

RAIKOS  
(Macedonia, Greece)

A popular line dance from the Edessa-Yiannitsa region of Central Macedonia, Raikos (a man's name) is also found in parts of the Florina district of western Macedonia. The dance is basically a Sta Tria type, modified with hops to fit the tempo and 7/8 meter. Version 1 below is found more in upland villages while Version 2 is found in the lowland plains villages.

Pronunciation:

Cassette: Greek Dance Sum '87 7/8 meter

Meter: 7/8: 3-2-2. Dancer's cts: 1,2

Formation: Mixed line; semi-circle; open arm hold "W".

Meas

Pattern

VERSION 1 BASIC

- 1 Facing slightly R of ctr, step R ft fwd in LOD (ct 1); hopping on R slightly fwd, swing L ft up and slightly fwd (ct 2).
- 2 Step L fwd (ct 1); hopping on L slightly fwd, swing R slightly fwd (ct 2).
- 3 Step R fwd (ct 1); step L fwd and in front of R (ct 2).
- 4 Rock and step back onto R ft (ct 1); slight hop on R, pivoting to face ctr, swinging L up and slightly fwd (ct 2).
- 5 Step L ft to L (ct 1); turning slightly to face L of ctr, step R fwd and across L (ct 2).
- 6 Rock back onto L (ct 1); hopping on L, swing R ft up and slightly fwd (ct 2).

VERSION 1 VARIANT

- 3 Step R fwd (ct 1); hopping on R, lift L up (ct 2).
- 4 Quick-step L ft fwd and in front of R (ct 1); quick-step back onto R ft (ct &); hopping on R, swing L up and slightly fwd (ct 2).
- 5 Step L to the L (ct 1); hopping on L, lift R up (ct 2).
- 6 Quick-step R fwd and in front of L (ct 1); quick-step back onto L (ct &); hopping on L, swing R up and slightly fwd (ct 2).

VERSION 2 BASIC

- 1-2 Same as meas 1-2 of Basic above.
  - 3 Step R fwd (ct 1); step L fwd (ct 2).
  - 4 Step R fwd (ct 1); hopping on R, swing L fwd (ct 2).
  - 5 Pivoting to face more ctr of circle, step L ft bkwd (ct 1); step R bkwd (ct 2).
  - 6 Step L bkwd (ct 1); swing R slightly fwd, hopping on L (ct 2).
- NOTE: ARM SWINGS: Arms are swung continuously during meas 1-4 - bkwd on cts 1,2; fwd on cts &

RAIKOS (Cont'd)VERSION 2 VARIANT

- 1 Step R fwd (ct 1); step L ft next to and behind R (ct 2);  
step R ft fwd (ct &).
- 2 Repeat meas 1 with opp ftwk.

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