

City of Wisteria

A 3 x 32 Strathspey for 3 couples in a 3 couple set.

The dance commemorates the 15th Anniversary, in autumn 2019, of Kasukabe Sugar Candie Scottish Dancing Group. Kasukabe City is famous for its Wisteria, one of its trees is over 1200 years old, and there is a wide main street opposite the station named Wisteria Street. Members of this group have always made me very welcome and so it is a pleasure to devise this dance for them.

Recommended Tune: Name not yet known written by Luke Brady.

Alternative Tune: Cradle Song (James Scott Skinner)

Suggested Recording: James Coutts "Carlingwork Collection Volume 1" CD reference BLCD001, track 11 "Jessie Cannon's Strathspey".

Bars

1-8 Three couple espagnole as follows:-

1-2 All cross the dance to the opposite side: 1st man dance above 1st lady; 1st and 2nd ladies lead across and change right hand up/down; 2nd and 3rd men lead across and change right hand up/down; 3rd lady dance below 3rd man

3-4 All cross the dance to their own side: 2nd lady dance above 1st man; 1st and 3rd men lead across and change right hand up/down; 1st and 3rd ladies lead across and change right hand up/down; 2nd man dance across below 3rd lady
Order is now 2, 3, 1 on ladies' side and 3, 1, 2 on men's side.

5-8 All turn opposite person once round, 2nd lady and 3rd man with right hand, 3rd lady and 1st man with left hand and 1st lady and 2nd man with right hand (that is dancers in 1st and 3rd places right hand and dancers in 2nd place left hand).

9-16 All set, cross left hand and chase anticlockwise to own side.
Order is now 1, 3, 2 on ladies' side and 2, 1, 3 on men's side

17-24 Three couple bourrel:
2nd man and 3rd lady, also 1st man and 2nd lady set advancing and turn just over half way with both hands, releasing hands on bar 20 and turn right about to finish back to back in the centre, men facing down and ladies facing up. At the same time 1st lady and 3rd man dance anticlockwise around the other 4 dancers to finish facing partner up and down the set.
All set to partner and turn three quarters with both hands to finish on own side.
Order is now 3, 2, 1 all on own side.

25-32 2nd and 1st couples dance 3/4 rights and lefts (6 bars) then all set.
Order is now 3, 1, 2 all on own side.

Repeat the dance twice more from new positions.

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