CHILI AND CHAPS

Source:

This recreational dance, composed by Henry "Buzz" Glass, is based on patterns of the "baile social," as well as folk elements he learned in Mexico during the year 1954-55. It was introduced at the 1958 University of the Pacific Folk Dance Camp under the title "Cha Vidrio" by the composer.

Record:

"Deep in the Heart of Texas" Grenn

Formation: Cpls in a double circle. M has back to ctr. Ptrs are facing, with M L and W R hands joined, waist high. M free hand is at side (or in back, palm out over hip pockets); W free hand is on skirt.

Steps:

2

Two-Step Balance, Buzz Step All steps are described for the M, W do counterpart.

Measures Pattern

Introduction

No action, dancers may sway in time to music. 1 - 4

I. Cross Step, Cha Cha Cha

1 Moving to M R (RLOD), step fwd on L across R, at the same time bringing joined hands fwd (ct 1). Step back on R in place to face ptr (ct 2). Dropping joined hands, and joining MR with WL hand, step in place LRL (cts 3, &, 4).

> Moving in LOD, step fwd on R across L, at the same time bringing joined hands fwd (ct 1). Step back in place on L to face ptr (ct 2). Step in place R L R (cts 3, & 4), dropping hands and rejoining hands as in meas 1.

3 - 4 Repeat the action of meas 1-2 (Fig I).

II. Balance

5 Ptrs face with M R and W L hands joined. Starting with L, do a two-step balance, twisting slightly to L (cts 1, &, 2). Repeat two-step balance, starting with R and twisting slightly to R (cts 3, & 4). Joined hands swing fwd then bwd on the balance steps.

III. Buzz Step

6 With four buzz steps, starting on L, make one complete L turn away from ptr, ending with wt on L, and R slightly in back of L (cts 1, &, 2, &, 3, &, 4, hold)

IV. Basico Cha Cha Cha

7 Facing ptr, step R beside L (cts 1, 2), step L in place (cts 3, 4). continued . -

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CHILI AND CHAPS (CONT.)

Measures Pattern

With 3 successive steps in place step R L R (cts 1, 2, 3) and hold (ct 4).

Repeat dance from beginning.

To make the dance progressive, each dancer moves to own R on last 3 steps of meas 8, to get next oncoming person as new ptr. M move RLOD, W LOD.

Styling Note: M moves hands at sides to mark rhythm--hands are in opposition to ft. W may use hands or skirts.

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