

Jindai

(Japan)

Jindai is a dance from Shiratori, a town in the middle of the mountains of Hakusan National Park. This is a unique type of work dance. After the hard work of farming, dancers put their hands on other people's shoulders and dance freely to relieve their fatigue and to massage each other. They say the dance is several hundred years old. Another name, "Dokkoisho," is a shout which is made when making an effort.

Pronunciation:

Cassette: Japanese Dances—Stockton 1996 Side A/4

Formation: Single circle facing center.

Cts

Pattern

INTRODUCTION. Start the dance after a shout, "Dokkoisa no dokkoisa."

DANCE

HANDS

1-6 Moving in LOD, step on L to L; step on R across L; step on L to L; step on R across L; step on L, turning 1/2 to face CCW, lifting R ft bkwd.

Yamabiraki on cts 2 and 4.

7-14 Walk 3 steps in LOD R, L, R; with wt on R, turn to L to face CCW; repeat with opp ftwk to end facing CW with wt on L.

15-18 Walk fwd 3 steps R, L, R; hop on R.

Arms Yamabiraki and clap once.

19-26 Placing hands on shldr of person in front, run fwd 6 steps, turning to face ctr on sixth step; step on R next to L, clapping once.

Arms Yamabiraki on ct 24.

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