edwards 01630 698088 Ref:1978

Bridgnorth, Telford Silver Star LDC Madeleine 01952 275112 Ref:2138

Craven Arms, Ludlow Southern Cross Dave Bishop 01588672141 Ref:1643

Edgmond, Newport Jems & Pearls Joyce Plaskett 01630 654069

Market Drayton Market Drayton U3A Suzanne Edwards 01630 698088

Near Bridgnorth
Line Dancing With Karen
Karen Hadley
01746 769151 Ref:2498

Oswestry, Gobowen Crazy Boots Sarah 07957405467 Ref:1954

Oswestry, Shrewsbury dancer's AND RAvers Sandra Speck 01691 611839/ 07884180833 Telford Fidlin Feet Line Dance Club

Kath Fidler 01952 256127 Ref-1141 Telford Feel The Beat

Alan & Barb Heighway 01952 414284

SOMERSET Ashcott, Draycott, Walton, Glastonbury, West Pennard Rusty's Renegades Linda 01458 831398

Bath CC Stompers Maureen 01225316280 Burnham On Sea

Burnham's Pride Sue Smith 01934 631671 Chard Donyatt, Buckland St Mary Country Spirit

01460 65007 Ref: 1867 Clevedon

Easy Strollers 01275 875235

Clevedon, Nailsea, Yatton S.M. Stompers Sandra Moloney 01934 835268

Hutton, Weston-super-Mare Crazy Feet

01934 625645

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Nether Stowey, Old Cleeve Quantock Hillbillies Brenda McLeod 01278 741273 Taunton Laredo Line Kathy Lucas 01278 661409 Ref:2016 Taunton High Spirits (Wheelchair Line Dancers) Kath Miles 01458 447119 Ref: 2040 Weston Super Mare Somerset Stompers Margaret Hazelto 01278 783224 **STAFFORDSHIRE**

Cannock Texas Dance Ranch Angie Stokes 015430673929

Cannock, Wimblebury

07515 931389

Knypersley KT's Kate Potts 01260275697

Ref:1783 Lichfield Circle 'S'

Sandra 01543 304005 Ref:1857

Newcastle OK linedancing Bernard & Sarah Williams 01782 631642

Norton Canes Neville Fitzgerald Neville Fitzgerald 07894947334

Stafford Stars And Stripes

Elaine Tuncliffe 07837 238903 Ref:2062 Stoke on Trent

Rosies Rebels Linda McCabe 01785615623 Stoke-on-Trent

Hazel's Silverspurs Hazel Pace 01538 360886

Tamworth Lucky Stars Max 01827 65079 or 07977060812

Wimblebury, Cannock XAquarians

Jane 07515 931389

SUFFOLK

Gt Cornard JT Steppers Jean Tomkins 01787 377343

Ref:2371 Haverhill

LJ's American Line Dance Club Lisa 01440760821

Kessingland Nr Lowestoft Crazy Legs Paul

01493 669155 Lowestoft

East Coast Liners Norma 01502 562953

Lowestoft Crazy Legs Paul 01493 669155

Newmarket AJ'S Linedancing Alf or Jacqui 01638 560137

Ref:2306

Newton Green, Sudbury JT Steppers Jean Tomkins 01787 377343

SURREY

Ref:2370

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Addington Village JD's London Jenny 07808 621286

Camberley Viscount Linedancing Roy Collins 01628662275

Camberley Evenlines 01276506505 Ref:1120

Farnham, Fleet Rhythm n' Rock Sue Hawkes 01252 793055

Guildford Arizona Line Dancing Andy & Marina 01483 563971

Ref:1946 Guildford, Woking, Sheerwater

Fine Lines Hazel Morris 07730755203

Ref:1733 Hinchley Wood, Mitcham, Morden, New Malden

Screaming Eagles Svlvia 0208 395 4045 Ref:1069

Morden, Tolworth Hotshots Linedance Club

Janice Golding 020 8949 3612 Mytchett, Woking Evenlines

01276506505 Ref:1121

Old Woking, Near Guildford Hang Loose CWDC

Valerie 01483 233475 Ref:1923

Redhill Caroliners Line Dancing Carol and Bill 01293 430767

■Pof-1/100 Smallfield, Horley AC's

Annie Harris 01293 820909

Surbiton Two Left Feet Lauren Staines 07952 047265

Sutton Green Fine Lines Hazel Morris 07730755203

Ref-2395 Tolworth Surbiton Sundowners LDC Peter Day 07885543886

SUSSEX (EAST)

Battle, Bexhill, St Leonards, Three Oaks, Hastings Tush 'n' Tequila

John Sinclair 01424 213919

Bexhill On-Sea Saks Linedance Experience Shirley Kerry 01424842393 / 07595835480

• Ref:2512 Brighton Brighton Bootleggers LDC 07932011684

Ref:1238

Brighton Rebel Country Karen Sweet 07903 502688

Ref-1046 Brighton

Brighton Bootleggers LDC Dave 07932011684

Eastbourne Line Dance With Sean Sean 07747 637215

Eastbourne Lone Star Liners Ros Burtenshav 01323 504463

Eastbourne Linedancing With Lynda Lynda 01323 727961

■Ref-1117 Eastbourne Rodeo Moon Inan

07840904220 Eastbourne Calamity Jayne's

Jayne 07719 614988 ■Ref-2547

Forest Row AC's Annie Harris 01293 820909

Hailsham RJ Liners Rosemary Selmes 01323 844801

Hastings, St Leonardson-Sea Kickers Country Club Lyn Hall 01424 447 537/0784 9920 131

Ref:1363 Newhaven, Seaford Southdowners Jean, Territa and Donna 01273 513784

Willingdon, Eastbourne Lone Star Liners Ros Burtenshaw 01323 504463

SUSSEX (WEST)

Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath Join The line Corinne 01444 414697

Clymping, Arundel Dixie Belles Jenny Bembridge 01243585298

Horley

Chris & Roy Bevis 01293 437501 Ref:2481

Horsham Jill's Line Dancers 01403 266625

Horsham

Flying High Line Dancers 01403268268 ●Ref:2192 Lancinc Drifters And Co

Hannah 01903 750794 Ref:2519

Littlehampton Dixie Relles Jenny Bembridge 01243585298

TYNE AND WEAR

Highfield, Rowlands Gill Renegades Line Dance Club Agnes Roberts 01207 239996 Ref:1497

Jarrow Geordie Deanies Jeanette Robson 07765410406 Ref:1813

Newcastle Awesome Linedance Club Dave Baycroft 07868424587

Newcastle Arizona Linedance Club Dave Baycroft 07868424587

North Shields Jan's Jigglers Janet Law 0191 2582306 Ref: 2078

South Shields Sand Dancer's Den Sheila Connolly 0191 4286089 ■Pof-2/167

WARWICKSHIRE

Coventry Country Fever/ Hot Tamales Pat Holliday 01676 534657

Coventry
Dancexplosion
Julie Harris
07971590260

Ref:2456 Leamington Spa Wild Bill 07725045533

Ref:2015 Nuneaton, Bulkington, Arley, Hartshill, Ansley Sam's Line Dancers

Samantha Haywood 02476748755 Southam Southam Stompers Nikki

01327 260279 Ref:2393 Warwick, Wellesbourne, Leamington, Kenilworth

Silver Dollar Jenni Fuller 01926 492183

WEST MIDLANDS

Aldridge J P Linedancing 0121 308 5192 Ref: 2433

Birmingham Burn The Floor LDC Anna-Marie & Maurice 07777613457 Ref: 2445

Birmingham Western Warriors Dance

Club Susan Davies 01216056987

Coventry Country Fever / Hot Tamales Pat Holliday 07779419994

Dudley Louisiana's Lin 07901 656043

Great Barr, Sutton

Coldfield Martin's Rhythmic Cowboys Martin Blandford 07958 228338

Sutton Coldfield J P Linedancing

0121 308 5192 Ref:2431 Sutton Coldfield

D.J.'S Linedancers Diane Jones 01213505735 Ref: 2480

Willenhall Walk This Way Maureen or Michelle 01902 789579 ■Ref-1195

Willenhall, Wolverhampton Walk This Way Maureen or Michelle 01902 789579 Ref:1283

Wolverhampton

Easy Beat Mac, Ann, Marie 01902 847006 Ref:2548 Ref:1284

WORCESTERSHIRE

Bromsgrove BJs Busy Boots Brenda Whipp 01527870151 Ref-1924

Redditch Bootleggers Richard 07832 218448

YORKSHIRE (FAST)

Hull

Grrowler's (Willerby, Hull) John or Maureen Rowell 01723-364736

YORKSHIRE (NORTH)

Harrogate Sioux Tribe Susan 07718 283143

Ref:1384 Northallerton, Thirsk Laughter Lines Western Dance Andy and Jackie Fallows 01609 781266

Scarborough The Wright Line Diana Lowery 01723 - 582246 • Ref:1095

York Black Velvet Dance

Ami Walker 01904 412999 Ref:2491 York Grrowler's (York) Maureen or John Rowell 01723 - 364736

York Renes Revellers Rene & David Purdy 01904 470292

YORKSHIRE (SOUTH)

Harworth, Bircotes Ali-Dancers Alison Carrington 07745 395211

Sheffield Kjdance Keith 07860685088 Ref:2516

Sheffield Cityliners Glenys 01142750446

Ref: 2185 Sheffield Goin' Stompin' Margaret Ford

0114 247 1880 Sheffield Star Stutting Liners Glynn Rodgers 07805074634 Ref:2423

YORKSHIRE (WEST)

Bradford Rodeo Girl Line Dancing Donna 01274 427042 / 07972321166

Bradford, Leeds Texasrose Linedancing Margaret Swift 01274 581224 Ref: 1885

Bradford leanscene Wendy Craven 01274 616043

Bradford, Guiseley, Leeds Rodeo Girl Line Dancing Donna 01274 427042 / 07972321166

Bradford P & J Idle Stompers Phil Turpin 01274 770424

Bradford, Halifax, Wibsey Spurs Line Dance Club Monica Broadbent 01274 594030

Denholme, Wilsden LineViners

07971 528175

Horbury Wakefield, Huddersfield, Thornhill

Dewsbury Applejacks LDC Pauline Bell 01924 478203 Huddersfield

Veron's Stompers Veronica Harrison 01484710184

Huddersfield Boots 'n' Scoots Linda and Vince 01484 306775 ■Ref-1877

Keighley, Haworth Starlight Stompers Pat Marshall 01535 600645

Leeds Barran Bootscooters Tracey Preston 0113 3909648

07912750440 Ref:2428 Leeds

Texan Rose Broncos Tracey Preston 0113 3909648 07912750440 Ref:2427

Morley, Nr Leeds Regency Rebels Bootscooters Jean Clough 0113 2597507

Wetherby Sioux Tribe Susan 07718 283143 Ref:1385

CHANNEL ISLANDS

GUERNSEY

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LS: How did the band get together? And why the name?

FB: I started the band with my old friend and drinking buddy, Little Paul Holub. We had had this drunk conversation about the fact that there was too much 'yeah' and not enough 'hey hey hey' in rock n roll these days so he suggested we call ourselves Hey Negrita, after a pretty mediocre Rolling Stones song. We all agreed after the first gig that the name had to change but we never agreed on what we should change it to. It's been five years now so I guess we're stuck with it.

LS: Describing your sound would be difficult. How would you go about giving an idea of what you are about?

FB: A journalist once said "if Clint Eastwood were a band, he'd be this one". I like that. People are always throwing around terms like Americana and country blues to describe our music but I see Hey Negrita as a rock n roll band. Rock n roll combines elements of jazz, blues, country and folk, which is exactly what we do, just with a heavy emphasis on the more rootsy flavours. That said, it's probably best described as drinking music.

LS:Writing songs is always a very personal thing and I would like to know about the process you go through. Who writes and how? Does the band decide whether a song is good enough?

FB: I tend to write all the songs on acoustic guitar first. Once I've got the majority of an album together I play them to Matt, our guitar player. We then spend some time messing around with arrangements, tempos, key changes and things like that. Once the arrangement starts coming together we slowly bring in the other band members, one at a time. This way every time we bring a new person into the mix all the focus is on them and their input.

LS: Is this a long process?

FB: It can be but the next album will be a little different as Paul Tkachenko has now joined the line up on accordion, banjo, keyboards and brass. Paul is a very experienced musical director so he will be taking on that role from now on. He has an incredible ability to see the bigger picture rather than just concentrating on his part. I am currently working on a bunch of new songs but it is taking me a little longer than usual this time round. I just want to make sure the next record is something really special. The line up of the band is so strong right now that I am determined to give them songs that are worthy of their musicianship.

LS: The new 'Burn The Whole House Down' acoustic album is seriously brilliant. Why an acoustic album in the first place?

FB: Whilst promoting our last album 'You Can Kick' we recorded a bunch of sessions for a number of BBC stations, including Bob Harris on BBC Radio 2. When they sent us a CD a few weeks later we were all blown away by how tight the band was sounding. I knew that I needed a bit longer to finish writing the next full album and we were offered an afternoon at Miloko Studios in south London so we thought we might as well see how many tracks we can cut in five hours. We recorded the whole thing live with no overdubs or edits. We didn't even bother using headphones. What you hear on the record is what we played that afternoon.

LS: In terms of distribution we all know the music industry is suffering in those days of economic challenges so how did you find the idea of this release accepted by the label?

FB: Well, Fat Fox Records is our own label, which allows us to keep full creative control. The head of sales at our new distribution company is a close friend and ex manager of the band. He worked very closely with Steve Earle on his last album and we know he understands our music.

LS: Hey Negrita strikes me as a very independent sound and production. Does that sit well in today's music and markets?

FB: Yes and no. Being independent allows you to have a lot of creative when making the music but also in how you go about promoting yourself. That said, you have to work to a much tighter budget.

LS: What are the immediate future and long term plans for the band?

FB:We played over a dozen festivals last year so we decided to take it easy this summer and concentrate on writing the next album. We will be on tour in the UK and America from October and we are hoping to start recording the next album before the end of the year.

LS: Line dance is today as varied as can be. How would you welcome a hit on dance floors? Would the band be thrilled?

FB: Absolutely! We played at a country festival in Vinstra, Norway, a few weeks ago and they were Line dancing like crazy. It was a little strange at first but I must admit that we got really into it. Looking down from the stage to see hundreds of people dancing is a truly fantastic feeling.



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Your chance to comment

Strong Spirited Iris

Just a quick line to let you know we still love our Line dancing down here in the South. Although our instructor Iris has reached the big 70 she is still dancing and teaching two classes on Monday mornings but was very glad to pass her Tuesday night class over to a good mate and excellent teacher, Lin. The class love Lin and they are all getting along fine together. There is no sign of Iris retiring but one class less makes life a little easier. So keep dancing everyone.

Strong Spirits, Blackfield, Hampshire



Thanks Peacetrain



I wanted to write and tell you about a marvellous weekend I have just had in Torquay. It was organised by Michelle Risley who runs the Peacetrain Line dance club in St. Albans Hertfordshire. She is not only a good dance teacher but an all round entertainer and made the whole weekend so much fun. We thoroughly enjoyed learning her new dance Urban Hits which is very good. The venue was excellent and made it a perfect weekend. Thanks to Michelle and her team for ensuring we had such a great time.

Regards, Sandra Weld

Going Overboard

This is a plea to all choreographers, please will you take a vacation this summer because at the moment I feel like abandoning ship. I am drowning in a sea of dances. The pressure of all the long dances with tags, restarts and funky arm movements are making me seasick and I can't swim. However, I have been thrown a life line by Darren Bailey. Darren has just written a few short dances

and one in particular is called Action. This dance is a breath of fresh air and it takes me back 10 or 15 years when we were all in the same boat, dancing and singing and were such a jolly crew. So please let's put some 'action' back into Line dancing and leave some of the pop to the disco's.

Happy Dancing The Hooligan

Message Board betweenthelines

Linedancer Magazine has a thriving message board and in this column we have featured a selection of topics and information which have been posted recently.

Reasons For Leaving

The Intermediate daytime class I used to go to has sadly closed because of lack of numbers. Now I know at least six dancers who have stopped going, including myself, over the last 12 months or so. The main reasons appeared to be, repeatedly walking through every single dance no matter how many times it had been taught and the floor itself, as it is a sports hall the rubber type flooring is dry and has no give. I stopped going three months ago

when my knee became a real problem as this floor was definitely exacerbating it. The walk throughs for every single dance were getting tedious for me too. I didn't give any reason or discuss it so just stopped going as did the others. No contact details were ever taken in two years of attending either so the instructor was unlikely to make contact.

Posted by LCD

Good To Hear

As regards to the magazine - love it, love it, love it! Its great when it comes through the door every month and I read it and look at it until the cover peels away from the rest of it. I use it to hold all the dance scripts I am learning and proud to carry it around. Its our magazine. Health, beauty, gardening, slimming and the top shelf stuff all

have oodles of magazines and choice. We do not, so we should support the magazine and all that it does for us. For around 50p per week its worth every penny and I will subscribe as long as I am dancing and probably even when I cannot any more.

Posted by Cricket

A Real Pleasure

A lot of topics we debate are about the problems we encounter at classes and socials, dancers and instructors alike. So for a change I would like to say we held a Beginner and Improver social recently and anybody who runs one knows what a delight they are to work. Hard work, as you do end up dancing all night with the very new dancers but worth every minute. Every single time we have this social we go home happy. No worries or comments such as, 'that person sat down all

night'. There are no requests for dances that are going to clear the floor, just a room full of people who haven't as yet joined in with all the politics. It's new, it's fun and it's a cheap night out for them and they don't care if they dance County Line six times. No scowls from those around should they go the wrong way, just hoots of laughter. A real pleasure to work for them.

Posted by Troggie



Friends all over the

World

Many countries in Europe love Line dance and Bavaria is no different! *Claudia Lezar* may be a Beginner but her enthusiasm for dance is like no other. Here's one lady who is prepared to travel and she has sent us two mini reports on fabulous events held in Austria and the Netherlands....





Eight villages form the region of Lake Worthersee, which lies in the centre of Austria's southern most province, near the borders of Slovenia and Italy. One of these villages is Portschach where the Austrian Line Dance Days event was held in June. I have a phobia of tunnels and I was unaware of just how many there were on the journey from Lower Bavaria. Had I known this before I would have thought twice about going there but that would have meant missing an exciting, funny and instructive weekend.

When I arrived I met one of the organisers, Mag-Eva Richter and were delighted to learn that Wil Bos was one of the guests. Later the same evening a workshop was held, led by Pim van Grootel and Mag-Eva. During this we managed to practice the basic steps for each of the dances and it was an enjoyable evening. The two hours passed much too quickly.

Saturday morning started with a dancing session to warm-up and later two groups were formed, the Beginners with Wil and the Intermediate and Advanced dancers with Pim as instructors. They interacted with both

groups, so that everyone had three hours with Pim where they danced Tainted Love, Travelling, This Is Life, Playa, You Don't Know and Do The Hoedown, then three hours with Wil Bos who taught Too Many Tears, Redcoat Tiger, The Way To Your Heart, Angie, Isn't She Lovely, The LaLa Dance and I Only Want To Be With You. Of course, we had some breaks in between!

We later enjoyed a night's entertainment with great performances by Pim, the Kamelia's Showdance Academy, Roman Mayer and Siret Siilak (who are the current Austrian masters in standard dance) and an impromptu demo by Wil Bos and the 'Redcoat Tigers' who performed Redcoat Tiger Maggie's dance that they learnt that afternoon. Sunday started with a review of the dances we had learned the day before by Wil and Pim.

The organisers, Mag-Evelyn Richter and Günther Wodlei put together a great weekend full of fun and I will remember the event for a long time. I'll certainly go back next June, however, I think I'll take the plane next time!









Later that same month I travelled to Zevenbergen in The Netherlands for the Familiar Flair Line dance event. I arrived on Friday afternoon and had some time to relax before I was off to the party in the evening. I had a very friendly welcome from Mary Lavalette, the organiser. I met instructors Roy Verdonk, Raymond Sarlemijn, Dee Musk, Ria Vos, Big Dave, Robbie McGowan Hickie and Jose Miguel Belloque Vane. We had no trouble with the language barrier either as everyone tried a curious mix of English, basic Dutch, and German.

The first workshops, held during the party, proved very popular. Lonely Nevermore, Scooby Doo, The La La Dance, Roomba and Cupid Shuffle were taught and learnt with enthusiasm. The party finished past midnight and was a great start for the weekend.

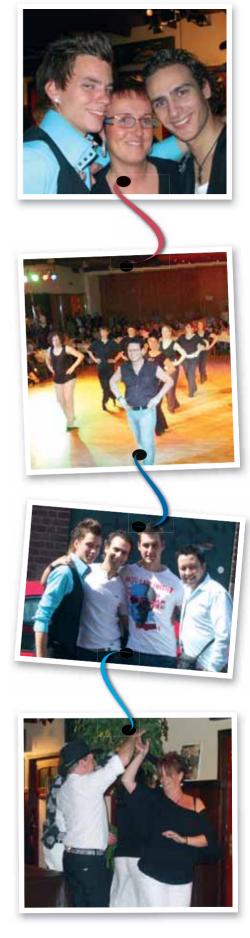
On Saturday morning the previous night's dances were briefly reviewed before more choreographies were unveiled: Release Me, Angels Fly, Do The Hoedown, Love Me Do, Hush Hush, Cranky and Nothing's Gonna Bring Me Down. Everyone remembered every step at Sunday's review time. All, that is, except me! I was happy enough that I managed the three dances I had learnt. That's because I only started dancing this January.

Saturday night continued with a black-andwhite party. They played the new dances but also some old favourites, a great idea for Beginners like me. I got the chance to have a couple dance both with Roy Verdonk and with José Miguel Belloque Vane. This made the evening really special for me. The entertainment consisted of Daniel Trepat performing Robots and it was absolutely stunning. This was followed by the Roy Verdonk Dancers and a great performance by Raymond Sarlemijn. Probably the funniest performance was the one by Roy Verdonk, Daniel Trepat and José Miguel Belloque Vane, with the latter stripping his trousers and Roy put up a great show as a blonde. The Sunday workshop started at noon and we learnt Jesse James, Maybe, Daybreak and El Lado Oscure.

I really feel I have made new friends as I was truly overwhelmed by the welcome we experienced. It's true, a Line dancer does have friends all over the world! It was a great event and I'm already looking forward to next year!

Best wishes

Claudia



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LeAnn Rimes' world seems to have come crashing down around her, both literally and figuratively. First, news broke that her marriage to **Dean Sheremet** has ended, with Dean and LeAnn living separately. Rumors had been circulating for many months about LeAnn and actor **Eddie Cibrian**, who co-starred with LeAnn in a TV movie.

Eddie's marriage has also ended, with his estranged wife accusing LeAnn of "stalking" her husband. LeAnn refuses to directly confirm that her marriage has failed, instead issuing a series of cryptic comments that appeared to acknowledge the couple was in trouble. Dean, meanwhile, issued a message on Twitter thanking the public for its support "in this difficult time".

To add to her woes, LeAnn has also been questioned by Los Angeles police in regard to a traffic smash-up. The singer wasn't injured in the mishap in West Los Angeles, and her spokespeople say they're confident LeAnn won't face charges once the investigation has been completed. Police are so far refusing to release details of the incident.

The much anticipated **Shania Twain** comeback looks like it's finally getting into gear. Phase one: Shania will be a guest judge on American Idol, one of a series of celebrity judges being brought in as replacements for departed judge **Paula Abdul**. No word yet on when the next Shania album will see the light of day.

And if your dream has always been to dress like **Kenny Chesney**, things are going to get a whole lot easier for you. Kenny has a new clothing label called Blue Chair Bay, featuring a line of t-shirts, khakis and distressed baseball caps in sizes for both men and women. The only catch: you'll have to travel to Nashville, Key West, Florida or Gulf Shores, Alabama to pick up your Kenny kit; it's only on sale at selected merchants in those three cities.

That's it from Nashville. One last thing: we've got late availability for our tour to the CMA Awards in November and there is still space on our rodeo tour to Las Vegas in December. E-mail us at tours@voiceofcountry.com for details!

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Saturday: workshop 10.00am to 12.00pm with Tina. Dancing from 8.00pm to 1.00am with Glen Douglas and Gemman'i with Tina again

Sunday: from 10.00am to 12.00pm. with Tina.

Starts: Friday 3 September

Finishes: Sunday 5 September 2010



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PARTIES



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3 days/2 nights at the Norbreck Castle Hotel Artistes - Friday: Hayden Allen and Diamond Jack. Saturday: Four Card Trick and Tony Rouse Dance instruction and disco - Tina Argyle & Honky Tonk Cliff Starts Friday 12 Mar: Finishes Sunday 14 Mar 2010 Self Drive £99 By Coach £129 £10 Single Room Supplement

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THE ESCAPADE

from £95 Artistes - Fri: Plain Loco, Sat: Calico.

Dance instruction and disco - Pete Metelnick and Alison Biggs Starts Friday 16 April: Finishes Sunday 18 April 2010

Self Drive £95 By Coach £125 **No Single Room Supplement**

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Artistes - Fri: Lass Vegas. Sat: Texas Tornados Dance instruction and disco - Gary Lafferty Starts Friday 4 June: Finishes Sunday 6 June 2010 Self Drive £89 By Coach £119 No Single Room Supplement

THE PARTY

Artistes - Fri: Tim McKay and Diamond Jack. Sat: Muddy Boots and Paul Bailey Dance instruction and disco - Steve Mason Starts Friday 19 Nov:

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