

= Dance ( Alexandra Stan song ) =

" Dance " is a song recorded by Romanian recording artist Alexandra Stan for her sophomore studio album , Unlocked ( 2014 ) . The track was made available for digital download on 16 July 2014 , as the album 's third single . " Dance " was written by Stan , Cosmin Basasteanu , Alexandru Cotoi , Lee Anna McCollum , Mika Moupondo and Erik Lidbom , while production was handled by both Cazan and Lidbom . A music video for the song was directed by Khaled Mokhtar and debuted on Stan 's YouTube channel on 18 July 2014 , where it has since amassed over seven million views . The clip was shot during three days in Bucharest , Romania and sees Stan and her backup dancers performing choreographed dances , which were choreographed by Romanian performer Emil Rengle .

The recording was met with good reviews . Digital Journal praised the song for being " catchy " , and Stan for providing " honey @-@ rich " vocals . In an interview , Alexandra Stan explained that " Dance " is a " very sexy club song and club image " . The track was performed during Stan 's Unlocked Tour ( 2014 ) . The song became a success in Japan , where it ranked at number 25 on the Japan Hot 100 .

= = Composition = =

" Dance " was recorded at Fonogram Studios in Bucharest , Romania . The song is a dance track , also incorporating house music influences into its sound . The track opens with acoustic guitar chords , which are then followed by a pop strophe . The refrain consists of a saxophone drop , which is backed by cut saws and plucks . " Dance " ends with the last lyrics of the song being backed by acoustic guitar . Lyrically , the track speaks about the art of dancing , but also features references to friendship and romance . Markos Papadatos from Digital Journal pointed out the opening lyrics of the song for beginning rebellious , but turning into positive and optimistic . He also compared the instrumentation of " Dance " with that one of Kesha 's " Die Young " .

= = Critical response = =

Markos Papadatos from Digital Journal compared " Dance " to Stan 's 2010 song " Mr. Saxobeat " , confessing that the song " has a catchy melody " . He went on praising Stan 's " honey @-@ rich " voice on the verses " Why don 't you dance dance dance / and fall in love with friends / let 's start a new romance " . Furthermore , Papadatos said that the track deserves to top the Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs charts . Concerning the music video of " Dance " , he praised Khaled Mokhtar for doing a " brilliant job directing [ the clip ] " , and Emil Rengle for choreographing " the dancers and Stan in the video exceptionally well " . He went on saying that Stan " looks breathtakingly beautiful in this video " . Papadatos gave the music video and the song itself an A rating . Everything Express writer Robin Catling described the track as a " summery David Guetta @-@ inspired Euro @-@ dance number that rattles along " . He criticised the song 's quality , saying that " even S @-@ Club 7 had better material than this " . Direct Lyrics praised " Dance " for having " enough summer flavour to do well this upcoming hot season " and confessed that they like the track better than its predecessor , " Cherry Pop " . Los 40 Principales cited the video for " Dance " as one of Stan 's best clips ever .

= = Track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Unlocked and The Collection .

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =