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Dear Dancers



WARNING! I realise that by publishing those next few lines I may very well open a huge can of worms, but eh! I like to live dangerously and my shoulders (as is the rest of me sadly) are large enough!

So here goes....Do you sometimes find yourself listening to a very old debate and think "What is this really about?" Well, this is exactly how I feel about the "identity of Line dance" argument I have heard for so many years now.

I know I have raised this subject before but I am still puzzled and as yet, am still waiting for responses I can get my head round.

Because you see, I think the argument has a major flaw. I have always felt that the word "Identity" in what must be the longest (and most boring) running argument of all times actually meant "Origin" and those who insist that Country or 70s Pop started it all are actually contesting about how Line dance started, how it originated. The identity of Line dance is quite another thing. The ability to execute pre determined steps to a piece of music by people standing in lines is the identity of the genre. And this no one can question or argue with.

If you compare Line dance to eating a sandwich, it would go something like this. The identity of the sarni is that it consists of a filling between two slices of bread, and no one cares much whether the origins of the very first one was tuna and sweetcorn or chicken salad....

So why is this debate still going on? I don't get it. Some dancers tend to adopt a style of music they like and shout to the world that nothing else will do. This constant stream of pop/latin/country/ soul music are so bad/good/should have never happened/glad that it did..... actually takes too much time and energy.

What I do know for certain is that many social dancers who just love to get together and dance to something they like get turned off and end up fleeing from the clubs. As someone once said to me: "I can get rows at home any day of the week, I don't need this in my free time..." hmmmm, wise words.

And as to the argument that there are too many dances to choose from, it is a little bit like saying there are too many fashions to try. When I go to a shop I don't feel compelled to buy everything on the racks. Some things look Ok, some terrible and some are definitely not for a portly 53 years old.... So why should anyone want to dance to everything? Should we not revel in the choice we have and thank our lucky stars that we can have a favourite tune set to music... Let us not forget that many dances have introduced us to new artists and bands that we have grown to love as listeners...We would never have had the same opportunity without this hobby.

So maybe I am misjudging this endless argument but really, I cannot see the point of it. The origin of something is seldom provable, seldom researchable and to most of us unimportant. The identity of something we love is priceless and as far as I can see the identity of Line dance is very safe and very well cared for. And unless someone tells me different, I will continue appreciating everything people do for Line dance as long as it comes from their hearts!



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Chicks and Hounds



Back in the 1980's , before the 'Chicks' hatched , two sisters started out with a young Bluegrass band, Blue Night Express. Martie on fiddle, mandolin and vocals. Emily, dobro, banjo and vocals. In 1989 the sisters, then aged 16 and 19, linked up with a couple of other girls and performed their music on street corners in Dallas. With their blend of bluegrass and western swing and dressed in Dale Evans styled frilly gear the girls caught the attention and people began to ask the group for possible bookings .

They had no name but the problem soon sorted itself out. Hearing Little Feat's song 'Dixie Chicken' on the radio they decided on 'Dixie Chicken', then shortened it to 'Dixie Chix' and finally, 'Dixie Chicks'. Their popularity grew in strength opening shows for the likes of George Jones, Alan Jackson, George Strait and Garth Brooks. They also appeared at the Grand Ole Opry and received an invitation to perform at President Clinton's 1993 Inauguration Ball in Tennessee. With confidence that only experience brings the gals recorded three independent albums to sell at their shows between 1990 and 1994.

Following a few changes in their line-up, Martie and Emily approached fellow Texan Natalie Maines, the daughter of famed Texas steel guitarest Lloyd Maines whose band had several hits in the eighties. Having been exposed to Country Music from an early age Natalie's powerful voice, and outgoing personality, brought an added sparkle to the group. The Dixie Chicks were now a trio and determined to push it to the limit. Gone were the early days of down at the heel motels and playing the joints and regional nightclubs.

The elusive recording contract came through Sony on the re-launched Monument label famous for signing artists in their prime: Roy Orbison, Kris Krirtofferson and Dolly Parton. The 'Chicks' penned their own songs. Those were tunes with attitude. The title of second album 'Fly' sums it up. With songs about women defining themselves, the magazine Rolling Stone magazine described the gals as "Bad ass queenpins of Country".

With their third album, 'Home', returning to their roots the Dixie Chicks visited the UK. In 2003 I caught their act at Shepherds Bush in West London. The packed theatre gave a standing ovation. At the time of the war in Iraq as a sign of friendship Natalie Maines said "our guys and yours will give it to them..." The response to this from a few in the audience was to boo. Accordingly, she changed tack and unwisely added "Yeah, it makes me ashamed that President Bush is a Texan..." Needless to say her foreign policy views had a mixed reaction back in the USA.

Following a successful tour and a live album, Natalie Maines and the two sisters Martie Maguire and Emily Robinson eased up on the performing, spending more time with their growing families and writing songs. Three years later the lead song from a new album commences "I'm not ready to make nice. I'm not ready to back down......" On Christmas 2006 they wrapped their last tour and decided on a break. To date the Dixie Chicks total album sales in the USA is over 30 million.

The Dixie Chicks took the Country music scene by storm in 1998. This is when they received two CMA awards-Vocal Group of the Year and Horizon Award - for most promising Country act. Their album 'Wide Open Spaces', sold a million within eight months. Before the release of their second album their sales had reached an amazing six million copies. Richard Kirk looks at this "Country Girl power" group and recent new events...



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Natalie Maines had not performed for at least a couple of years and is happy to be with her family and she enjoys the sun in California.

Martie and Emily miss the going out there and playing their music on a regular basis. They have the need. Emily confirmed; "I was getting very restless and needed to be creative for my own sanity. And at the same time I was going through a divorce. It was very fertile ground for writing." Initially, Emily had intended to offer the songs to other artists. However, Martie had other plans. The songs were just too good. Emily should keep them for herself. With a small budget from Columbia Records the sisters recorded at Martie's home studio in Austin and were backed by some of the musicians from the 'Chicks' touring band and Natalie's dad Lloyd Maines on pedal steel. With shades of the Dixie Chicks last album 'Taking the Long Way ' (2006) it leans more in the direction of pop/country songwriter. Gentle and at times up tempo with blends of folk, country and Americana. Two tracks, in particular, are great to dance to.

The medium flow of 'I Miss You' is perfect and the guitar/bango led 'It Didn't Make A Sound' is a cracker. Emily Robinson's vocals are evocative, wistful and when blended with Martie the harmony is as one as only sisters can be.

The duo-Court Yard Hounds- briefly visited London in the late Spring performing a showcase and met the radio media to promote their album now on release in the UK on the Sony label. Released earlier in the US the album went straight to No 7 on the American Billboard 200 charts. The duo are planning a tour of Europe in the Autumn.

At the time of writing Natalie Maines has agreed to link up with the sisters as the Dixie Chicks and tour with the Eagles commencing in Toronto 8th June climaxing 24 June in St.Louis.

There is no doubt in my mind this new revitalised band is set to make huge waves internationally and this is a strong start for them. Court Yard Hounds are definitely a band to watch out for....





We have five copies of this fabulous album to give away. For your chance to win one, answer the following question:

What was the title of the first Dixie Chicks album. Was it? A/ Home B/ Fly C/ Wide Open Spaces

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Tenby Two

Ten years for a club is a wonderful achievement and worthy of mention, two are even better and we have this report from Germany on a very special double celebration!

Recently, The Forty Fours Club from Sindelfingen, in Germany joined forces with The Eldorado Phoenix dancers based in Esslingen to celebrate their respective ten year anniversaries together.

The Forty Fours started way back in 1995 and the club's dancers came from a background of everyday dancing. Elke Kunze from the club says: "Just like so many others then, we danced only to Country music and like so many we rushed out to buy the necessary clothes and had lots of fun."

The club became popular quickly and since 1998, they have visited many places like the USA, the UK and France. Elke says: "The English scene impressed me and influenced my style to today. I like all styles of music

and dance to everything I like." Elke applied her philosophy to her dancers and has never looked back. She remembers: "It was then that I met Maggie Gallagher who had incredible charisma, Scott Blevins's workshops were like no others, I had lots of fun with Hawaiian shirt clad John Robinson and I even experienced a very different style of dance with Guyton." One of the club's unforgettable moments was Michael Vera-Lobos visit to the club with his Australian dance team. Elke recalls: "It was such an honour, they were so enthusiastic and exciting." She also thinks that exposure to this kind of level in the world of dance has rubbed off on her class members who strive daily for excellence. "It is our main emphasis"

Today, Elke and her husband Lutz train, assess and preview dances each week to their 95 dancers. Elke says: "We also continue to visit and see what is going on out there. Once a year we visit a European city (last year was Amsterdam) and we had five glorious days at the European Line dance Festival with Kate Sala, Robbie and Francien Sittrop."

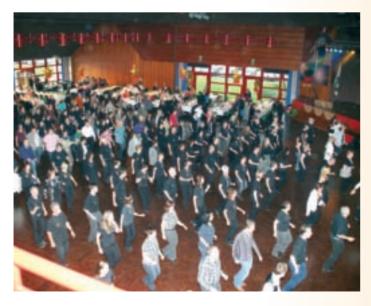
A close friend of Elke is Iris Funkler who founded her Eldorado Phoenix dancers in 1995 in Stuttgart. When the Eldorado Saloon

closed, the group moved to Esslingen and Iris took the opportunity to introduce other music styles to her dancers.

Since then, performing together is the main concern for this club. Several choreographies and routines have meant various successes in championships. Iris is also the event director for the "German Summer Classic" of the WCDF. And she is also the NTA European Zone Director giving workshops in Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and Spain, ensuring that the standards are respected and taught properly.

This small group of 12 dancers is a busy one that also works tirelessly for charity collecting more than 12000 Euros so far since their beginnings.

Elke and Iris's clubs have the same inner belief of excellence and the same wish of being the very best a dancer can be. For these reasons, they often communicate and are the best of friends. This April they celebrated a very special Anniversary for their ten years of existence. As Elke says: "Line dance is part of all our lives.... We can never be without it." A universal feeling shared by the whole community who no doubt will join Linedancer in wishing those two clubs a very Happy Anniversary.













Prize of a lifetime

Here at Linedancer, nothing makes the team happier than to hear from our winners. We know you love our competitions and many of you have been able to listen to tremendous music and watch great DVD's courtesy of our competitions! But nothing equals the excitement of going to a show.

We recently organised one of our most popular competitions and we had hundreds of applicants to see Kenny Rogers during his UK tour. Two winners contacted us and here's their impressions of a fab evening.



Julie Cole - Hammersmith Apollo London

On Friday 28th May, I came in from shopping just in time to answer a very important phone call. It was from Laurent, editor of Linedancer magazine, telling me that I had won two free tickets for Kenny Rogers' concert in London on Monday 7th June. I jumped around the room on hearing this news. I had never won anything before and could not quite believe that it had happened to me, as it was my birthday the day after the concert.

Finally the day dawned and I was on my way. Having found a place to park right opposite the theatre and waiting for the box office to open I spotted Billy Dean popping out to post a letter and grabbed my camera for a quick snap.

When I got to the box office, there was an envelope waiting. I joked that there would only be one ticket so imagine my horror when it happened to be true!

Luckily I had the e mail with me and so the one

was duly swapped for the magic two. When I saw where we would sit, all was forgiven as it was the front row.

When Billy Dean came on stage he spotted me and gave me a lovely smile. I am sure it was for me and not the thousands behind! Then there was a short intermission.

The venue quickly filled back up as the lights were lowered and the eight piece band took their places on stage. Kenny wowed the audience with lots of familiar songs insterspaced with laugh out loud humour. I recognised lots of the songs as we dance to them: The Gambler, She Believes, Buy Me A Rose, Lucille and of course Islands In The Stream. The audience sang along especially loud to Coward Of The Country as Kenny encouraged us to do so.

What a wonderful night, lovely atmosphere and great concert. Thank you so much to Linedancer for the tickets and yes, I will be entering every competition from now on!



Stewart Storr - Manchester Apollo

We had the best evening. We enjoyed Billy Dean as well as Kenny Rogers. We had booked a hotel and when we got our tickets we were delighted to find ourselves on the second row,

close enough to touch him. We just thought he was a true gentleman and this is one evening of entertainment we won't forget in a hurry. Thank you Linedancer!

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Club Trio



Three Line dance clubs, Bootscooters, Rhythm In Line and Stillbilly Rockers, from the Western Cape in South Africa, travelled together to attend a great annual weekend event hosted by Bernice McMagh from the Black Stetsons in Port Elizabeth. Karin Van der Merwe of Bootscooters told us: "Workshops were provided by Instructor, Kwazulu Natal and 'Miss Devine' herself, Belinda Hellerlee from Beeline. Fun new dances as well as style and technique were taught with the most challenging being 'Faith And Desire', which is a brilliant dance! Both the evening socials were great fun and included a choreography competition with the main requirement being that the dances were choreographed to local South African music. Bootscooters S.A. are proud to say that we were lucky enough to win this competition with the dance 'Rockabilly' choreographed to the song 'Rockabilly Band' by S.A. country legend band, Rocking Horse. This annual event once again united South African dancers from all provinces sharing many hours of great dancing, lots of laughter and just a weekend filled with great camaraderie."

Knights, Princesses And The Girls

There was a medieval feel at Maureen & Michelle's 'Knights And Princesses' Line dance social at The Peace Memorial Hall in Penkridge, Staffordshire. They told us: "Some dancers dressed in flowing dresses and tiaras, others echoed the theme of a knight with armour, swords and shields. Tables, as usual, were also brilliantly decorated in theme with stunning shields and even a castle complete with a damsel in distress in the castle tower." Maureen and Michelle joined enthusiastically in the theme as both of them wore dresses which apparently is a rare sight for them.



Twinned Clubs



In July 2009, Christine Bevis from Beavercreek Linedancers of Horley in West Sussex, received an email from Bent Mortensen, Chairman of Country Connections in Odense, Demark. Christine told us: "He said that they were holidaying in Eastbourne in May 2010 and asked if they could join in one of my classes." So in May this year, 32 Line dancers from Country Connections joined Christine's class of 50 dancers. "I arranged for my friends from Kandel Country to attend. The evening was a great success with a mixture of Improvers and Intermediates and was filled with enjoyment and laughter, which is exactly what Line dancing should be about. It felt as though all of the dancers from both clubs had been friends for a long time and it certainly proved to me that, once again, Line dancing has no barriers, no language problems and certainly provides lots of good friends."

There's No Stopping Us

"Our Line dance holiday to Praia Da Oura in Portugal was planned for April 2010 but the volcanic ash incident thwarted our plans at the very last minute," Terry Howarth told us. "Our fantastic instructor Pete Harrison was not going to let a volcano beat us and was able to secure another date for us. So in the middle of May we flew out of Manchester to stunning weather in Portugal where we had loads of fun and of course an abundance of dancing. Our Hawaiian night was a hoot and it's all thanks to Pete and Sandra who run Stardust Dance Ranch in Oldham, Lancashire. We look forward to the next time."



Alan's Angels Kick-Off

The beginning of the World Cup was celebrated in style by Alan and his 'Angels'. Catherine Wilson told us: "Our Line dance group, Alan's Angels from West Yorkshire, held a social evening at the beginning of June to celebrate the launch of the World Cup. As you can see we all dressed for the occasion."



All Friends Together

Sheila, Linda and Sylvia of B-Line & Friends from Broadstairs in Kent, have just returned from a very enjoyable weekend at the Cumberland Hotel in Eastbourne. They told us: "Dance instructor and disco was Michelle Risley who made the weekend such fun. Learning new dances seemed much easier with Michelle's funny, quirky aide-memoires. Among the new dances Michelle taught were Double Dose, Leona's Letter, Hay Wired and 9 To 5. Our farewell dance was a circle around a column on the dance floor. I don't know what the dance or song was called but we made complete fools of ourselves with our gurning faces and ridiculous poses but it was such a laugh. With excellent accommodation, good food, wonderful company and sunny weather I could not fault the weekend. Michelle said it was her first event with Kingshill holidays, I certainly hope it is not her last. Thank you to Michelle and her parents for a memorable weekend."

Doesn't Time Fly

Congratulations are due to Western Express C & W Dance Club in Preston who this year celebrates their 21st Birthday. Dougie told us: "Originally founded by John and Janette Sandham it has been running every for 21 years. The club has seen hundreds of happy Line dancers come through its doors. In the early days the club was responsible for training many of the Line dance instructors throughout the country, many of who are still teaching today. We are having a 'hot-dog' celebration party on the 6th July with live music from Katie Rhodes and it would be nice to see some of the old members once again."

Thanks For The Trip

Leek U3A Beginners Line dancing is quite a new Line dance group. Group leader Janis Davis proudly said: "We started 12 months ago with nine people and now have 26. I thought it was about time the group branched out a little and had a trip to a class run by a professional instructor, so I asked my Line dancing teacher, Hazel Pace, if I could bring my group to one of her afternoon classes. She was very pleased to have them come along and asked for a list of all the dances I had taught them so she could include them in her class. In June we all trouped off to her dance class in Stoke-on-Trent and had a wonderful time being part of a large group of dancers. Hazel, a very special lady, tailored her session especially for us so that our class could do all but one of the dances. She also taught us two new dances that we will now be able to incorporate into our own sessions. Thank you Hazel and Roly for a great class and for making us all feel so welcome!"



We Come In Peace



Michelle Risley and some of her dancers from Peace-Train in Hertfordshire recently attended a great Line dance weekend at Pontins in Pakefield. Michelle sent us this photo of them all, including two members of the Linedancer team, Paul and Chris, trying to get in on the act.

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Dance For Life

"Sadiah Heggernes, Barbara Lowe and myself have collaborated and choreographed a 52 count dance called 'Breakthrough' to the Race For Life single 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun'," Kim Ray told Linedancer. "Barbara and I also took part in the Race For Life in our own areas and Sadiah very kindly sponsored us both. All monies from the purchase of the single will go to Race For Life Cancer UK and can be purchased from Itunes and Amazon".

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Stepping back

10YEARS**ago**

Ten years ago in the magazine, Betty discussed in Dear Dancers how there had been a growth in the number of new dances making it difficult for

instructors to know what to teach. She explained: "Linedancer is working on a possible solution by starting a Dance Review section on the website. This is where you the dancers can submit your personal reviews, what you enjoy and what you don't." The Dance Review section is still proving successful.

Line dance fashion was the topic on pages 12 and 13. Western wear is at the heart of Line dance. At the same time as we fall in love with the wonderful dance steps and great music, we get hooked on the stylish American clothes



too. Linedancer magazine regularly received letters asking for help on finding that essential Line dance outfit.

On pages 16 and 17 Linedancer caught up with Lee Ann Womack. 'I hope You Dance' is the right title for her new album as her pure country vocals break into a couple of up tempo numbers that bring a smile to the face and a spring in the step



A broken heart drew Rob Ingenthron, or Rob I, as he is better known, to the sad melodies of country music. On page 19 he described how he progressed to Line dance. "It was Hank Williams. Jr's music that I discovered myself on the floor attempting the 'Tush Push'. The club was in San Mateo, California and the gorgeous girls on the floor were a great incentive to learn to dance."



Britain may reign as the world champions of Line dance but watch out. The Dutch have swapped their clogs for cowboy boots and the Brits have some serious competition. A report on pages 40 and 41 from Kerkdale in Holland, who hosted the



UCWDC European Championships 2000, described the events success and results.

The heat is on page 43 as even the sun donned a Stetson for the German Country Western Dance Championships 2000. With temperatures hitting 30C in the competition hall, pleas to the event co-ordinator to dispense with the costume rules and allow swimwear were unfortunately dismissed. The events standing ovation went to the 'Dancin' Fools', a



team of 16 dancers with learning disabilities. Their hard work over many weeks introduced a special competition category, 'Adult Newcomer Demo'.

On pages 44 and 45 there was a feature on the Linedancer Club Of The Year, Texas Star from Essex. After a deluge of votes, Paula and Eric Bilby's club topped the inaugural pole for the award. A fitting award as they always have plenty going



on at their club with Canadian connections, awards trophies and plenty of romance on the dancefloor.

The dances printed in the Stepping Of The Page section were: Moon Time; Country Heart; Mexican Girl; Crazy Dreams; The Victim; Cha Cha Roma; Mad 4 It; Wild & Free; Don't Call Me Baby; Heave Away; Rainbow's End; G.I. Blues; Walk On By and B'Bop.

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Your chance to comment

Jellico Road - Worth Turning Out For



The Temptations

I was interested in the Editors letter in the May issue regarding tempting people back to Line dancing. Our club used to be packed with people enjoying themselves but over the last few years the numbers have fallen and I don't think the classes can last much longer. The reason people have left, we believe, is because Line dancing has completely lost its identity. Most people started because they have a love of country music and the dances were fun and well choreographed. We all like a bit of variety so the odd pop or rock songs were a nice change. I remember a time when you were glad of a dance you didn't like so you could sit and have a rest. These days the opposite is true, it is hard to find one you do like. Line dance needs to get back to its roots and get it's identity back. If people don't like country music why go to a Line dance club? Lets get back to the days when it was fun to dress up in our boots and stetson. Lets get back to the days when the steps actually 'flowed' and fitted the music without the need for endless tags and restarts. A note to all the choreographers, yes a bit of variety is good but please more from the country music charts and a lot less from the pop charts.

> Yours hopefully, Jane & Helen Essex

I attended a venue recently where Jellico Road were the live band. What prompted me to write was a lower than usual attendance due to some people not turning out for a newly formed band who have not yet proved their worth on the circuit. We were treated to a superb selection of music, energetically delivered and well-sung. This band played a variety of songs including some old favourites such as Some Beach, Laid Back & Low Key, Cabo San Lucas and Somebody Like You. Some songs for new dances such as Need You Now, People Are Crazy, Why Don't We Just Dance and It Happens and a great selection of new and old country songs which were all very danceable. Try Playing With Fire to Kick A Little. There were also songs that suited Human Dancer and Gave It All Away. The choice from this enthusiastic trio included modern upbeat and rocky country equally suitable for dances choreographed to pop tempo songs. They are not Line dancers but are starting to include more of the music demanded by Line dancers, some of whom seem to have lost the ability to fit dances to different songs, as we used to in the past. Isn't that one of the reasons for booking a live band, rather than a disco? Jellico Road, worth turning out for, absolutely!

Jan Gower Suffolk

Watch Your Feet

I would like to point out that some of the videos that accompany the dance scripts do not show the feet clearly. There are dark shoes against dark backgrounds or floor surfaces. For example, Walking In The Rain. The verbal commentary, however, was good. Without such visual clarity a video is as good as useless. It reminds me of news items on TV that depict Line dancing, where ill advised cameramen only show dancers from above the waist for most of the shot.

I just thought that if you are rubber stamping Line Dance videos, with the Linedancer logo, they ought to show the steps clearly. I hasten to add that most of them do but a few are less clear.

Robert Burford

Thank you for making a very good point Rob. We do accept responsibility for the error of judgement on the video that accompanies the dance, Walking In The Rain. We have realised our error and will be keeping this in mind for the future. However, this is also a good point for all choreographers to note as they can also load their own videos on our website when adding a script.

Editor



Atribute to British MUSIC



This is most certainly not your ordinary runof-the-mill CD set and for the fan, it is a
refreshing change from the usual compilation
of hits churned out time after time.
Although Elvis never got the chance to visit
British shores, during the 70s he recorded
some of the UK's best loved songs, written
by many favourite British songwriters.
This new double album contains some of
Elvis' greatest vocal performances. He
sings everything from the Lennon and
McCartney masterpiece 'Yesterday' to the
Bee Gees 'Words'.

Previously, Elvis and his manager had looked to publishers for the best US songs but then came the first wave of British acts climbing the US charts, which included The Beatles. This alone inspired Elvis to look at the output of this new breed of British songwriters.

Then of course were the masterworks of Lennon, McCartney and George Harrison. Elvis would actually incorporate some of their songs in his act from 1969 when he returned to the stage at Las Vegas.

Four of the five Beatles numbers he'd perform are present here including 'Yesterday' and a

studio rehearsal take of 'Lady Madonna'. He also takes on the classic 'You Don't Have To Say You Love Me' made popular by Dusty Springfield in the late 60s. The album also features a rare version of the Lloyd Webber/ Rice penned 'It's Easy For You'.

The tracks chosen are truly excellent and feature Elvis in many moods. 'Elvis Presley Sings The Great British Songbook' is a recording of the King tackling some of the most endearing songs ever written within Great Britain – delivered in true Presley style. From 'The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face', 'Get Back', 'I've Lost You', 'How The Web Was Woven', through to the masterful waltz time ballad, 'Just Pretend' and a host of other gems, this collection is as timeless as the 'King' himself.

This is a very unique album. The track selection has such a wide variety and there is really something for everyone. Many people won't even know Elvis sung these songs. This is a great gift for the Elvis fan who already has everything.

Available from all good retailers from June 2010.

Competition

We have five copies of Elvis Presley Sings The Great British Songbook to give away. For your chance to win one, answer the following question:

What Lloyd Webber/Rice penned song does Elvis sing?

a. It's Hard For You b. It's Alright For You c. It's Easy For You

To enter visit our website at: www.linedancermagazine.com and click on the competition area.

Alternatively, you can send your answers on a postcard or the back of a sealed down envelope to: Elvis Competition Linedancer Magazine, Clare House 166 Lord Street, Southport PR9 0QA

The editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

FERESTE A

Singer Nancy Hays is forever associated with one of Jo Thompson Szymanski's classic dances "Come Dance With Me". The dance is a perfect fusion of music and steps and has been a popular choice with dancers for years. In this exclusive interview, Nancy and Jo tell us all about the partnership and True Love Two Step, a dance and song to be discovered soon.



Nancy Hays is an international singer who has worked with artists like Conway Twitty, Marty Stuart, Ronnie Milsap, Glen Campbell, Lee Greenwood, Kenny Rogers, Crystal Gayle, the Bellamy Brothers, Dan Seals and many others.

She was born and raised in central Illinois (Champaign). She says: "Some of my fondest childhood memories come from farm life and spending time at my best friend's farm where she was one of nine kids." Nancy has been married for 20 years to Sean Heffernan and they have four children aged between 19 and 10.

Nancy was always interested in music. She says: "I sang and danced in shows at Six Flags over America and Opryland in USA. I took ballet in high school and college and some modern and jazz dance classes." She also danced in musicals in high school, college and professional theatre. She remembers: "After college, I was singing big band music and observed older people dancing traditional ballroom to the classics.

I wanted to learn too, so I talked my husband and a group of friends into taking ballroom dance classes." Then Nancy continued by "pitching" the idea of a American Bandstand style dance show to various TV networks. And after launching a successful range of dance products, she turned her attention to Line dance.

She says: "I discovered Line dance by observing dancers flock to the dance floor performing routines to my songs. I wasn't sure where those routines came from at the time, but I was impressed and astounded at how much fun the dancers were having and how great it was to be singing while others were dancing to my music."

Then one night someone approached Nancy and asked her if she had ever thought of having some original choreography put to her music. "I said yes but how? That is when I was told that Jo Thompson was one of the best and I was given a contact number."

After contacting Jo, Nancy agreed to send her CD to her. Jo says: "After listening to Nancy's songs, I found myself humming Come Dance with Me after playing it a few times. However, to be perfectly honest I didn't know how well the Line dance community would take to it as at that time it seemed they were going for much "higher energy" songs like "Quando, Quando, Quando" etc. Maybe they would think this was too slow. Well, anyway, I played with the song and it took me about 15 minutes and the dance just fell together." But doubts were still in Jo's minds. Was this too easy after all? "I was working an event with John Robinson and I played it for him and showed him the dance. I said "What do you think? Do you think it will go over?". He said "Well, yeah, I would teach it." So that was it...I sent it to Nancy and the rest is history." On a personal basis, Jo is still thrilled to see dancers all over the world still doing it."



She says: "It has consistently been at the top of the most well known and most favourite dance charts. Nancy has been so sweet and so appreciative of how the dance community embraced her song."

Nancy takes up the story. "Jo said many of the other songs on the CD had Line dance potential and encouraged me to contact other wonderful instructors including Michele Perron, Barry and Dari Anne Amato, Max Perry, John Robinson and Jackie and Doug Miranda. She explained that the Line dance community was a collaborative one and that choreographers often worked together on songs and taught each others dances. Jo gave me advice and encouragement and introduced me to so many others. It all sounded like one big happy family!"



For Nancy, the reality has been a very positive one. "The Line dance community has been incredibly good to me. Without the dancers spreading my music to others I am certain I would never have been able to tour the UK three times. I also would not have been able to reach so many listeners since there is such limited airplay at radio for independent artists like myself."

She is still amazed to surf the web and see that her music is being danced to in so many countries all over the world. "I owe all of this to the dance community, and in particular to Jo Thompson." Because of the success of "Come Dance with Me" and "One Thin Dime" choreographed by Michele Perron, Nancy released a second CD, "Get in Line" in 2004 containing only Line dance songs specifically phrased and selected for dancers. She says: "On "Get in Line" I was also blessed to have songs choreographed by other incredible instructors who contributed their own unique talents including Max Perry, Barry and Dari Anne Amato, John Robinson, Michele Perron, Doug and Jackie Miranda, Peter Metelnick and Alison Biggs, Robbie McGowan Hickie and of course, Jo Thompson."



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Dance Level

Beginner



Andy Chumbley

1.	Tennessee Waltz Surprise	Andy Chumbley
2.	Under The Sun	S. Hsu/K. Chang
3.	Your Mama Don't Dance	Clare Bull
4.	Broken Heelz	Paul Clifton
5.	Can't Tell A Waltz From A Tango	Audri R
6.	Smiling Song	Michelle Risley
7.	Some Kind Of Wonderful	Peter And Alison
8.	Topsy Turvy	Sandra Speck
Q	Plassa Don't Co	SantannaH Hannarnas

Please Don't Go Sadiah Heggernes Here We Go Again Audri R

Tennessee Waltz Under The Sun Your Mama Don't Dance Broken Heels Can't Tell A Waltz Smilin' Song Some Kind Of Wonderful Upside Down Please Don't Go Here We Go Again

Improver



Rachael McEnaney

1.	Rhyme Or Reason	Rachael McEnaney	It Happens
2.	Bobbi With An I	Rachael McEnaney	Bobbi With An I
3.	People Are Crazy	Gaye Teather	People Are Crazy
4.	Walking In The Rain	Maggie Gallagher	Walking In The Rain
5.	Feel Right	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Feel Right
6.	Askin' Questions	Larry Bass	Askin' Questions
7.	Quitter	Maggie Gallagher	Quitter
8.	Leaving On Monday	Sadiah Heggernes	Monday Morning
9.	Sugar Candy	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	Sugar Sugar
10.	Ay Amor	Ria Vos	Ay Amor

Intermediate



Levi J. Hubbard

1.	Quarter After One	Levi J. Hubbard	Need You Now
2.	Gave It All Away	Maggie Gallagher	Gave It All Away
3.	NY Cha	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	New York
4.	Murder My Heart	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	Murder My Heart
5.	Rah-Rah Ooh La La	J. & J. Kinser/M. Furnell	Bad Romance
6.	The Piper	Hazel Pace	The Piper
7.	Fiesta	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Como Te Quiero Mi Amor
8.	Love Ya	K. Sala/R. McGowan Hicki	e Love Me
9.	American Cowboy	Peter And Alison	American Cowboy
10.	Broken Heels	J. & J. Kinser/M. Furnell	Broken Heels

Advanced



Neville Fitzgerald/Julie Harris

1		Play For Keeps	N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris	Russian Roulette
2		One Day You Will	Dee Musk	One Day You Will
3		Shoes Of Another Man	Jo Thompson Szymanshi	Shoes Of Another Man
4		I Lied	S. Cox/A. Palmer	Said I Love You
5		No Salvation	Scott Blevins	Teeth
6		What Will It Be	Kim Ray	Good Night Good Morning
7		The Silence	Val Parry	The Silence
8		Walk With Me	Cato Larsen	Walk With Me
9		Loving U	Maggie Gallagher	Not Like Loving You
1	0.	Strength In Numbers	Peter And Alison	If No One Will Listen

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DJ Playlists

Current Floor Fillers



Paul McAdam

1.	Crazy Foot Mambo	Paul McAdam	If You Wanna Be Happy
2.	Amame	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Amame
3.	Galway Girls	Chris Hodgson	Galway Girl
4.	Dance Like You're The Only One	Teresa And Vera	Sun Goes Down
5.	Head Phones	Maggie Gallagher	Headphones
6.	Amor De Hielo	Debbie Ellis	Amor De Hielo
7.	Human-Dancer	Alan Birchall	Human
8.	Playing With Fire	Craig Bennett	Bad Boys
9.	Cabo San Lucas	Rep Ghazali	Cabo San Lucas
10.	Catch The Rain	Peter And Alison	Sunshine In The Rain
11.	My New Life	John Offermans	High Class Lady
12.	Inside Out	Kim Ray	On The Outside
13.	When I Cry	Maria Hennings Hunt	It Only Hurts Me When I Cry
14.	Over The Top (OTT)	P. & L. Stott/R. Lindsay	Cant Get Over
15.	Fire On Ice	Kate Sala	Why This Kiss
16.	She Believes	Kate Sala	She Believes In Me
17.	East Bound & Truckin	Andrew Blackwood	East Bound And Down
18.	Viva La Vida	Rachael McEnaney	Que Viva La Vida
19.	Black And Gold	Teresa And Vera	Black And Gold
20.	Like A Hero	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Like A Hero
21.	Tennessee Waltz Surprise	Andy Chumbley	Tennessee Waltz
22.	Galway Girls	Chris Hodgson	Galway Girl
23.	Boyfriend Of The Year	Yvonne Anderson	Favourite Boyfriend
24.	Toes	Rachael McEnaney	Toes
25.	Poker Face	Craig Bennett	Poker Face
26.	Oklahoma Wind	Gaye Teather	Does The Wind Still Blow In Oklahoma
27.	Rebel Amor	W. Bos/R. Verdonk	Rebel de Amor
28.	Restless Guy	Sandra Speck	Rambunctious
29.	Sea Salt Sally	Kate Sala	Sea Salt Sally
30.	The Lemon Tree	Kim Ray	Lemon Tree

Classic Floor Fillers



Karen Jones

			Naren Jones
1.	Islands In The Stream	Karen Jones	Islands In The Stream
2.	Pot Of Gold	Liam Hrycan	Dance Above The Rainbow
3.	Just For Grins	Jo Thompson Szymanski	Billy Be Bad
4.	Into The Arena	Michael Vera-Lobos	Now I Can Dance
5.	Chill Factor	D. Whittaker/H. Westhead	Last Night
6.	My New Life	John Offermans	High Class Lady
7.	Somebody Like You	Alan Birchall	Somebody Like You
8.	All Week Long	Peter Metelnick	Seven Nights To Rock
9.	Black Coffee	Helen O'Malley	Sometimes When We Touch
10.	Bosa Nova	Phil Dennington	Blame It On The Bosa Nova
11.	Come Dance With me	Jo Thompson Szymanski	Come Dance With Me
12.	Feet Don't Fail Me Now	Peter Metelnick	Hillbilly Shoes
13.	Islands In The Stream	Karen Jones	I Like It Like That
14.	Just A Memory	M. Gallagher/J. Dean	Memories Are Made Of This
15.	Live, Laugh, Love	Rob Fowler	Live, Laugh, Love
16.	Mariana Mambo	Kate Sala	Mariana Mambo
17.	Shania's Moment	Nathan Easey	From This Moment
18.	White Rose	Gaye Teather	White Rose
19.	Wishful Thinking	Jim O'Neill	Lovin' All Night
20.	Higher & Higher	Max Perry	Your Love Keeps Lifting Me
21.	Fire On Ice	Kate Sala	Why This Kiss
22.	Tango Cha	J. Thompson Szymanski/D. Szekely	Tango
23.	Guantanamera	Kim Ray	Guantanamera
24.	Galway Girls	Chris Hodgson	Galway Girl
25.	Silver Stars	Audrey Watson	Any Way The Wind Blows
26.	Amame	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Amame
27.	C'est La Vie	Michael Seurer	C'est La Vie
28.	Go Mama Go	K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie	Let Your Momma Go
29.	Get Down, Get Funky	S. Wilkinson/C. Poulter	Last Night
30.	1000 Years	Martin Ritchie	A Love Worth Waiting For

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Dance Club

Rustlin Country Greece

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Andy Chumbley

1	. Ten	nessee Waltz Surprise	Andy Chumbley	Tennessee Waltz
2	. Chi	ca Boom Boom	Vikki Morris	Boom Boom Goes My Heart
3	. So I	Easily	Kim Ray	I Could Easily Fall In Love
4	. This	And That	Gary Lafferty	Woman
5	. Littl	le Red Book	Dee Musk	You're More Than A Number
6	. Cali	fornia Freeze	Kelly Burkhardt	Bad Boys
7	. Lou	isiana Swing	K. Sala/Robbie McGowan H	ickie Home To Louisiana
8	. Coa	stin'	Ray 'DJ Yo' Yeoman	Lord Of The Dance
9	. Му	New Life	John Offermans	High Class Lady
1	O. Bon	nshel Stomp	J. Marshall/K. Hedges	Bomshel Stomp

JJ Line St. Michael Paphos, Cyprus

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Scott Blevins

Tennessee Waltz
Boom Goes My Heart
ld Easily Fall In Love
Woman
More Than A Number
Bad Boys
Home To Louisiana
Lord Of The Dance
High Class Lady

1. Coochie Bang Bang 2. Cowboy Charleston 3. Mamma Maria 4. The Piper 5. Time To Swing 6. The Little Shirt 7. Broken Heels 8. Playing With Fire 9. Love Ya

Scott Blevins Miss Kiss Kiss Bang T. Miller/J. Hall Sister Kate Frank Trace Mamma Maria Hazel Pace The Piper S. Cox/A. Palmer Time To Swing Audrey Watson The Little Shirt Me Mother Made Jo & John Kinser/M. Furnell Broken Heels Craig Bennett Bad Boys K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie Love Me

Burn Valley Sweden

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Kate Sala

1.	Don't Kill The DJ	Kate Sala	We Belong To Music
2.	Upside Down	K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie	Upside Down
3.	Rhyme Or Reason	Rachael McEnaney	It Happens
4.	Mexicali	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Mexico
5.	Mambotastic	Kate Sala	Do You Remember?
6.	Just Walk Away	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Walking Away
7.	Stomp And Kick	Kate Sala	Don't Lose Any Sleep
8.	Blame It On The Girls	Kate Sala	Blame It On The Girls
9.	Wild	Craig Bennett	Wild Horses
10.	Broken Heels	Jo & John Kinser/M. Furnell	Broken Heels

ai Liners **Arab Emirates**



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D. Whittaker/H. Westhead

1.	Chill Factor	D. Whittaker/H. Westhead	Last Night
2.	Go With The Flow	Peter And Alison	Let Your Love Flow
3.	Go Mama Go	K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie	Let Your Momma Go
4.	Amame	Robbie McGowan Hickie	Amame
5.	Galway Girls	Chris Hodgson	Galway Girl
6.	l Gotta Feeling	Niels B. Poulsen	l Gotta Feeling
7.	Human-Dancer	Alan Birchall	Human
8.	This And That	Gary Lafferty	Woman
9.	Quarter After One	Levi J. Hubbard	Need You Know
10.	All Day Long	Gary Lafferty	Mr Mom
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Chart Toppers

Linedancer Top Ten



Levi J. Hubbard

- Quarter After One
- Gave It All Away
- Rhyme Or Reason
- NY Cha
- Bobbi With An I
- Murder My Heart
- Rah-Rah Ooh La La 7.
- People Are Crazy 8.
- 9. The Piper
- Walking In The Rain

- Levi I Hubbard Maggie Gallagher
- Rachael McEnaney
- N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris Rachael McEnaney
- N. Fitzgrald/J. Harris
- J. & J. Kinser/M. Furnell
- Gave Teather
- Hazel Pace
- Maggie Gallagher

Need You Now Gave It All Away It Happens New York Bobbi With An I Murder My Heart

Bad Romance People Are Crazy

The Piper Walking In The Rain

Germany



Jo & John Kinser/Mark Furnell

- Rah-Rah Ooh La La
- Human-Dancer
- Rhyme Or Reason
- 4. American Cowboy
- Satellite
- Broken Heels
- Cheek To Cheek
- 8. Fiesta
- 9. Askin' Questions
- Askin' Questions

- J. & J. Kinser/M. Furnell Alan Birchall
- Rachael McEnanev
- Peter And Alison Gabi Jasser
- J. & J. Kinser/M. Furnell
- Rob Fowler
- Robbie McGowan Hickie
- Larry Bass Rafel Corbi
- Bad Romance Human It Happens American Cowboy
- Satellite Broken Heels
- Cheek To Cheek Como Te Quiero Mi Amor
 - Askin' Questions Askin' Questions

Ireland



Maggie Gallagher

- Gave It All Away Murder My Heart
- Quarter After One
- Ease On Down
- 5. So Sexxy
- The X-Factor Climb
- 8. Tango Lamento
- Crv Me Out
- Walking In The Rain
- Gleehab

- Maggie Gallagher N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris Levi J. Hubbard
- R. McEnaney/B. E.& J. P. Potter John Robinson
- Billy Mooney Malene Jakobsen
- Michael Lynn Maggie Gallagher **Gary Lafferty**
- Gave It All Away Murder My Heart Need You Now Ease On Down You're So Sexy The Climb Crv Me Out Parachute Walking In The Rain Rahab

United States Of America



Neville Fitzgerald/Julie Harris

- Murder My Heart
- Hey Soul Sister Martini Moments
- Gave It All Away
- Love Ya
- Skinny Jeans
- Blindsided
- 8. Forgiveness 9. NY Cha
- Hands Up

- N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris R. Luna/B. E. Potter
- Francien Sittrop
- Maggie Gallagher K. Sala/R. McGowan Hickie
- Helen A. Walker Helen A. Walker
- Bracken Ellis Potter
- N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris Craig Bennett
- Hey, Soul Sister A Night Like This Gave It All Away Love Me Skinny Genes Shine Forgiveness New York For The Lovers

Murder My Heart

Outroscous Mr Roscis!

In this second part of Glenn's story, we meet a young man who is determined to make it happen even though life has a few sad surprises in store for him



PARI TWO

Growing Up

For eight weeks or more, Tin Pan Alley, as we were to be called, rehearsed every evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. John's son (in his late teens) would drive to Romford to pick me up then drive me home again. On Saturday morning I'd take the two hour train and tube ride to Finchley Central, stay the night at Moss Hall Grove then make the journey back on Sunday evening. Unlike most new guitar players, the fingers on my left hand were already well stretched and hardened from playing the contrabass. But, of course, that was played almost exclusively Arco (with a bow), so after a week of playing a bass guitar with the fingers on my right hand, they were a mess! Blisters that had burst and re blistered, blood, bits of skin missing, soaking them in salt water. Add to this that I had never needed to commit much to memory, everything I played was read, now I had to learn bass lines and lyrics to 30 or 40 songs, pads or song sheets were banned (funny enough, they still are, I hate them in the studio and on stage is even worse! Learn it or don't do it is my motto). Despite all this, I loved the process and in November that year Tin Pan Alley debuted at The White Elephant On The River in Pimlico performing before, between and after Ray Peterson. There were lots of 'variety' style clubs in those days and many still remain. Tin Pan Alley became a popular and regular fixture in many of them and the band (or group as we preferred to be called) grew in popularity in the cabaret circuit. The shows became more ambitious, and we were taking on performances further afield, Birmingham, Bristol and Bournemouth were regular trips. This started to cause some problems at home. My Dad was still at sea and Mum was getting some problems from the school board, who weren't best pleased with my attendance (I was missing at least a day a week). Mum was a worrier and Dad was still adamant that I would have to have a 'real' job eventually. We were in dead lock but three events would change everything.

I don't know what it is about my family, but noone takes any time dying. One minute they're there, next minute they've gone, no warning, no time to think about it. On December 13th 1972 Mum and Nan had been shopping, I think there was a moon walk or something going on and all the men had been glued to the television. I was waiting to be picked up for a show at York Hall, Hackney before going to















Bristol for three nights. Nan and Auntie Eileen lived next door but one and just as I was saying bye to everyone, Eileen appeared at the door. "Get Reet (my Mum) to come round now, Nan's not right." Amid the confusion, John and Mick arrived to take me off. There were no mobile phones in those days and neither Mum or Nan had phones at home. The only phone in the street was at Mrs Gilsons. When we got to the York Hall I wanted to find out what was going on, but John Chapman was having none of it. "What can you do?". It was getting on for one o'clock before we got back to Moss Hall Grove and far too late to be calling Mrs Gilson, so I had to wait until the following morning to make the call to see how my beloved Nan was doing. "She's gone, boy", Uncle Ivor's deep, quiet voice came down the phone. "She didn't suffer, just went to sleep. She's with Grandad again". I was 14 years old, I had no idea how to react, I just wanted it not to be true. John reminded me that we had shows to do, and that this had to wait. Not in a cold or callous way, I can't describe it really, it was just what we had to do. That day I had my first lesson in driving pain and grief back inside, there's a time and a place but this wasn't it. That night (Friday I think) was not good. I forgot words, cues, didn't smile or laugh and John made me very aware of it. He was teaching me the only way he knew how that this is the life you want, this is the price you pay, no half measures, no playing at it, do it or get out of it and leave it to the people who are strong enough.

I got back to Romford in the early hours of Monday morning. Mum, Eileen and Ivor were naturally in a bit of a state and Dad was away. He wouldn't be home until March. The family are well known in the local area as well as back in the East end, so the days brought a constant stream of people who had heard the news, cards were delivered, family came and

went. One week to the day after Nan died, another bombshell, Uncle Gerry had died. Nan and Gerry's funerals were held on the same day in mid January and as both left to their final destination I wasn't there. I was trying to prove that I was strong enough to be a professional showman! I had lost two of the most important and influential people from my life, was under pressure from my Dad to concentrate on getting 'real' qualifications so I could get a 'proper' job and trying to find a way to make people smile while I felt that my heart had been ripped out. The final blow came early in the February when John Chapman died of a heart attack at Moorgate Tube station. Suddenly, there was no more guiding light, no more wise words.

You can read Part 3 of Glenn's life story in next month's Linedancer.







Country Connection

Very often, when Line dance takes over, the only thought in a dancer's mind becomes ... DANCE! But how often does that apply to a whole group of people living under the same roof? For a particular family Line dance IS the connection of choice.

ere's a story with a difference.... A family not only united by their own love of each other but by the love of Country sounds and Line dance is certainly very unique.

Meet Phil (Dad), Laurence (Mum), Charlotte (15 year old Daughter) and Aurélien (12 year old Son), who live in Cergy, in the county of Saone and Loire in France.

Laurence and Phil have been dancing since the start of their relationship. Laurence say: "We loved Rock'n Roll (Phil was a championship finalist in France) but we also did lots of ballroom. We just love dancing..."

When they first arrived in Cergy in 1998, they quickly found that dancing was not really an option. "Our first opportunity was in March 2004 when we saw a

Country concert advertised in a village nearby, we thought this would be a sit down and listen occasion but we were wrong." recalls Laurence. Once at the venue, the family witnessed what would change their lives forever.

Laurence says: "When we arrived we had no other thoughts than to sit down and tap one foot to great tunes. We certainly did not realise that Country could be danced so well to!"





They could not believe their eyes and ears. "It was like being connected directly to Nashville, though all the cow boys spoke surprisingly good French!" she laughs. Indeed, more than 200 cow boys and girls were hitting the floor in full western wear to "God Blessed Texas". And as Laurence, Phil and the kids watched, overawed, the same thought crossed their mind collectively "We want to do THAT!"

The following week, they became members of a nearby club and that was that. As Laurence says: "The bug had bitten us and we started on workshops, western

wear, festivals, you name it we did it." One of the influences that the family cites as an important factor was David Linger, an influential choreographer from France who is passionate about Country sounds. Very quickly, they start their own club and recruit a healthy number of new dancers.

Today the family functions as one Line dance unit. The kids do all the demos with Mum and Dad and are following in their parents steps as instructors too.

Laurence says: "We are completely mad! For example, when we have dinner, one of us always has a track or a new dance they want to show the others.. Would not want it any other way."

They work together spending hours on YouTube to find the dances that will interest dancers whatever their age and level. Laurence reckons that it is important to create links between all ages and would like to give people from all walks of life the same opportunity her family have experienced. "We love dancing together because it is healthy and fun, I don't worry about the children drinking or taking drugs. As long as we are together this is the best thing that our family could ever experience."





Shows like "Dancing On Ice" and "Strictly Ballroom" have made dance cool again. The steps, the music, the costumes...ah! the costumes!

For many a professional dancer this is where it all starts and the right outfit is one of the most important part of a winning routine.

And it does not matter whether it is Ballroom or Line dance championships, the importance of the dance costume is paramount.



Meet Jane Dixon, who is an extraordinary dancewear designer and maker. The photos you can see are representative of the amazing and

intricate work she has done over the years.

Laurent had to find out more.

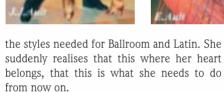
Jane Dixon's journey into making beautiful dance clothes starts early. "I was 16 when I started making costumes. I was a competitive ice skater and wanted to make my own." She adds with a laugh: "I have always known what I wanted!"

A couple of other skaters, impressed with the quality of Jane's work asked her to make them some dresses. She enjoyed that first stab at costume making, not knowing that she would never look back. Then at 20, Jane started to teach ice skating in Liverpool and Dublin and began to make dresses for her pupils.

Five years later, Jane moved to Blackpool and was offered a position within a theatrical wardrobe department. This proved the right decision as she worked there for 17 years making costumes and continuing her skating tuition.

However, 1999 is the year where Jane makes a big decision and stops teaching to go on to work in touring theatre where she makes and sources costumes travelling not just throughout the UK but much further afield. She laughs again: "Been everywhere! Germany, Belgium, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Las Vegas to name but a few."

She enjoys the frantic globe trotting side of her life but in 2006, she part designs and costumes a ballroom dancing show which changes everything again. She loves the intricacy of the costumes, the materials and



With great enthusiasm, Jane begins the next stage of her journey. After one of the dancers in the show, Ben Hardwick persuades Jane to make costumes for him and his partner, she realises that her work is noticed and she decides to start her own business under the name of VIVID. She says: "Why VIVID? My daughter Melanie thought about it, one day, out of the blue. I liked it and it stuck!"

VIVID is another important milestone in the talented designer and dressmaker's life. She quits show business and devotes her time to making competitive dance costumes. Fate takes a further hand in her success when Ben finds a new partner, Lucy Jones from Liverpool. Jane starts to sponsor the talented young couple's costumes and Ben helps her in the design of some of her customers costumes. Success follows success as Ben and Lucy are ranked third in Amateur British Latin American dancing and placed in the top 24 in the world in Blackpool. Jane's dresses are seen and noticed more and more.

Jane says: "With Ben and Lucy wearing my costumes, VIVID gets noticed quickly and business starts to grow pretty rapidly."

With many other very good costume companies and dressmakers both in the UK

and abroad, professional costume making is not the easiest of markets to be successful in. However, most of the UK firms are based in The Midlands and The South while Jane is in the North West (near the seaside town of Southport). This simple fact has given VIVID a local client base. It also has the advantage of providing cheaper suppliers and lower costs generally enabling Jane to be very competitive price wise. Jane says: "Ballroom dancing is very popular all over the world and the North West of England is no exception. Several top teachers in the country are based in the Crosby / Maghull area and dancers from as far afield as Russia and China travel to them for lessons."

I am fascinated by the work and the cost that the dresses must represent. Jane smiles: "It is true to say that costumes vary enormously in price..... plain juvenile dresses can cost less than £100, an average junior or youth dress with no stones generally start around £275 and the very elaborate heavily stoned Latin dresses can cost £1000 upwards, with Ballroom dresses even more! So yes, people have to know what they want before I undertake a project..."

The price very much depends on fabrics, and mainly the stones used. Jane explains: "What most people think of as details can be the REAL cost. For example, a lot of dancers prefer Swarovski Crystal which can cost over £100 for 10 gross and some dresses have in excess of 120 gross."



For more details on VIVID contact lane on 07862 292464 or email her at vividjane@live.co.uk











Add to that, Jane's time and you will not be surprised to know that stoned shirts can cost up to £600 or £700 and trousers £100 to £300. Which is why it is so important for Jane to have Ben in her business life.

She explains further: "Most experienced dancers have good idea of the style/colour/

fabrics they want so either Ben or I will make a sketch for them to approve, then I'll source fabric samples, feathers, fringe, stones or whatever is needed and then the dress or shirt will develop from there."

I wonder at what a complete outfit would set someone back and Jane gives me some averages. "When I make Ben and Lucy's costumes, his shirt and trousers will take me two days to make and with stones

would cost £650 to buy. Lucy's dresses are much more intricate and take 40 hours to make generally. So yes, it can be expensive at anything between £1800-£2500 per dress to purchase new fully stoned."

I am amazed when Jane tells me that she creates 150-250 costumes per year. I feel sure she must be driving a Rolls Royce and

she laughs. "I wish! Out of that amount only 15-20 are in the higher price bracket. Most of the costumes I make are for practise or younger or senior (over 35's) who don't want very elaborate or expensive costumes."

She adds: "I am not into this to make a fast buck, this is long term and I am blessed to have huge

> support from many other people. For example, I have made costumes for the Dance with Passion school in Preston for three years. The teams (youngsters between eight and 18) are fabulous and very successful in competition. Shemavne Parkinson run the school with great 'passion'. Now, they have supported me immensely and sent new business my way from day one. I could never thank them or people like them enough."



Jane lives and breathes VIVID. "I am lucky. I really love what I do and having a dancer available to advise me on dress and jewellery design is an absolute bonus. Every costume I complete is exciting for me I like to see people happy and comfortable in what they are wearing on the floor."

Jane's highlight of the year is the British Open

Dance Festival in May at the Empress Ballroom in Blackpool. "Dancers compete from every corner of the world and to see one of my dresses out on that wonderful floor is a great feeling." This means that from March to the end of May is quite a busy time and with major events in January, July and November there is no real time to take a break.

I ask whether we will see a VIVID creation on a TV program soon and Jane tells me that she has no real desire of getting bigger and turn VIVID into a larger company. "I would not want to grow huge. VIVID would lose the very essence of its identity. I think people ask for my dresses because they like them and they want me to make them. That is how I want it to stay. I hope I will always give the personal touch and make dresses and shirts that make the wearers genuinely happy." She adds with another laugh: "But I would not mind having a crack at designing dresses for the Line dance champions. I have always loved new challenges."

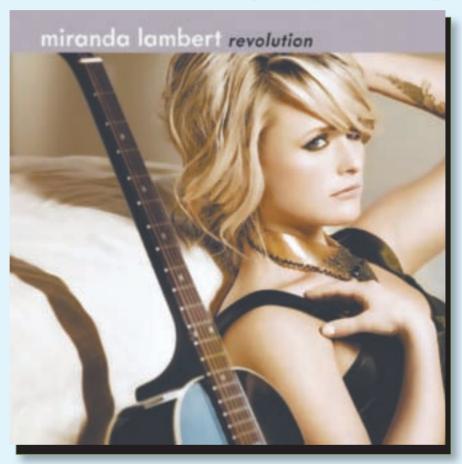
Make no mistakes. A beautiful routine on a sparkling tune may make your heart stop but I doubt that any of us would be interested in watching clever steps and beautiful people if it was not for the dazzling dresses and outfits on display. And so, when Ben and Lucy win another top prize they know deep in their heart that, in a way, Jane has been dancing alongside them too as her beautiful creations flow, sway and help them wow audiences and judges worldwide.

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ALBUM OF THE MONTH



MIRANDA LAMBERT REVOLUTION

SONY NASHVILLE - B002FGT050

Miranda Lambert hails from Texas and was 3rd place in the 2003 Nashville Star competition, country music's X Factor style programme. This led to a record and her debut album Kerosene, which reached number one and followed that success with second album Crazy Ex Girlfriend from which she had three top ten hits. Miranda now releases her latest album, Revolution.

Miranda's opener *White Liar* (92/184bpm) is a good old Texas two step which is guaranteed to make you want to dance.

Only Prettier (82bpm) bursts with wit and satire. Funky yet traditional country.

Dead Flowers (88bpm) failed as the first single from the album and it's easy to see why, although Miranda's powerful vocal delivery is a joy to listen to.

Me And Your Cigarettes (114bpm) uses metaphors rather cleverly and is a good story song whilst Maintain The Pain (132bpm) is a more frantic rockier track with a good beat.

Airstream Song (134bpm) this rather short east coast swing is a delightful dance track and it highlights why Miranda is so successful.

Makin' Plans (80bpm) is possibly an ode to her future husband Blake Shelton but it is a nightclub two step.

Time To Get A Gun (130bpm) is a cover off a Jeff Eaglesmith song which has thought provoking lyrics.

Somewhere Trouble Don't Go (102bpm) is a bright and breezy song and as it has a good beat it should be of great interest to choreographers.

The House That Built Me (82bpm) is a poignant song about returning to your old home which evokes many memories.

Love Song (76bpm) Miranda co wrote this with the guys from Lady Antebellum and this gorgeous night club two step is sure to be a big hit.

Heart Like Mine (106bpm) this is a witty, satirical number that Miranda does so well and it could make for a fun dance track.

Sin For A Sin (84bpm) is a powerful rock track which has some deep lyrics. Miranda shows a more edgy style here.

That's The Way The World Goes Round (78bpm) is a cover of John Prine's song and there are some fantastic guitar riffs.

The finale comes courtesy of *Virginia Bluebell* (70bpm) a beautiful nightclub two step and a beauty of a song.

This is an album of the highest order, it simply shines from start to finish. There are some brilliant tracks for dancing and you would want a copy in your car to listen to over and over. I highly recommend this album to you.

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eviews by Tim Ruzgar - Linedancer Magazine's Music Reviewer



WILLIE NELSON/ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

WILLIE AND THE WHEEL

PROPER RECORDS PRPCD 066

This album is the coming together of Willie Nelson and Ray Benson's Asleep At The Wheel. Willie has a career spanning five decades and Asleep at the Wheel have been the biggest name in Texas swing music for decades.

Hesitation Blues (99bpm) sets the tone nicely and Willie's unmistakeable voice is backed with some of the finest swing musicians. A classic track that would be a delight to dance to.

Sweet Jennie Lee (136bpm) is a cracking dance track with some super harmonies and the musicianship is just outstanding.

Fan It (116bpm) has a slightly slower tempo, it is bluesy with New Orleans jazz undertones.

I Ain't Gonna Give Nobody None Of This Jelly Roll (104bpm) Willie and Ray have real fun sharing the vocals on this tongue in cheek track and it would make a good fun dance.

Oh! You Pretty Woman (142bpm)
Willie shares vocals with some of the other band members backed with some fine harmonies and astonishing fiddle playing.

Bring It On Down To My House (98bpm) Asleep At The Wheel did their own version of this some years back and Willie's inclusion enhances a great performance.

Right Or Wrong (102bpm) this has a laid back feel to it and vocally Willie and Ray deliver this one in a very effortless style.

Corrine Corrina (100bpm) is a classic country track that most country music fans know but this is an amazing version, I love it! I'm Sittin' On Top Of The World (82bpm) is

a real bluesy number and this time Willie has a female to share the vocals.

Shame On You (100bpm) has a solid beat and superb piano playing you can dance until your heart is content to this super track.

South (100bpm) is an instrumental extravaganza featuring the great Vince Gill on guitar and is a glorious piece of Texas swing.

Proceedings come to a close with Won't You Ride in My Little Red Wagon (110bpm) and Willie kicks in with a great vocal whilst musically everything but the kitchen sink is thrown in!

If you are partial to Texas Swing music then you'll simply love this amazing album on which every song paints a picture. If you haven't given Texas Swing music a try then this is just the album for you.

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MARK CHESNUTT OUTI AW

SAGUARO ROAD RECORDS

Mark Chesnutt has had 14 number one singles, four platinum and five gold albums in his career. He now delivers an album that pays homage to the original 'Outlaws2' Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson.

Mark kicks off with Black Rose (144bpm) which is a superb east coast swing track and has your feet tapping from the outset, it just needs a good dance to it.

Whisky Bent And Hell Bound (110bpm) has a nice steady beat to it and Mark shows just how versatile his vocal range is. Only Daddy That'll Walk The Line (82bpm) has a good Tush Push beat and musically this track has some fabulous guitar riffs and cool accordion playing. Another excellent dance prospect.

A Couple More Years (122bpm) is a delightful waltz track on which Mark duets with Amber Digby. There is wonderful harmonica and steel guitar work on this delightful number.

Need A Little Time Off For Bad Behaviour (92bpm) Mark excels on this brilliant track that has lots of breaks so clever choreography would be needed.

Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down (79bpm) is a great story song on which Mark sounds like Waylon Jennings or a young Johnny Cash. Are You Ready For The Country (118bpm) this time the dance style is west coast swing and this could be destined for the dance floor.

Loving Her Was Easier (Than Anything I'll Ever Do Again) (80bpm) once again Mark gets down really deep with his voice and this is a real cowboy love song. Country State Of Mind (124bpm) has potential as a dance track, it's a good up tempo song with great lyrics and brilliant musical backing. Freedom To Stay (88bpm) this is a waltz, all it needs is a nice little dance writing to it so what are you waiting for?

Bloody Mary Morning (128bpm) the style changes to Polka on this brilliant Willie Nelson song and I can see choreographers falling over themselves to write a good dance to it.

Mark brings the curtain down with Desperados Waiting For A Train (124bpm) a Guy Clark song that Jerry Jeff Walker recorded back in 1973. The electric guitar work is truly amazing and this is one of Mark's finest.

Mark Chesnutt not only does the original Outlaws proud but also himself too as this is a first class album of some of real country music's finest songs.

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HEV ROMEO THAT'S WHAT I AM ROYALTY RECORDS - HRCD1006

Canadian group Hey Romeo had some success with their self titled first album and after spending time writing new material we can take a look at their latest offering,

The band gets under way with That's What Am (122bpm) which is a good up tempo number that certainly makes a decent track.

Snap My Fingers (124bpm) Stacie delivers the somewhat naive lyrics in a sassy style and the rocking musicianship on the backing contribute to another good solid dance

If I'm Not There (111/222bpm) this is a superb two step track and I defy anyone not to want to dance to this. Searchin' For You (124bpm) is one of my favourites, Stacie's vocal is really strong, there is great steel and electric guitar work and again this is destined for the dance floor.

He Still Calls Me Baby (88bpm) the band show an altogether softer side on this beautiful song with some super harmonies.

Come Out Here And Dance (116bpm) and that is what you want to do upon hearing this brilliant track. The fiddle playing is outstanding, as is the rest of the backing.

Feels Like Yesterday (96bpm) once again we have a wonderful country music track and once again it would make a good Line dance track.

Hello (130bpm) has a solid cha cha beat and with a good hook and catchy chorus it's got everything needed for a good country dance track.

It's Love (84bpm) a very pleasant song laced with smooth harmonies and it is an absolute delight to listen to.

Stuck On Loving You (82bpm) has a driving drum beat and some gold Honky Tonk piano playing making it another classic number.

Can't Wait To See The Rest (120bpm) once again we are spoiled with another good danceable track which would be ideal for cruising or any other cha cha style dances.

For the finale the band chose I'm Not Through Loving You (82bpm) a gorgeous harmonious number and Stacie excels vocally.

This album gets better track by track. There are a plethora of good country songs that would make good dance tracks from a very talented band that had a hand in writing all of the tracks. The production is superb and I suggest you get a copy of this fine album straight away.

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Linedancer magazine has always valued reviews from anyone, instructors of course but dancers too. If you dance, we know you will have opinions and favourites. We know that your reviews are a helpful tool to other dancers. Help us to help you.

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Murder My Heart

48 Count – Two Wall – Intemediate N. Fitzgerald/J. Harris Murder My Heart - Michael Bolton



Love this dance. NY Cha was my favourite but it may well be overtaken by this one. It's such a fabulous track. Well done, I can see this going up to the No. 1 slot too. Alan & Fi Haywood

Classy dance to strong music with some interesting steps. I loved it and I think it should be very popular, well done. Steven Kenney.

A good mix of slow and fast steps that fit the music superbly. Keeping it as a two wall makes it easier to know where you are supposed to be heading for. My class don't always go for nightclub two-steps but they were all up for this one. David Spencer

People Are Crazu

64 Count – Four Wall – Improver Gaye Teather People Are Crazy - Billy Currington



Brilliant dance. I first taught this for my Beginners. I have been teaching this one for a while now so we tend to do a floor split. Ros Chaplin

I really like this track and use the dance to play at the end of my Intermediate class as something slightly easier to finish off and cool down with. Most of my class prefer pop or funkier stuff so some weren't so keen on this but the vast majority do like it. David Spencer

Well done. A brilliant dance to great country music. An easy teach and the tag/restart are very easy to pick out. The class enjoyed it and it's good to have such a good gentle dance, so many now are fast. Flows so well and a sing-a-long track. Great dance for all level dancers to enjoy. Maggie Major

Mighty Good Time

64 Count – Four Wall – Internediate Joyce Plaskett Mighty Good Time - The Willy Clay Band



I taught this dance recently. It is a great dance that fits perfectly to the music. A good up beat track and everyone wanted to do it again. Well done. S. Speck

This was certainly worth teaching. I asked for a rating from the class and they agreed 10/10. Well done it's a lovely dance to a good country track. What's the next one to be? Jane Wright

I saw Joyce dance this recently at a social and I liked it very much. It's on my list to teach. Well done, hope for some more. Angela Stokes

I Want That Man

64 Count – Two Wall – Intemediate Simon Ward/Jo & John Kinser I Want That Man - Deborah Harry



I learnt this recently. A solid Intermediate dance with alternate easy and hard sections making this dance flow well. A bouncy classic pop track includes two places for restarts (identical). Carmel Plumley

My class loved it but beware the second half of the dance is a bit harder than the first. It took them a few goes to get their bearings once they started heading off on the diagonal but this helps keep the dance interesting. Would recommend for any intermediate class. David Spencer

This was a request teach having been seen at a local social. The turn into the chasse was a little challenging but the dance was definitely given the 'thumbs up'. Great music track too. Norma Purnell

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Messed Up In Memphis

64 Count – Four Wall – Internediate
Dee Musk
Messed Up In Memphis - Darryl Worley



I taught this to my class as an easy filler type dance and they just loved it. Nice easy going track with steps to match. Well done. Kath Dickens

We taught this recently and they all wanted to to keep on dancing it again and again, so did we. Brilliant music. This dance has been choreographed superbly. For those that do not like to turn you can replace the 'turn touch/brush' with 'step touch/brush. Rick 'n' Chris Brodie

I taught this recently and we all agreed its a lovely dance to lovely music. Lesley Michel

You're My Sunshine

32 Count – Four Wall – Internediate Ria Vos Sunshine - Steve Azar



I can't understand why this isn't top of the charts. A truly lovely dance to gorgeous music. Ria does it again. Gaye Teather

I absolutely love this dance, music is lovely and dance feels good well done. Chris Jones

A beautiful dance and track. This should be in the top five without a doubt. Barbara Vercoe

A haunting track and a great little dance to go with it. Plenty to think about in the second half of the dance. David Spencer

Latin Crazy

64 Count – Four Wall – Internediate V. Scott/D. Musk/C. Bennett/F. Buckley I'm Crazy - DJ Bobo



What a fun summer track this is. A fun latin summer dance with interesting combinations, well done to all of you. Carol Plumley

I really like this dance. A nice track of music. The choreography flows well. Margaret Hains

A super dance from these well known choreographers. Love the music, love the steps. I am sure it will go to the top of the dance charts. Good luck. Liz Carr

I really like the long step forward and touch in the middle, the final kick on count 64 and the fact they've thought about a proper ending. The whole dance is good and considering there are 4 choreographers, it flows really well. My class enjoyed it. David Spencer

Yolanda

64 Count – Four Wall – Improver Kate Sala/Robbie McGowan Hickie Yolanda - Joe Merrick



Nice easy Intermediate dance to a nice flowing country track. It went down well in class, not too taxing and no tags etc. Val Whittington

This dance flows very well and a nice track of music. it's on my list to teach. Angela Stokes

A really lovely dance with a gorgeous piece of music, The dance flows really well and feels good to dance. I will be teaching this to my classes very soon. I think this will be another hit. Karen Hadley

A fantastic dance with a superb track to go with it. My classes love this and rate it very highly. Ros Chaplin

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Partying in Pakefield









With an abundance of woodland, waterways and wildlife, Pakefield is Suffolk at it's best. Situated on the coast of Suffolk just south of Lowestoft, hundreds of Line dancers flocked to Pontins Holiday Park in May 2010. They were looking forward to the 12th Pakefield Line dance weekend.

Anybody going to this wonderful event for the first time could not have known how much they would be entertained and exhausted. After settling in, Mark Caley's Disco kicked the evening off and he soon had the dance floor packed. The live entertainment was provided by country music artists Plain Loco, made up of Steve and Tony. They pulled out all the stops and created a great party atmosphere and for their encore they invited members of the audience on stage to play a variety of percussion instruments. The dance floor was full until the early hours.

The resident dance instruction team of Charlotte Macari and Michelle Risley, assisted by The Celtic Cowboy Disco, taught some great new dances at the Saturday morning and afternoon workshops. There was also partner dance instruction in another ballroom with Dawn and Carole. This years Linedancers hall of fame inductee, Glenn Rogers, entertained the lunchtime

dancers as only he can with a well balanced programme of dance favorites. On Saturday night it was the turn of one of the crowds favourite performers Gemma Fairweather who played two excellent spots and was in fine voice. Once again the dancers were left in the capable hands of Mark Caley to keep the floor busy until 2am.

The dance instruction continued on Sunday with Charlotte, Michelle, Dawn, Carole and The Celtic Cowboy.

The dances taught during the weekend were Sugar Candy, In This Life, Don't Kill The DJ, Smilin' Song, Leona's Letter, Haywired, Feels Like Summer and It's You For Me. Alan Gregory was the guest artiste at lunchtime and with his great choice of dance songs, blended with his brand of humour, the crowd would only let him leave the stage after four encores. Among the artistes on Sunday evening was another Linedancer Magazine Crystal Boot winner

Natalie Thurlow, also 4 Card Trick and Mark Caley. Natalie opened the evening and the crowd loved her choice of material and wonderful vocals asking her for four encores at the end of her show. Then it was 4 Card Trick, consisting of Glenn Rogers, Les Evans, Jon Keys and Ian Walton who are all excellent musicians and with lead vocals from Glenn and Jon they got a great reception and kept the audiences attention. They were joined on stage by Natalie for the finale and they ended their spot with the crowd shouting for more. It was then left to the hard working Mark Caley to finish off a great weekend.

To say it was a big success is the understatement of the year and judging by the amount of people in reception re-booking for 2011 you can look forward to another great weekend. For more information on the May 2011 weekend please contact Jon Keys on 01304 851708/07711 166817 or e-mail linemusic2k@aol.com



The 2010 JG

JG Marathon Urgent Care

Dr. Carol Craven

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Carol Craven is a lucky lady.

She seems to go to all the major events held in the USA and the JG Marathon is no exception.

Read on for what must be a dream weekend!











MARATHON

We arrived "home" to the Sheraton in Raleigh-Durham. This is simply THE best hotel for events like these.

Jean Garr's staff, along with her codirectors, Pepper and Adele, did an amazing job. It's just amazing to me that every year is better than the year before. If you didn't get enough dancing in this weekend, it was just because you didn't dance enough -- not because you couldn't. The ballroom DJs, "Wildman" Louie St. George and DJ Jam in the main ballroom, "Big Dave" Baycroft manning the review and one of the open dance rooms, "Big Sexy" Joey (who did a fabulous job in the open room all weekend and played everything anyone asked for),

Debi Bodven and Gale Erskine who kept the beginners hopping were all amazing.

The workshop DJs kept all the lesson rooms running on time and efficiently, Rick Dieter, Speedo Deskins, Bill Lorah, Mike Lorah, Ray McNeal, Hal Payne, Walter Tallman and Mike Thompson. Thanks to you all for making our learning even more fun.

I love the way the schedules are posted on large boards outside each ballroom so you don't have to keep finding your glasses to see what's going on all day long. There is a reception on Friday night for the staff that is such a nice touch and Jean makes sure her staff has plenty of sodas and don't get hungry.

THURSDAY:

The first class I took was Joey Warren's Stoked taught by Nigel Amon. Thursday is the day for teaching popular dances by anyone other than its original choreographer. We had a great day with dances like Gave It All Away, Murder My Heart, Easy Does It, Fiesta, Argentina, One Last Dance, Quarter After One amongst many others taught by people like Dee Musk, Mona Puente, Nancy Morgan, Nigel Amon, Guyton Mundy and Big Dave and many more. All this was followed by the Thursday night party with DJ Jam and Wildman Louie in one room, Big Dave in another room, and the Beginner Workshops and Line Dance Party with Debi and Gale all running as late as anyone wanted to stay up. Phew, and we hadn't even gotten to Friday yet. >





FRIDAY:

I wanted to mention that I liked seeing some new, young choreographers teaching at the Marathon this year. It always thrills me to see these young people get a chance to teach at events and Jean always tries to do this at the Marathon, it's such a thrill for them to be invited and for us to get to see them for the first time. After some amazing previews by Pepper we had lots of amazing dancing by the likes of John Robinson (So Sexy), Guyton Mundy (My DNA), Tajali Hall (Body Bounce), Rob Glover and Brian B with technique classes, Dan Albro (I Swear/ Get That Feeling) again amongst many others. Some of the new dance teaches highlights were Mash Up, Crazy Devils, Oh Ruby, Shoop, Under Your Spell and Peep Show. But there are really way too many to mention. One of my top favourites was Dan McInerney's Blown Away as I thought the title totally fitted the dance. Jordan Lloyd taught Sayonara, a funky dance that had some really original moves in it. That was what impressed me most about Jordan with all of his dances. He did things in every dance that I had never seen before. Bracken Ellis did a class on her Cardio Line dance which she said is kind of a Zumba exercise program incorporating Line dance.

The Cookie Party was also on Friday and we had a great turnout and wonderful cookies and we had fun learning lots of trivia about

lots of people. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and I wanted to thank the NTA and Karen Hedges for providing the badge holders for the darling cards that Jean had done for all of the attendees. Thanks, everyone, for coming, it is so nice being able to just have a little social hour and meet each other and put faces and e-mails and names together.

SATURDAY:

After the previews the lessons got into full swing. Again, far far too many to mention but I did notice Sunglasses by Tajali Hall. I took this class and she did a really good job of teaching this dance. It filled the floor this weekend. Others I like were Michael Barr's It's Amazing, Niels Poulsen's Fireflies, Jordan Lloyd's Caught Slippin, all of Will Craig's dances from the weekend and they were getting quite a bit of buzz. But of course they were many which caught the attention of the dancers. Trouble Is by Scott Blevins, Daniel Trepat's Nononono Notso, Michele Burton's Valentino amongst many, many dances!

The show on Saturday was short and sweet. Worthy of note, Frank Trace was personally delivered his Crystal Boot Award for Mamma Maria by Big Dave and he was thrilled. I had never seen one of the awards up close and it was really beautiful. Frank was so thrilled. Congratulations to someone who truly

deserved the recognition for writing some fun dances for beginners. He writes other dances but he is just so good at doing dances that the beginners love. After the show the party continued in the Line dance rooms. There was the beginner workshops and Line Dance Party with Debi and Gale and Big Dave manned the review/open dance room in one ballroom and Louie St. George kept the party hopping in the main ballroom. People stayed up late and partied as we always do on Saturday night. I had a great time.

Of course, the big event on Saturday night is the parade. What wonderful costumes there were. I'm still wondering how these people get their costumes to the event on a plane. All of them were just great.

SUNDAY:

I left in the morning on Sunday but everyone I talked with had a great time and I heard a lot of people stayed and danced and just had a wonderful day together on Sunday. There is always a little pizza party on Sunday evening so plan to stay over next year and enjoy another great day at the Marathon. You sure wont regret it!

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Techclinic SPANISH STYLE

French instructor, choreographer and part time reporter for Linedancer *Michèle Godard* recently went to Spain for an event with a difference. She came back enthused and sent us this report.





I spent the first weekend in May not in my little town in France but in a super hotel in Santa Susana near Barcelona. It was a well earned holiday break but a Line dance one of course! And it was a break like no other as my friends Cati Torella and George Rius from Line Dance Spain had organized 'TechClinic', a series of workshops on technique rather than the discovery of new dances.

The guest list was an impressive one with Neil Smith, Daniel Whittaker and the sparkling new WCDF star, Henneke van Ruitenbeek. They were all sensational as you will read later.

It all kicked off on the Friday evening with a welcome glass (or two) of Cava as it happened to be my birthday (we are always made to feel so welcome with our Catalonian friends!) and we followed by looking at the workshops on offer for the next two days and deciding which ones we would prefer to attend.

Then we went on to do some social dancing (of course) where we were thrilled to be able to dance Chill Factor with Daniel, its creator. He was, as always, a brilliant host and finished the set by reminding us to be there at 9 am sharp. The great thing about the workshop was the sheer choice of styles on offer. From West Coast to East Coast Swing, Polka to Waltz and Cuban as well as Funky to Night club to name but a few, there was plenty to entice anyone who loves dancing.

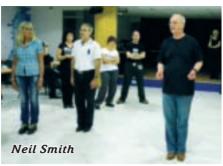
Daniel Whittaker took us through Jo Thompson Szymanski Shoes Of Another Man for the perfect example of a West Coast Swing for example and we truly enjoyed discovering the finer points of the technique behind the steps with this most excellent of instructor.

Then we discovered a new star in the 19 year old Henneke Van Ruitenbeek. It was a real pleasure to watch her move. Henneke had workshops on East Coast Swing and Polka. I have to tell you that I have followed many workshops on technique before but rarely have I been in a class with such sparkle and liveliness. To learn and laugh at the same time is perfect.... It also looked as though she had as good as a time as we did.

Henneke also showed another side with her graceful demonstration and subsequent workshop on the Night Club. She is really impressive.

And yes you guessed it! On Saturday night, despite the eight hours of technique lessons, we were all on the dance floor putting into practice what we had learnt throughout the day for the big Fiesta!

On Sunday morning at 9am sharp (again!) we started with the Cuban genre and Neil Smith was on hand to give us some very good tips to improve our dancing then he



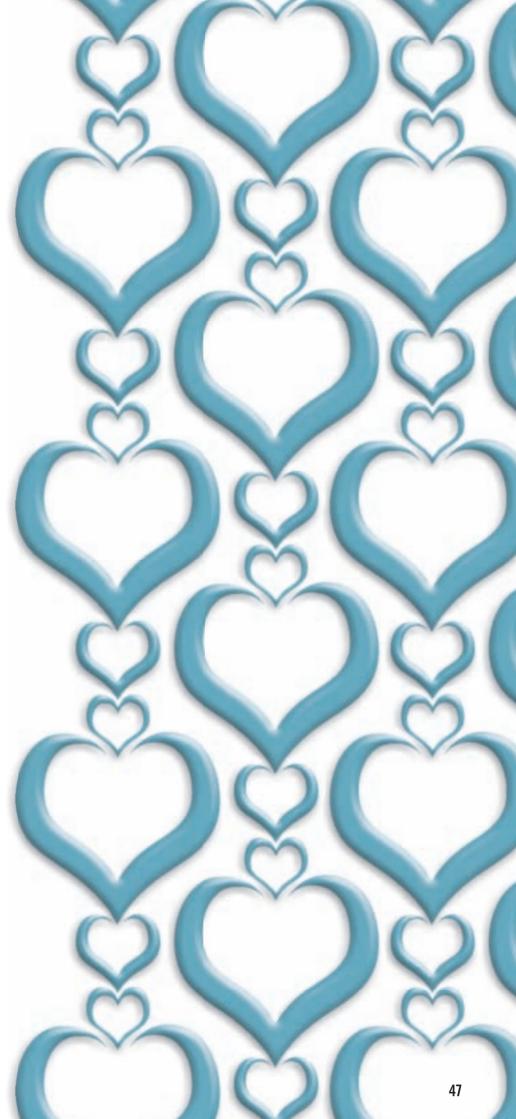


went on to the very different genre of the Waltz and was absolutely amazing.

If these workshops seem a tad boring and repetitive on paper, the reality is quite different. The atmosphere was just electric with a real sense of togetherness borne from the many different nationalities there. We could hear English dancers, Germans, Catalonians, Spanish, French... the world at large seemed to be together learning to dance better in one big room!

Sunday afternoon was devoted to more tips to better our presentation, demonstrations, with Henneke and set to the dance Love Bug. I can't tell you how we ended up laughing our socks off but still knowing how much we had worked and how much we were about to take back to our respective classes.

The real strength of such an event for me, is the value of the information you take back with you. Learning new dances is always exciting but because so many dances are short lived eventually you remember the event as a great weekend, but you don't always recall what you learnt. Well I don't anyway! However, "Techclinic" gave me real insight and a real add-on to my database on technique. My dancing improves each time I learn about technique and this event is truly invaluable to any dancer who wants to be a better dancer.



NEW on the dance floor

As you know, we print 14 dances each month and sometimes the choice is quite difficult. Did you know that we receive hundreds of scripts each month and that they are available 24/7 on www.linedancermagazine.com. Here's a small selection of some of this month's entries...Don't forget it is easy for you to enter your own script on the website... More details on www.linedancermagazine.com

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	Entertain Me La Bamba Makin' Friends Rock N Love	Michael Lynn Eva Pau Linda Yu/Lilly Lee Peter And Alison	For Your Entertainment — Adam Lambert La Bamba — Los Lobos Do You Wanna Be My Friend Bleeding Love — The Baseballs
	Blown Away Orgasmatron	Dan McInerney Michael Lynn	Lick Shots — Missy Elliot Dirty Talk — Wynter Gordon

Niels Poulsen

The Stroma Dance



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PETER METELNICK

Heartbreak Express

	4 WALL – 32 COUNTS – INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1	Side, Behind, Heel Ball Cross, Right Side Rock & Cross Shuffle			
1 – 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step Behind	Right	
3 & 4	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left. Cross left over right.	Heel Ball Cross		
5 – 6	Rock right to right side. Rock weight onto left in place.	Side Rock	On the spot	
7 & 8	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Step Cross	Left	
Section 2	Side, Behind, Heel Ball Cross, Rock 1/4 Turn Right, Shuffle Forward			
1 – 2	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step Behind	Left	
3 & 4	Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right. Cross right over left.	Heel Ball Cross		
5 – 6	Rock left to left side. Recover onto right making 1/4 turn right.	Rock Turn	Turning right	
7 & 8	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Shuffle Step	Forward	
Section 3	Forward Steps, Kick Ball Change, Step 1/4 Turn Left x 2			
1 – 2	Step forward right. Step forward left.	Right Left	Forward	
3 & 4	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot	
5 – 6	Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step Turn	Turning left	
7 – 8	Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step Turn		
Section 4	Rock Step, Shuffle 1/2 Turn Right, Rock Step, Coaster Cross			
1 – 2	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock Step	On the spot	
3 & 4	Shuffle step 1/2 turn right, stepping – Right, Left, Right.	Shuffle Turn	Turning right	
5 – 6	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Rock Step	On the spot	
7 & 8	Step back left. Step right beside left. Cross left over right.	Coaster Cross		

Choreographed by: Peter Metelnick July 98
Choreographed to: 'Tonight The Heartache's On Me' by Dixie Chicks (120 bpm) from 'Wide Open Spaces' album. Start dance when the 'Chicks' sing

"...out the door", the first step of the dance is on the word 'door'.

Music Suggestions: 'It Took Us All Night Long To Say Goodbye' by Gary Allen,

'If You're Ever Down In Dallas' by Lee Ann Womack









That Ain't Gonna Fly

4 WALL – 32 COUNTS – BEGINNER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1	Brush Steps, Toe Tap, Heel Taps, Forward Step, Together		
1 – 2	Brush right back across front of left. Brush right toe forward.	Brush Brush	On the spot
3 – 4	Brust right stright back. Tap right toe back.	Brush Tap	
5 – 6	Tap right heel forward <u>twice</u> .	Heel Heel	
7 – 8	Step right forward. Close left beside right.	Step Together	Forward
Section 2	Heel Splits, Grapevine Right		
1 – 2	Split heels apart. Return heels together.	Heel Split	On the spot
3 – 4	Split heels apart. Return heels together.	Heel Split	
5 – 6	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step Behind	Right
7 – 8	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Step Together	
Section 3	Heel Splits, Grapevine Left		
1 – 2	Split heels apart. Return heels together.	Heel Split	On the spot
3 – 4	Split heels apart. Return heels together.	Heel Split	
5 – 6	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step Behind	Left
7 – 8	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Step Touch	
Section 4	Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Step, Clap, Step 1/4 Turn Right, Step, Clap		
1 – 2	Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step Pivot	Turning left
3 – 4	Step right forward. Clap.	Step Clap	
5 – 6	Step left forward. Make 1/4 turn right.	Step Turn	Turning Right
7 – 8	Step left beside right. Clap.	Step Clap	

Choreographed by: Michéle Godard (FR) April 2010

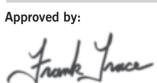
Choreographed to: 'That Ain't Gonna Fly' by Gary Allan (152bpm) from CD Get Off On The Pain; (start on lyrics)

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Volare

	1 WALL – 48 COUNTS – BEGINNER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Note	Side Steps, with Touches Step right to right side. Touch left beside right. Step left to left side. Touch right beside left. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right. Step left to left side. Touch right beside left. As you perform these steps travel slightly forward.	Right Touch Left Touch Right Touch Left Touch	Right Left Right Left	
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8	Right Extended Grapevine, Right Rock Cross, Hold Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Rock right to right side. Recover onto left. Cross right over left. Hold.	Step Behind Step Cross Right Rock Cross Hold	Right On the spot	
Section 3 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Side Steps, with Touches Step left to left side. Touch right beside left. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right. Step left to left side. Touch right beside left. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Left Touch Right Touch Left Touch Right Touch	Left Right Left Right	
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Left Extended Grapevine, Left Rock 1/4 Turn Right, Step Forward, Hold Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left. Rock left to left side. Recover onto right making 1/4 turn right. (3:00) Step left forward. Hold.	Step Behind Step Cross Rock Turn Step Hold	Left Turning right Forward	
Section 5 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8	Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Step 1/4 Turn Left, Jazz Box Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left. (6:00) Cross right over left. Step back left. Step right to right side. Step forward left.	Step Pivot Step Turn Cross Back Side Step	Turning Left On the spot	
Section 6 1 & 2 3 & 4 5 - 8	Small Shuffles Forward, Step 1/2 Pivot, Touch, Hold Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right. (very small steps) Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left. (very small steps) Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Touch right beside left. Hold. (12:00)	Right Shuffle Left Shuffle Step Pivot Touch Hold	Forward Turning left	
(Option Opening) 1 - 2 3 - 4 Note	(4 Count Dramatic Opening) Begin facing back, left over right (weight on right) arms down. After 8 counts: Slowly unwind 1/2 turn right over 2 counts, raising arms to make V shape Arms should be in V for 3. Hold count 4. (weight on left). Begin dance. As you start dance arms are in air, so you can wave side to side with finger snaps.	Unwind Arms Up Hold	On the spot	

Choreographed by: Frank Trace(USA) May 2010

Choreographed to: 'Volare' by Bobby Rydell (120 bpm) 2m26s version

from CD Best of Bobby Rydell.

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Country Hitch

	4 WALL – 32 COUNTS – BEGINNER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Chasse Right, Back Rock, Chasse Left, Back Rock Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side. Rock back on left. Recover onto right. Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side. Rock back on right. Recover onto left.	Side Close Side Back Rock Side Close Side Back Rock	Right On the spot Left On the spot	
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 Option 5 - 6 7 - 8 Option	Grapevine 1/4 Turn, Hitch, Walk Back x 3, Hitch Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Make 1/4 turn right and step right forward. Hitch left. Count 4: hitch thumbs back shoulder high. Walk back left. Walk back right. Step left back. Hitch right. Count 8: hitch thumbs back shoulder high	Side Behind Turn Hitch Back Back Back Hitch	Right Turning right Back	
Section 3 1 - 2 Option 3 - 4 Option 5 - 6 Option 7 - 8 Option	Diagonal Step Touches, Step Kicks Back Step right back on right diagonal. Touch left beside right. Clap on touch. Step left forward on left diagonal Touch right beside left. Clap on touch. Step right back. Kick left. Snap fingers shoulder high on kick. Step left back. Kick right. Snap fingers shoulder high on kick.	Back Touch Forward Touch Back Kick Back Kick	Back Forward Back	
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Back Rock, Step, Pivot 1/4, Weave 1/4 Turn Rock back on right. Recover onto left. Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 turn left (weight on left). Turn 1/4 left stepping right to right side. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Back Rock Step Turn Turn Behind Side Cross	On the spot Turning left Right	

Choreographed by: Vivienne Scott (CA) April 2010

Choreographed to: 'That's How Country Boys Roll' by Billy Currington (120 bpm)

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CD Bigger Hands (32 count intro); 'Pretty Drunk Out Tonight'

by George Canyon (144 bpm) from CD What I Do (very quick 4-count intro)





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Excuse Me

	4 WALL – 32 COUNTS – IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1	Grapevine Right, Cross, Back Lock Step, Touch			
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.	Side Cross		
5 – 6	Step right back. Lock left across right.	Back Lock	Back	
7 – 8	Step right back. Touch left beside right.	Back Touch		
Section 2	Grapevine Left, Scuff, Forward Lock Step, Touch			
1 – 2	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Side Behind	Left	
3 – 4	Step left to left side. Scuff right forward.	Side Scuff		
5 – 6	Step right forward. Lock left behind right.	Step Lock	Forward	
7 – 8	Step right forward. Touch left beside right.	Step Touch		
Section 3	Forward, Hold, 1/4 Turn, Hold, Jazz Box With Touch			
1 – 2	Step left forward. Hold.	Forward Hold	Forward	
3 – 4	Step right forward making 1/4 turn left. Hold.	Turn Hold	Turning left	
5 – 8	Cross left over right. Step right back. Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Jazz Box Touch	On the spot	
Section 4	Toe Strut Back x 2, Back, Forward, Stomp x 2			
1 – 2	Step right toe back. Drop right heel taking weight.	Back Strut	Back	
3 – 4	Step left toe back. Drop left heel taking weight.	Back Strut		
5 – 6	Bounce/step back on right. Step left big step forward.	Back Forward	On the spot	
7 – 8	Stomp right. Stomp left beside right.	Stomp Stomp		

Choreographed by: Jan Wyllie (Aus) May 2010

Choreographed to: 'Excuse Me (I Think I've Got A Headache)' by The Mavericks (128 bpm) from CD The Mavericks Collection; also available as download from

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Jacky Don Tucker

	2 WALL – 36 COUNTS – IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1	Step, Touch Back, Back, Heel, Hook, Heel, Hook, Heel			
1 – 2	Step right forward. Touch left toe behind right.	Step Touch	Forward	
3 – 4	Step left back. Touch right heel forward.	Back Heel	Back	
5 – 6	Hook right in front of left shin. Touch right heel forward.	Hook Heel	On the spot	
7 – 8	Hook right in front of left shin. Touch right heel forward.	Hook Heel		
Section 2	Grapevine, Touch, Step, Touch Back, Back, Heel			
1 – 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Side Behind	Right	
3 – 4	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Side Touch		
5 – 6	Step left forward. Touch right toe back.	Step Touch	Forward	
7 – 8	Step right back. Touch left heel forward.	Back Heel	Back	
Section 3	1/4 Turn, Stomp/Clap, 1/4 Turn, Stomp/Clap, Slow Coaster Step, Touch			
1 – 2	Turn 1/4 left stepping left to left side. Stomp right beside left and clap. (9:00)	Turn Stomp	Turning left	
3 – 4	Turn 1/4 right stepping right to right side. Stomp left beside right and clap. (12:00)	Turn Stomp	Turning right	
5 – 6	Step left back. Step right beside left.	Back Together	Back	
7 – 8	Step left forward. Touch right beside left.	Step Touch	Forward	
Section 4	Monterey 1/4 Turn x 2			
1 – 2	Touch right toe to right side. Turn 1/4 right stepping right beside left.	Touch Turn	Turning right	
3 – 4	Touch left toe to left side. Step left beside right.	Touch Together	On the spot	
5 – 6	Touch right toe to right side. Turn 1/4 right stepping right beside left.	Touch Turn	Turning right	
7 – 8	Touch left toe to left side. Step left beside right.	Touch Together	On the spot	
Section 5	Heel, Together, Heel/Toe Swivel			
1 – 2	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left.	Heel Together	On the spot	
3 – 4	Swivel left heel to left and right toe to right. Swivel heel and toe back to centre.	Swivel Swivel		

Choreographed by: Anna Picerno (Germany) April 2010

Choreographed to: 'Jacky Don Tucker (Play By The Rules, Miss All The Fun)'

by Toby Keith (158bpm) from CD Dream Walkin' (32 count intro)

and Broken Bridges Soundtrack; also Itunes and Amazon





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Dreamers

	4 WALL – 32 COUNTS – IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1	Touch Forward, Touch Side, & Touch 1/4 Turn Left, Dip, Shuffle Forward			
1 – 2	Touch right toe forward. Touch right toe to right side.	Front Side	On the spot	
& 3 – 4	Step right beside left. Touch left toe to left side. 1/4 turn left (toe remains forward)	& Left Turn	Turning left	
5 – 6	Dip down (bend knees). Straighten up (weight rmains back on right). (9:00)	Down Up	On the spot	
7 & 8	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward	
Section 2	Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Right Shuffle Forward, Rock Step, Coaster Step			
1 – 2	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 Turn left.	Step Pivot	Turning left	
3 & 4	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Shuffle Step	Forward	
5 – 6	Rock forward on left. Recover back onto right.	Forward Rock		
7 & 8	Step back on left. Step right beside left. Step left forward.	Coaster Step	On the spot	
Section 3	Forward Rock, Shuffle 1/2 Turn Right, Full Turn Forward, Shuffle Forward			
1 – 2	Rock forward on right. Recover back onto left.	Rock Step	On the spot	
3 & 4	Shuffle 1/2 turn right stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Shuffle 1/2 Turn	Turning right	
5 – 6	Make 1/2 turn right, steppng back onto left. Make 1/2 turn right, stepping forward onto right.	Turn Turn	Forward	
Option	To remove full turn : Walk forward - Left, Right.			
7 & 8	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward	
Section 4	Jazz Box, Monterey 1/2 Turn Right			
1 – 2	Cross right over left. Step back on left.	Cross Back	On the spot	
3 – 4	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Side Cross		
5 – 6	Point right to right side. Make 1/2 turn right on left, stepping right beside left.	Out Turn	On the spot	
7 – 8	Point left to left side. Step left beside right.	Out Together		
Tag	Chasse Right, Back Rock, Chasse Left, Back Rock.			
	Danced once at end of Wall 5 following instrumental in music (facing 3:00).			
1 & 2	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right	
3 – 4	Rock back on left. Recover forward onto right.	Back Rock	On the spot	
5 & 6	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	Left	
7 – 8	Rock back on right. Recover forward onto left.	Back Rock	On the spot	

Choreographed by: Gaye Teather (UK) 2010

Choreographed to: 'We Were Dreamers' by Paul Bailey (128bpm); available as download from ???

Tag: The tag is danced once at end of Wall 5, then start dance again.







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Henricon Asper

Eyes Of A Child

4 WALL – 48 COUNTS – IMPROVER			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 – 3 4 – 6	Step, 1/4 Turn, Together, 1/4 Turn Step left forward. Turn 1/4 left stepping right to right side. Step left beside right. Turn 1/4 left stepping right back. Step left to left side. Step right in place.	Step Turn Together Turn Side Side	Turning left
Section 2 1 – 3 4 – 6	Forward Basic, Right Twinkle Step left forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place. Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Step right in place.	Forward 2 3 Cross Side Step	Forward On the spot
Section 3 1 – 3 4 – 6	Left Twinkle, Back Basic Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Step left to left side. Step right back. Step left beside right. Step right in place.	Cross Side Step Back 2 3	On the spot Back
Section 4 1 – 3 4 – 6	Cross Rock, Side, Cross Rock, 1/4 Turn Cross rock left over right. Recover onto right. Step left to left side. Cross rock right over left. Recover onto left. Turn 1/4 right stepping right to side.	Cross Rock Side Cross Rock Turn	On the spot Turning right
Section 5 1 – 3 4 – 6	Weave, Sway x 3 Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Sway right. Sway left. Sway right.	Cross Side Behind Sway 2 3	Right On the spot
Section 6 1 – 2 3 4 – 6	Turning Vine, Sway x 3 Turn 1/4 left stepping left forward. Turn 1/2 left stepping right back. Turn 1/4 left stepping left to left side. Sway right. Sway lelft. Sway right.	Left Turn Side Sway 2 3	Turning left On the spot
Section 7 1 – 3 4 – 6	Step, 1/2 Turn, Together, Reverse 1/2 Turn Step left forward. Turn 1/2 left stepping right back. Step left beside right. Reverse 1/2 turn right, stepping - right, left, right.	Forward Half Turn Right Turn Step	Turning left Turning right
Section 8 1 – 3 4 – 6	Step, Pivot 1/2, Step, Full Turn, Step Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right stepping right forward. Step left forward. Turn 1/2 left stepping right back. Turn 1/2 left stepping left forward. Step right forward.	Step Pivot Step Full Turn Step	Turning right Turning left
Tag 1 – 3 4 – 6	End of Wall 2: Step, 1/4 Turn, Side, 1/4 Turn, Side, Side Step left forward. Turn 1/4 left stepping right to right side. Step left beside right. Turn 1/4 left stepping right back. Step left to left side. Step right in place. Step, Point, Back, Point	Forward Turn Left Turn Side Together	Turning left
1 – 3 4 – 6	Step left forward. Point right to right side. Hold. Step right back. Point left to left side. Hold.	Step Right Point Back Left Point	Forward Back

Choreographed by: Ravin' Stompers (UK) April 2010

Choreographed to: 'Through The Eyes Of A Child' by Mike Kelly, from album 'My Veronica' also available as FREE download from mikekellycountry.com (12 count intro)

Tag: There is a 12-count Tag, danced at the end of Wall 2





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Hompson True Love Two Step

4 WALL – 64 COUNTS – INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	Direction
Section 1 1 – 4 5 – 8	Walk, Hold, Walk, Hold, Forward Lock Step, Hold Step right forward. Hold. Step left forward. Hold. Step right forward. Lock left behind right. Step right forward. Hold	Right Hold Left Hold Right Lock Right Hold	Forward
Section 2 1 2 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	1/4 Turn Scissor Step, Hold, 1/4 Turn, 1/4 Turn, Cross, Hold Making 1/4 turn right step left to left side (face 3:00, step left to 12:00). Step right beside left. Cross left over right. Hold. Making 1/4 turn left, step right back. Turn 1/4 left step left to left side. Cross right over left. Hold.	Turn Together Cross Hold Turn Turn Cross Hold	Turning right Right Turning left Left
Section 3 1 – 4 5 – 8	Rumba Box Step left to left side. Step right beside left. Step left forward. Hold. Step right to right side. Step left beside right. Step right back. Hold.	Side Together Step Hold Side Together Back Hold	Forward Back
Section 4 1 – 4 5 – 8 Restart	Back, Hold, Back, Hold, Coaster Step, Hold Step left back. Hold. Step right back. Hold. Step left back. Step right beside left. Step left forward.Hold. Wall 3: Restart dance again from beginning at this point.	Left Hold Right Hold Coaster Step Hold	Back On the spot
Section 5 1 – 4 5 – 8	Charleston Touch right forward. Hold. Step right back. Hold. Touch left back. Hold. Step left forward. Hold.	Touch Hold Back Hold Touch Hold Step Hold	On the spot
Section 6 1 – 4 5 – 8	Step, Hold, 1/2 Turn, Hold, Step, Hold, 1/4 Turn, Hold Step right forward. Hold. Turn 1/2 left (weight onto left). Hold. Step right forward. Hold. Turn 1/4 left (weight onto left). Hold.	Step Hold Turn Hold Step Hold Turn Hold	Turning left
Section 7 1 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8 Note	Stomp With Toe Fan Taps, Stomp, Step, Stomp, Step Stomp right slightly forward, right toe turned in (weight still on left). Fan right toe out, dropping it to floor like a toe tap. Fan right toe in, dropping it to floor. Fan right toe out, stepping right to side. Stomp left slightly forward and across right. Step left to left side. Stomp right slightly forward across front of left. Step right to right side. Counts 1-8: feet should remain fairly close together, no forward travel.	Stomp Out In Out Stomp Step Stomp Step	On the spot
Section 8 1 - 3 4 5 - 8 Note	Weave, 1/4 Turn, Stomp, Hold, 1/2 Turn/Pop, Hold Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Making 1/4 turn right, step right forward. Stomp left forward. Hold. Turn sharp 1/2 right keeping weight on left. Hold. Last turn, allow right knee to bend with ball of right forward on floor, right heel lifted.	Cross Side Behind Turn Stomp Hold Turn Hold	Right Turning right

Choreographed by: Jo Thompson Szymanski, Michael Barr & Michele Burton (US) May 2010

Choreographed to: 'True Love' by Nancy Hays (172 bpm) from CD Big Band Country; also available as download from amazon.co.uk or iTunes (32 count intro)

Restart: There is one Restart, during Wall 3, after 32 counts









Be Glad, You Can't Read My Mind

2 WALL – 64 COUNTS – INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Grapevine 1/4 Turn, Hold, 1/4 Turn, Behind, 1/4 Turn, Hold Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Make 1/4 turn left and step left forward. Hold. Make 1/4 turn left and step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Make 1/4 turn right and step right forward. Hold. (9:00)	Left Behind Turn Hold Turn Behind Turn Hold	Left Turning left
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8	Step, Pivot 1/2, 1/2 Turn, Hold, Coaster Step, Hold Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right. Making 1/2 turn right step left back. Hold. Step right back. Step left beside right. Step right forward. Hold.	Step Pivot Turn Hold Coaster Step Hold	Turning right
Section 3 1 - 3 4 - 6 7 - 8	Forward Lock Step x 2, Step, Hold Step left forward. Lock right behind left. Step left forward. Step right forward. Lock left behind right. Step right forward. Step left forward. Hold.	Left Lock Left Right Lock Right Left Hold	Forward
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Behind, Side, Cross, Hold, Pivot 1/4, Step, Hold Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left. Hold. Step left to left side. Pivot 1/4 right and step right forward. Step left forward. Hold. (12:00)	Behind Side Cross Hold Step Turn Step Hold	Left Turning right Forward
Section 5 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 8	Full Turn, Hold, Scissor Step, Hold Make 1/2 turn left stepping right back. Make 1/2 turn left and step left forward. Step right forward. Hold. Step left to left side. Step right beside left. Cross left over right. Hold.	Full Turn Step Hold Scissor Step Hold	Turning left Forward On the spot
Section 6 1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Lock Step Back, Together, Cross, Back, 1/2 Turn, Hold Step right back. Lock left across right. Step right back. Step left beside right. Cross right over left. Step left back. Make 1/2 turn right and step right forward. Hold. (6:00)	Back Lock Back Step Cross Back Turn Hold	Back Turning right
Section 7 1 – 4 7 – 8	Forward Mambo, Hold, Back Mambo, Hold Rock forward on left. Rock back on right. Step left in place. Hold. Rock back on right. Rock forward on left. Step right in place. Hold.	Left Mambo Hold Back Mambo Hold	On the spot
Section 8 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Pivot 1/2, Step, Hold, Pivot 1/2, Step, Hold Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right. Step left forward. Hold. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step right forward. Hold.	Step Pivot Step Hold Step Pivot Step Hold	Turning right Forward Turning left Forward

Choreographed by: Susanne Mose Nielsen (DK) March 2010

Choreographed to: 'You Can't Read My Mind' by Toby Keith (152bpm) from CD American Ride (32 count intro)

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





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Approved by:

Cray Gennett

For The Lovers

4 WALL – 64 COUNTS – INTERMEDIATE				
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Side Roc, Cross Shuffle, Step Hitch, Back Point Rock to right side on right. Recover onto left. Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left. Step left forward to left diagonal. Hitch right knee. Step right back to right diagonal. Point left to left side.	Right Rock Cross Shuffle Step Hitch Back Point	On the spot Left Diagonally Left Back	
Section 2 1 - 2 3 - 4 & 5 - 6 7 & 8	Turning Cross Point, Monterey 1/2 Turn, Cross Side, Syncopated Weave Cross left over right making 1/8 turn left (9:00) Point right to right side. Make 1/2 turn right, stepping onto right beside left. Point lef to left side. Step left beside right. Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side cross right over left.	Turn Point Turn Point & Cross Side Behind Side Cross	Turning left Turning right Left	
Section 3 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Left SIde Rock, Sailor 1/4 Turn Left, Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Shuffle Forward Rock to left side on left. Recover onto right. Cross left behind right making 1/4 turn left. Step right beside left. Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Left Rock Sailor Turn Step Pivot Right Shuffle	On the spot Turning left Turning left Forward	
Section 4 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8 Restart	Step Lock, Left Shuffle Forward, Step 1/2 Pivot Left, 1/4 Turn Rock, Touch Step forward left. Lock right behind left. Step forward left. Close right beside left. step forward left. Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. 1/4 turn left rocking right out to right side. Recover onto left. Touch right beside left. During wall 2 restart dance from beginning at this point.	Step Lock Left Shuffle Step Pivot Turn Rock Touch	Forward Turning left	
Section 5 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Side Rock Right, Syncopated Weave, Side Rock Left, Syncopated Weave Rock to right side on right. Recover onto left. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left. Rock to left side on left. Recover onto right. Cross 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 6 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 & 8	Step 1/2 Pivot Left x 2, Forward Rock, Right 1/4 Turn Chasse Step forward on right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward on right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Rock forward on right. Recover back onto left. 1/4 turn right stepping right to right side. Step left beside right. Step right to right side.	Step Pivot Step Pivot Rock Recover Turn Close Side	Turning left On the spot Turning right	
Section 7 1 & 2 3 - 4 5 & 6 7 - 8	Cross Side, Syncopated Weave, Side Rock Right, Syncopated Weave Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Rock to right side on right. Recover onto left. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Side Behind Side Cross Right Rock Behind SIde Cross	Right On the spot Left	
Section 8 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Left Rock 1/4 Turn Right, Back Lock Step, 1/4 Turn Right, Touch, 1/4 Turn Left, Touch Rock to left side on left. Recover onto right making 1/4 turn right. Step back on left. Lock right across left. Step back left. Make 1/4 turn right stepping right to right side. Touch left beside right. Step left 1/4 turn left. Touch right beside left.	Rock Turn Back Lock Step Turn Touch Turn Touch	Turning right Back Turning right Turning left	

Choreographed by: Craig Bennett (UK) May 2010

Choreographed to: 'All The Lovers' by Kylie Minogue (121 bpm)

from CD Aphrodite

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

Restart: During Wall 2, after count 32 (facing back) restart from beginning.





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Don't Kill The DJ

4 WALL – 64 COUNTS – INTERMEDIATE			
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Step, Touch, Step, Touch, Grapevine 1/4 Turn, Scuff Step right to right side. Touch left toe beside right instep. Step left to left side. Touch right toe beside left instep. Step right to right side. Cross left behind right. Turn 1/4 right stepping right forward. Scuff left forward.	Right Touch Left Touch Side Behind Turn Scuff	Right Left Right Turning right
Section 2 1 – 2 3 – 4 5 – 8	Step, Touch, Back, Kick, Back Lock Step, Kick Step left forward. Touch right toe beside left instep. Step right back. Kick left forward. Step left back. Lock step right across left. Step left back. Kick right forward.	Step Touch Back Kick Back Lock Back Kick	Forward Back
Section 3 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Back, Touch, Step, Scuff, Toe Strut x 2 Step right back. Touch left toe beside right instep. Step left forward. Scuff right forward. Step right toe forward. Drop right heel taking weight. Step left toe forward. Drop left heel taking weight.	Back Touch Step Scuff Toe Strut Toe Strut	Back Forward
Section 4 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Jazz Box 1/4 Touch, Forward Rock, 1/2 Turn, Hold Cross right over left. Turn 1/4 right stepping left back. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right instep. Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Make 1/2 turn left stepping left forward. Hold.	Cross Turn Side Touch Forward Rock Turn Hold	Turning right Right On the spot Turning left
Section 5 1 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	Triple Full Turn, Hold, Cross, Side, Heel, Step Triple step full turn left (travelling forward) stepping - right, left, right. Hold. Cross left over right. Step right to right side and slightly back. Dig left heel forward to left diagonal. Step left back to place.	Triple Full Turn Hold Cross Side Heel Together	Turning left Right On the spot
Section 6 1 – 4 5 – 6 7 – 8	Weave, Monterey 1/4 Turn Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Step left to side. Cross right over left. Touch left out to left side. Pivot 1/4 turn left on right stepping left beside right. Touch right to right side.	Over Side Behind Side Cross Touch Turn Touch	Left Turning left
Section 7 1 - 3 4 - 5 6 7 - 8	Step, Swivel Heels x 2, Hitch, Step Back, Touch Step right forward. On balls of feet swivel heels to right. Swivel heels back to centre. On balls of feet swivel heels to right. Swivel heels back to centre. Hitch right knee. Step right back. Touch left toe beside right instep.	Step Swivel Swivel Swivel Swivel Hitch Back Touch	Forward On the spot Back
Section 8 1 - 3 4 - 5 6 - 8	Step, Kick x 2, Step Back, Together, Swivel Toe, Heel, Touch Step left forward. Kick right foot forward twice. Step right back. Step left beside right. Swivel left toe left. Swivel left heel left. Touch right toe beside left instep.	Step Kick Kick Back Together Toe Heel Touch	Forward Back Left

Choreographed by: Kate Sala (UK) April 2010

Choreographed to: 'We Belong To The Music' by Timbaland Feat Miley Cyrus from

CD Shock Value II, also available as download from amazon.co.uk

or iTunes (64 count intro)





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Faith & Desire

4 WALL – 32 COUNTS – INTERMEDIATE				
STEPS	Actual Footwork	Calling Suggestion	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 - 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8 & Option	Step, Cross, Side Rock, Cross, Out Out, Hip Rolls, Step Step left small step forward. Cross right over left with small sweep. Rock left to left side. Recover onto right slightly back. Cross left over right. Step right small step to right. Step left small step to left. Roll hips anticlockswise for full rotation. Continue anticlockwise hip roll finishing weigh on left body angled towards 10:00. During verses of music step 7 can become a Hold, adding rock or roll for &8.	Step Cross Left Rock Cross Out Out Hip roll & Step	Forward Left Right On the spot	
Section 2 1 & 2 3 - 4 & 5 6 7 & 8 Restart	Step, Together, 1/2 Turn,Rock & Touch, Pivot 1/2, Back Triple Run Step right forward. Lift (low hitch) left to right calf. Make 1/2 turn right (angle to 5:00). Push (rock) forward on left. Recover back onto right. Step left back. Touch right toe back. Reverse 1/2 turn right, leaving weight back on left. (Facing 10:00) Step right back. Step left back. Step right back. Walls 2 & 5: Restart dance again from beginning at this point, squaring up to wall. (Wall 2 - Restart facing 12:00; Wall 5 - Restart facing 3:00)	Step Hitch Turn Rock Recover & Touch Turn Run Run Run	Turning right On the spot Back Turning right Back	
Section 3 1 2 3 & 4 5 & 6 7 & 8 8	Side, Touch, Back Cross Step, Forward Lock Step, Hip-Figure 8-Mambo Step left to left side, squaring up to 9:00. Turning towards 7:00, touch right beside left, drawing in and knees bent. Push off on left as step right slightly back. Cross left behind right angling to 10:00. Step right 1/8 right to face 10:00. Step left forward. Lock right behind left. Step left forward. Push rock right forward rotating right hip clockwise. Recover onto left rotating left hip. Step right back completing hip movement.	Side Touch Back & Step Left Lock Left Rock Recover Step	Left Right Forward On the spot Back	
Section 4 1 2 & 3 4 & 5 6 7 & 8	Back Step Hip Rolls x 2, Full Spiral Turn, Triple 1/2 Turn Touch left back (no weight) facing 10:00 and roll hips. Transfer weight onto left and step right beside left. Touch left back (no weight) facing 10:00 and roll hips. Transfer weight onto left and step right beside left. Step left forward, squaring up to 9:00. Spin full turn right ending with right across, weight on left. Triple step 1/2 turn right, stepping - right, left, right. (3:00)	Touch Back & Touch Back & Step Spiral Triple Half Turn	On the spot Back On the spot Back Forward Turning right	

Choreographed by: Johanna Barnes (US) April 2010

Choreographed to: 'Come On Get Higher' by Matt Nathanson from CD Some Mad Hope;

or as download from amazon or iTunes (24 count intro - start on vocals)

Music Suggestion: 'Come On Get Higher' by Sugarland (Live) (Restarts on Walls - 2,4 & 6)

Restarts:

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

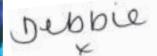




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Oh Ruby!

4 WALL – PHRASED – ADVANCED				
STEPS	Actual Footwork	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION	
Section 1 1 - 3 4 & 5 6 - 7 8 & 1	PART A Side, Sweep, Behind, Shuffle 1/4, Step, Pivot 1/4, Cross Side Behind Step right to side. Cross left behind right (sweeping right around). Cross right behind left. Step left to side. Step right beside left. Turning 1/4 left step left forward. (9:00) Step right forward. Pivot 1/4 left. (6:00) Cross right over left. Step left to side. Cross right behind left (sweeping left around).	Side Sweep Behind Shuffle Turn Step Turn Cross Side Behind	Right Turning left Left	
Section 2 2 & 3 & 4 5 – 7 & 8	Sweep & Touch, Turn Hitch, Step Pivot Turn, Ball Step Continue left sweep. Step left back. Touch right in front of left (sitting slightly). Step right forward. Make 3/8 turn left dragging left toe to right (facing 2:00). (Still on diagonal) Step left forward. Step right forward. Pivot 1/2 turn left. (7:00) Step right beside left. Step left big step forward towards diagonal.	Sweep & Touch Step Turn Left Right Pivot Ball Step	Back Turning left Forward	
Section 3 1 - 2 3 & 4 & 5 - 6 & 7 - 8	Cross Back, Side & Side & Turn Hitch, Ball, Walk Walk (Squaring up to 9:00) Cross right over left. Step left back. (Travelling slightly back to 2:00 diagonal) Step right to side. Step left beside right. Step right to right side. Step left beside right (still facing 9:00). Turning 1/4 right step right forward. Hitch left knee and spin 1/2 turn right. (6:00) Step left beside right. Walk forward right. Walk forward left.	Cross Back Side & Side & Turn Hitch & Walk Walk	Left Right Turning right Forward	
Section 4 1 & 2 3 & 4 5 - 6 7 & 8 &	Heel & Drag, Ball Cross, 1/4, 1/2, Rock & Back Turn Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left. Step left big step to left side. Drag right towards left. Step right beside left. Cross left over right. Turning 1/4 left step right back. Turning 1/2 left step left forward. (9:00) Rock forrward on right. Recover onto left. Step right back. Turning 1/2 left step left forward. (3:00)	Heel & Side Drag Ball Cross Turn Turn Rock & Back Turn	Left Right Turning left On the spot Turning left	
Section 1 1 - 2 3 - 4 5 - 6 7 - 8	PART B Walk, Step Pivot 1/2, Walk, Pivot 3/4 Turn Walk forward right. Hold. Step left forward. Pivot 1/2 turn right. Walk forward left. Hold. Step right forward. Pivot/unwind 3/4 turn left (weight onto left).	Walk Hold Step Pivot Walk Hold Step Pivot	Forward Turning right Forward Turning left	
Section 2 1 - 3 4 & 5 6 & 7 & 8	Step, Forward Rock, Back Lock Step, Kick Out Out, Ball Step Step right forward. Rock forward on left. Recover onto right. Step left back. Lock right across left. Step left back. Kick right forward. Step right out to right side. Step left out to left side. Step right to centre. Step left big step forward.	Step Forward Rock Back Lock Back Kick Out Out & Step	Forward Back On the spot Forward	
Sections 3-4 1 – 8	Walk, Pivot 1/2, Walk, Step 3/4, Step, Rock, Back Lock, Kick Out Out, Ball Step Repeat the above 16 counts.			
Section 5 1 2 & 3 4 & 5 & 6 & 7	Step, Rock & Cross, Rock & Cros & Behind & Rock Step right forward. Rock left out to left side. Recover onto right. Cross left over right. Rock right out to right side. Recover onto left. Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Rock left out to left side. Recover onto right.	Step Rock & Cross Rock & Cross & Behind Left Rock	Forward On the spot Left On the spot	
Section 6 8 & 1 2 & 3 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 8 &	Sailor Step x 2, Behind Side, Cross Shuffle, & Rock, Back, Turn Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place. Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Making 1/4 turn right rock right forward. Recover onto left. Step right back. Making 1/2 turn left step left forward.	Sailor Step Sailor Step Behind Side Cross Shuffle Rock Turn Back Turn	On the spot Right Turning right Turning left	
Ending	On last set of 'B' counts, turn 1/4 left stepping right to side to face front.			

Choreographed by: Debbie McLaughlin (UK) January 2010

Choreographed to: 'Ruby Blue' by Roisin Murphy from CD Ruby Blue (32 count intro)

Sequence: ABAAABAB

Styling note:On 3rd and 5th repeat of Part A, she sings 'STOP' on first count: put both hands out to side and make the step to side strong so it hits the break.







After seven years of dancing, you would think that you have been doing plenty of exercise to keep you fit, Pat. The truth is that unless we are doing sufficient activity when we are dancing then we may need to do additional activity to maintain our fitness levels.

One of the things that you need to watch out for in Line dancing is 'economy of movement'. What I mean by that is, being very good at using only enough energy to do the dance without really exerting yourself to feel that you are working comfortably hard. I know when I have a long teaching day to do, I reduce the amount of energy I use when I demonstrate to pace myself throughout the day. This means that I don't get part way through the day and feel whacked and wonder how I am going to continue. So being economical with movement certainly has its uses but it also has a downside too.

Simply getting on the floor to dance doesn't automatically mean we are all exercising at the same level and keeping fit. Some people will be laid-back dancers (maybe so laid-back they are hardly moving) others will chug along quite nicely without pushing the boat out as far as energy consumption goes. Then there are those who put everything into it and dance like they are on fire, burning energy and working hard like it's going out of style.

The more towards the laid-back dancer you are the less energy you will use up. That

of course, then means, the more you are towards the 'put everything into it' dancer the harder you will be working. Providing that you have no health reasons for your lack of fitness (check with your doctor if you need to) then you might find it helpful to first of all consider where you are in the energy output as far as your Line dancing goes.

If you are not sure whether you are a 'laid-back dancer' or a 'put everything into it' dancer then you could try using a simple 'talk test'. Basically if you can carry on a light conversation while you are dancing then you are working within your intensity range. If your find that your speech starts to slow down or break up or cause discomfort then you are working too hard.

So what you are aiming for when you dance is that your heart rate increases sufficiently to provide a good workout but stays within your appropriate intensity level. Think about a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being ultra laid-back and 10 being horribly out of breath) that would be somewhere around 4 or 5. If you feel you are so comfortable that your exertion is only around 1 or 2 then you know you need to give it a bit more welly on the dance floor.

When you are not dancing you can also use the 'talk test' to measure how hard you are working going up a hill or even if out for a walk — if you feel you are too high on the scale then ease off until you can talk again. Aiming for a good middle level on the scale regularly should help you to feel a bit fitter. Good luck.

Hi Sho
I do two or three Line
dance classes every week.
I have been Line dancing
for nearly seven years and noticed
that I am not as fit as I was when I
started. I can dance all night, that is
not a problem, but if I go up a lot of
stairs or walk up a hill I get so out of
breath. I thought Line dancing would
keep me fit.

Pat



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Spreading The Word

A Line dance event recently took place at the Iron Acton Parish Hall, it was called 'Stepping in Line for SARAID'. Sarah Cleaver told us: "I work for the Fire Brigade and share an office with a volunteer for SARAID (Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters). He is on call and most recently went to assist in Haiti. There are things people can do when these things happen which can save lives before help arrives and Saraid is planning to train people to spread the knowledge around. To support them we held a charity night and taught some Beginner dances, alternating these with requests for more experienced dancers, Lemon Tree, Galway Girls, Mojo Rhythm, Smokey Places, Playing with Fire. We had a traders area, a guess the name of the teddy competition and collected donations on the door. All of these proceeds were donated to

Saraid which was £200. We held a raffle and tombola with prizes donated by the dancers and this raised a total of £138 for the LDF. It was really wonderful how everyone from the Line dancing club pitched in to help, it's

really brought us together. Two other local clubs, 2 Left Feet from Dursley and a group who dance locally on a Monday, also came along and brought donations."



Dances With Wolves



"My daughter Sarah Williams who is an NF1 sufferer, recently received a cheque on behalf of the NFA (The Neurofibromatosis Association) for £100," Jill Williams told us: "The cheque was presented by teacher Bill Farrow at my Line dance club, Prairie Wolves in Wolverhampton. As a club we fundraise all year by way of raffles and social dances. At the end of the year we put the name of our favourite charity into a hat and draw three winners. This year I was one of them! I would like to thank everyone at my club for their fundraising efforts."

Walk Don't Run

Kim Ray and a few of her dancers took part in the Cancer Research UK Race For Life in Milton Keynes that took place in June. "We elected to walk and we finished in one hour and four minutes, we were well chuffed with ourselves. We have raised nearly £500 in sponsorships with a large part of that coming from Line dancers who know us and Line dancers who don't, with more coming in each day. We lost a dear friend and fellow Line dancer, Lyn Willats, to this awful disease last November and took part in her honour." In the photo from left to right is Lyn Bull, Annmarie Sparrow, Victoria Ray, Kim Ray, Sandie Pennington and Louise Sparrow.



Smile's All The Way



Liz Allcock recently held her second Charity Line Dance Social at Sandbach Cricket Club. This was in aid of The Smile Train Charity to help children born with a cleft lip and palate. "We raised over £300 on what was the hottest night of the year so far. An excellent raffle raised £100 and I would like to thank my friend and neighbour Jan Pointon for working so hard selling tickets."

Happy Birthday St. Leonards



David Purdy of Renes Revellers from York were invited to demonstrate and promote Line dancing and it's healthy attributes at St. Leonards Hospice's fundraising day. "St. Leonards does an incredible job not only looking after the terminally ill but giving help and support to their families. This particular day was special in that it celebrated 50 years of St Leonards Hospice. There was an incredible army of volunteers on the day, raising thousands of pounds for this worthwhile charity. We taught easy Beginner dances including Electric Slide, Cowboy Charleston, Chica Boom Boom and Ruby Baby. We roped in staff and members of the audience and the mascot 'Henry'. There were over 500 people there and we had lots of positive comments and are hopeful that the classes in York, not necessarily just ours, will benefit with lots of new Absolute Beginners taking part."

Oh Those Crazy Hazy Days!

Rep Ghazali and David Meaney of The Renegades Line Dancing Club in Edinburgh held their 6th Annual Charity fundraiser recently. Over 170 dancers descended on Edinburgh to share a fabulous day. They told us Crazy Hazy was the DJ and kept the floor busy throughout the day, playing a mix of new, old and classic dances as well. Gina MacDonald obtained the wonderful Bainfield Bowling



Club for the venue and sold hot food during the day. Maggie Harrison did a wonderful job of hosting the raffles. There was certainly a lot of happy dancers! The total raised on the day was over $\pounds 4,000$ for F.A.C.E (Fight Against Cancer Edinburgh). On behalf of The

Renegades can we thank all the clubs and individuals who continue to support our annual events, which make them the great success they are. Over the 6 events held so far, we have raised £22,779.44 for 6 deserving charities. Roll on 2011.

FORTHCOMING CHARITY EVENTS

SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 2010

Line dance at Stockport Ukrainan Club, 185 Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 7AA. Tickets £7.00 in advance. Raffle and Irish bingo. Entertainment from Magill and DJ Martine WKD. Please note no tickets will be available on the door. All raffle proceeds will be donated to Zoes Place Baby Hospice in Liverpool. For further information contact: 07960 343 624 or 07541 957 919.

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST 2010

A Line dance in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will take place from 2pm to 4.30pm in Town Hall Gardens, Lord Street, Southport (in front of Arts Centre). Programme & music by Graham Mackay. Compere TV & Radio Presenter, Derek Marks. All ages and levels welcome. Contact Val Martyn-Beck on 01704 550761 or Pam Walmsley on 01704 226658.

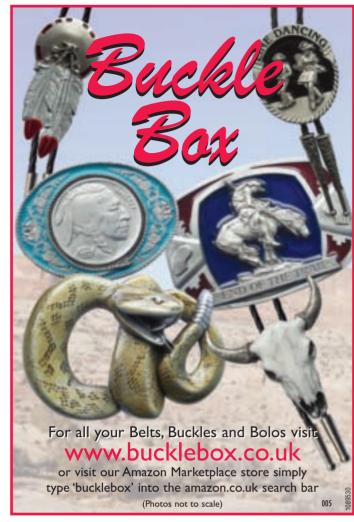
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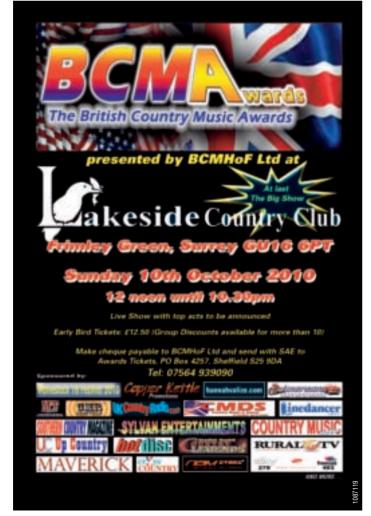
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FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2010

Line Dance Social in aid of BBC Children In Need. Sandbach Cricket Club,Hind Heath Lane, Sandbach, Cheshire. 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Tickets £4.00. For any further enquiries please contact: Liz Allcock on email: Eliz1@sky.com or phone: 01270 761779.











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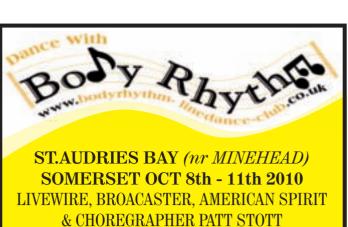
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Toes in the water



Meet a club that is not afraid of having fun..they are *Chay's Stompers* from the Wirral and boy! Do they know how to party....

hay's Stompers is a club in the beautiful Wirral county close to Liverpool and Chester. Chris and Steve have enjoyed organizing holidays for the group for some years now (since 2004) and they have been to Tunisia, Malta, Cyprus, Fuerteventura, Egypt and Turkey. This year, they returned to Turkey as they had loved it so much the first time round. Chris says: "In April, 175 of us set off to the Five Star Atlantis in Belek for a two week all inclusive Line dance holiday of a lifetime!" The resort had been chosen because of its amazing facilities like golf, splendid wethaer and of course.... DANCING!

Chris adds: "We don't teach any dances whilst away on holiday because there is so much to do and see, and people have family with them who don't dance so it is important that we don't overload our dancers... it is their holiday after all." However there were plenty of fun to be had with the social evenings and themes ranging from Hawaiian party to Glitz and Glamour. And as the group always organizes one last fun evening "All White On The Night", this was the most successful of them all with every participant making every effort to look amazing.

Chris says: "On top of all that we were treated to a display from The Chay's Spice

Boys and they did a belly dance to Senorita! WOW!"

The highlight for most of the dancers was to dance Toes on the beach. You can see the result in the photo in the feature. But make no mistake, they may look demure but it all ended up in a big huge beer spraying fight in the sea! So a real holiday with a difference. Chris tells us: "Well, if you ever want to have a holiday with lots of dances and a laugh, you will have to come with us."

Don't know about you, but my case is packed!

For any information please email Chris & Steve at chaysstompers@hotmail.co.uk







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This is one of the best chances you will have to rub shoulders with the stars.

As Music City continues to dig out from the historic flood of 2010, the drama in the lives of its celebrities continues unabated.

Chely Wright, who had a Number One in 1999 with "Single White Female", has released a new book in which she reveals she is gay. "Like Me" tells her dramatic story of living a closeted life as a Country star, with a secret live-in lover and constant fears of blackmail and exposure.

Chely discloses that **Brad Paisley** wanted to marry her and she had to break off her relationship with him because it was getting too serious. He would call her constantly, sometimes in tears, and was never aware of Chely's true sexuality until now.

Rodney Crowell was particularly supportive of Chely and helped produce her new album, in which she is able to sing openly about her true emotions for the first time. Singer **John Rich**, on the other hand, comes across as bigoted and bullying. He achieved press notoriety in the past for

calling gay people "unsavory" on a US talk radio show.

In other Nashville news, **Mindy McCready**, who recently featured on US television series "Celebrity Rehab" has been hospitalized and released for another reported drug overdose. Mindy has had a troubled life in recent years, having been nearly murdered by an exboyfriend, attempting suicide, and spending time in jail for drug-related offenses. She has just released a new album called "I'm Still Here", which includes a great new version of "The Dance", the **Garth Brooks** classic.

And on a happier note, celebrity twosome **Blake Shelton** and **Miranda Lambert** have announced their engagement. The couple have been a fixture for the last several years, after Blake's marriage to his childhood sweetheart crashed and burned. Miranda is currently riding high after winning Academy of Country Music Awards this year as Female Vocalist of the Year and an Album of the Year win for her latest release.

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This Month...









Miranda Lambert



Nielsen again.

This feature has been written by Jette M. Sørensen from the club Lucky Liners.

In October 2001, Linedancer magazine told us the story of Susanne Mose Nielsen from Hadsund in Denmark. An eel-fishing housewife, who taught Line dance in her spare time, managed a household with three children, and in charge of her husband books for his fishing cutter business, Susanne was a busy girl!

Ten years on, Susanne did run out of time... as far as the eel fishing went anyway. As she says: "The working hours simply took too much of my fun spare time!" Today she is one of the most requested Line dance instructors of Denmark and Scandinavia making a living from her hobby – the very best she knows: Line dancing. But Susanne being Susanne, she wears many other creative hats as authoress, producer, publisher, teacher, entertainer and choreographer.

Susanne Mose Nielsen was born in 1954 and grew up in Skagen in a big family with seven brothers and sisters. After finishing her education she worked in various occupations, and in 1977 she met her husband, Poul, whom she married in 1979. They eventually had three children together.

Her husband was a self-employed fisherman with a big cutter ship and while she was at home nursing the children she did the family's business accounts. At the same time - as Poul could be on the sea for weeks - she also got time for practising her many other interests and hobbies such as sewing, making ceramics figures and glass art.

It was during this period in the mid eighties she discovered square dance. The hobby







quickly developed as a passion and after approximately a year as a dancer, she became assistant instructor — as a caller - for a class under the local gymnastics association. From there, she also found out about Line dance and dancing became her life.

As the children grew older she began making a living by fishing eels. The eel fishing has its season from May to December and in that way she got time to dance in the winter.

As time went on she began getting more and more jobs as a guest instructor all over Denmark and had to give up eel fishing. In the year 2000 she started to instruct at Hadsund Linedance Cluband and now holds

11 classes a week at all ages and all levels. People travel from miles away to dance there, such is her popularity.

She is also a well known lecturer and appears as guest instructor/entertainer at many Line dance events.

Susanne is truly an amazing person and has many new initiatives that have changed the face of Line dance. She started an instructors association "Danish Line Dance", wrote a popular book "Linedance for fuld skrald" (transl. approx. "Line Dance At Full Blast") full of hints and help from her experiences as an instructor and dancer, produced and published her DVD "Linedance From The Top" in June 2006 with a special CD featuring John Dean.

She released another CD with music and dances aimed at the more mature dancer and this again was backed by John Dean.

Though she is also a talented seamstress, Line dancing today is Susanne Mose Nielsen's full time career, She has become an institution in the Danish world of Line dance and you may find her in Copenhagen one day, back in Northern Jutland the next day and down by the border the day after. She is a woman with ideas who make things happen. She does not know what the next project will be about but says: "If the right idea passes by, I'll probably jump right into it with both my feet!". We, in Denmark, are certainly very lucky to have such an ambassador for Line dance in our midst.

A workshop to remember











Vivienne Scott is a true globe trotter where Line dance is concerned... her latest invitation took her all the way to France. Here's what she did!

t was in the summer of 2009 when Fred Buckley and I were asked if we would be willing to go to France to teach. It was thanks to Canadian dancer Rita Furgiuele who had invited a French Line dance instructor, Brigitte Le Brun, to come and dance with her in Toronto. Brigitte had gone back, determined to bring Fred and I over to teach. She and her co-instructor Corinne Volant (Santiags West Dancers) got together with the instructors from two other Associations, Eric Le Cardonnel (Country Rock Dancers) and Isabelle Burel (Dynamite Country), and began work on their first-ever workshop. A dear Line dance friend, Gill Cossins, from the UK, now lived not too far from Quimper and was now instructing. It was decided that we would extend our time in France by staying with her and teaching a mini-workshop at her club. Four Canadian Line dancers reckoned they were coming with us and it

was becoming an adventure. Unfortunately Fred was not able to make it.

We had a few worries thanks to the ash cloud about whether or not we would get there but we did manage, despite some delays and very understanding air staff!

The workshop was held in a huge gymnasium with a floating wooden floor and a large stage. Lots of thought had gone into the decoration and the Canadian flag held pride of place. There were three two hour instruction sessions on the Saturday, the first for Intermediate dancers. A large number of instructors attended this session and they seemed happy with 'My Heart Won't Let Go', 'Cool' and 'Fool In Me'. Second up was a Beginner/Intermediate session with a dance Fred and I wrote specifically for the workshop 'Love In One Shot', followed by 'Do That Again?' and

'Small Stuff'. The last session was devoted to beginners, some of whom had never Line danced before. This was the biggest class of the day. There was a good response to 'Let's Chill', as well as 'Blue Cha', 'Clap Your Hands' and 'Country Hitch'.

I had been rather nervous about the teaching as my French is appalling and I had just about managed to master the French for "half turn", "quarter turn", "left", "right", and that was about it. There were lots of grins though so I'm not exactly sure what I was really telling the dancers to do. Nevertheless I've decided Line dancing has its own universal language because I had no trouble communicating if only by pointing in the right direction.

The Ball that evening was packed with dancers in their full finery of club shirts, sparkling belt buckles, hats, bolo ties and













boots. The DJ was the lively Eric. He did an excellent job the whole weekend and a dance list had been posted so you knew what was coming up. There was a mix of ages and many more men on the dance floor than I have seen elsewhere.

Whereas the focus on the Saturday had been dances to country music, the Sunday morning session was non-country. I met Marie Helene Moreau from Brest who had been asked to also teach on the Sunday. She is a delightful person and a talented, stylish dancer, it was a pleasure to take a class from her. She taught 'The Heartbreaker' and 'Playing With Fire'. I took over to teach 'Latin Crazy' and people must have enjoyed it as it was requested four times.

At Sunday lunchtime, I was told that the organizers had a surprise for me. In came a group of Breton musicians (Bagad de Briec)

followed by the Mayor of Edern and the Queen of Cornwall, followed by a group of Breton dancers (Gwen Ha Du). They arrived in the full splendour of traditional hand-made costumes. It was a delightful interlude and it was obvious that all who participated were very proud of their Breton culture and traditions. I should add that each day the lunch included wine, beer and the famous Breton cider, together with snacks and tasty home-made desserts.

The workshop turned out to be an amazing experience. It was hard to imagine that the dedicated and tireless group of organizers had never put anything like this together before, it ran so smoothly and efficiently.

When it was time to leave I was sad but my adventure was not yet over. Two of the Canadian dancers, Pete and Claudette, together with my husband Michael and I, headed off to Gill's 'Country Music Treveene' Association. A full house greeted us. It really does an instructor's heart good to look around and see so many smiling faces; they were a pleasure to teach. I was presented with a lovely gift by their charming Association President, Loic. I gather that many Line Dance clubs in France are run by a Committee which does all the organizational work leaving the instructor free to concentrate on the teaching. It's an interesting way to run a Line Dance Club and I think it has a lot of merits. Might be worth a discussion at some point!

So, if you are thinking of taking a holiday in France, most definitely include some Line dancing on your schedule. It is incredibly popular and the enthusiasm of the dancers is so contagious that it's an infection any Line dancer would be happy to catch.













Pop Quiz

1. Which port provided a hit for The Beautiful South? 2. What's the only battle to have been the one-word title of a No.1? 3. What colour was UB40's wine? 4. Which magazine shares its name with a Madonna No.1? 5. Who had her first No.1 as Mrs Sonny Bono? 6. Which seabird took Fleetwood Mac to No.1? 7. 50+ Deborah Harry returned to the 1999 charts with which group? 8. Which Dad's Army actor had a surprise No.1 hit with Grandad? 9. Who is the only Bryan to have a record at No.1 for 16 weeks? 10. Who had her first No.1 with Wuthering Heights?

Nord Ladder

A word ladder is a sequence of words formed by changing just one letter each time eg: CAT - COT - DOT - DOG.

Can you find the missing words? Use the clues if you get stuck.

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'Forecast in print' = Francien Sittrop

 $\hbox{`Inventive cost'} = \hbox{Vivienne Scott}$

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Youtpublishtooth many Hances. We would like to thank all of you who took part in our recent Reader's Survey. All participants were entered into a free draw with some great prizes and the winners are at the bottom of the page.

We wanted to know about you and exactly what you thought about Linedancer magazine. We asked you if there were any changes that you would like to see or just your general thoughts on the magazine. Our aim is to try and keep everyone happy on the dance floor.

We are sure you can understand that it takes time to peruse all of the replies to the survey and we are currently compiling some of the results and making note of all of your comments. We hope to have more information for you in the next issue of Linedancer but in the meantime we would like to share with you just a small selection of the interesting and useful comments that we have received.

We will be discussing these and more of your comments in further detail in the future. In the meantime please feel free to let us know, at any time, your thoughts, suggestions or questions, etc. We love to hear from you.

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