Macek Rag

Dancing for Fun Book 1





Dancing for Fun: Group Dancing for All Ages Book 1

Dance 8: Macek Rag Choreography Link to YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs8GrqhrO8Y&list=PLMXzOm_ewb6lpLvdPcbiGTP-dx0ttjGIJ&feature=share&index=8

Key Signature: 2/4 Introduction: 1 measure

Measure 1: Introduction. Remain in place. Start in 2 lines facing each other, dancers with side to audience.

During the introduction, stand still with arms closed at sides, feet together.

Section A:

Measure 2: Moving forward toward the other line of dancers, slide R toes on floor in arc shape toward front, then to the side, and shift weight onto R foot. As R foot moves, R arm moves simultaneously in horizontal plane, arm is rotated in, so palm is facing out. Arm follows the pattern of the foot.

Measure 3: Continuing to move forward toward the other line of dancers, repeat measure 1 to opposite side.

Measures 4–5: Reversing the direction of movement, repeat measure 1, now moving backward. Legs move back, side, and close, and arms move back, side, and in and are turned in.

Measure 6:

- Count 1: Step forward R into <u>demi-plié</u>, allowing torso to fall forward, bending at the waist, head down and arms slightly bent at elbows and lifted slightly back in <u>sagittal plane</u>, palms facing forward. L leg bent, shin less than horizontal, L toes pointed but not quite touching floor. Knees and thighs of both legs together.
- Count 2: Step back L, lifting R leg in front in <u>parallel attitude</u>, keeping the shape of arms, lift arms forward high, looking up at hands.

Measure 7:

- Count 1: Step forward R, releasing the arms down to sides of body.
- Count 2: Step forward L into <u>demi-plié</u>, allowing torso to fall forward bending at the waist, head down and arms slightly bent at elbows and lifted slightly back in <u>sagittal plane</u>, palms facing forward. R leg bent, shin less than horizontal, R toes pointed but not quite touching floor. Knees and thighs of both legs together.

Measure 8:

- Count 1: Step back R, lifting L leg in front in <u>parallel attitude</u>, keeping the shape of arms, lift arms forward high, looking up at hands.
- Count 2: Step back L.

Measure 9: Step back R, then close L to R to end with feet together. During these steps, arms open to sides and finally close to body.

Measures 10–17: Repeat section A to the opposite side.

Measures 18–33: Repeat section A twice, first to R, then to L.

Section B

Measures 34–35: Four <u>prancing</u> steps moving forward, starting with R and alternating legs.

Measures 36–37: Four <u>prancing</u> steps moving backward, starting with R and alternating legs.

Measure 38: Stepping front R, swing L leg forward in, crossing in front of body, in turned out front attitude, knee leading the movement; knee of R (support) leg remains straight. As L leg swings forward in, arms drop down and swing in <u>frontal plane</u>, crossing in front of body at waist level.

Measure 39: Swing L leg back in turned out <u>attitude</u> while the arms swing downward in <u>frontal plane</u> and open to the sides horizontal. R (support) leg remains straight.

Measure 40: While continuing to balance on R (support) straight leg, swing L leg forward in, crossing in front of body, in turned out front <u>attitude</u>, knee leading the movement and open around to the side in turned out side <u>attitude</u> in a circular pattern. As L leg swings forward in, arms drop down and swing in <u>frontal plane</u>, crossing in front of body at waist level, then with swing in frontal plane open to sides.

Measure 41: While continuing swinging movement, lower L leg behind R leg and then close L to R. Arms remain side horizontal.

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Measures 42–49: Repeat section B to opposite side.

Measures 2–17 (in music): Repeat section B twice, first to R, then to L.

Measures 18–33 (in music): Repeat section A twice, first to R, then to L.

Measures 34–45 (in music) followed by 50–53: Repeat section A twice again, first to R, then to L.