

Mahzel Charleston

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Count: 64

Wall: 2

Level: Intermediate - Charleston

Choreographer: Helaine Norman (Jan 2015)

Music: Jubansoul - Mahzel Means Good Luck. Album: Klezmerology by Aron Kula and Klezmer Company Orchestra

Vocal: Daniel Cochran - Composer: Beekman - Arranger: Aron Kula

Intro: 16 counts

Alt. music: Bring it on Down to My House by Asleep at the Wheel

Charleston: There are two styles, one straight, and two, advanced (with more attitude). The more advanced version is to move right foot forward and out and around in a 1/2 circle (ronde) to touch forward on count 1 simultaneously moving arms to right first right to compensate for the movement of the right foot out around to the front and back in to touch forward. Move arms the same way on return to the back. These arm movements are natural when doing Charleston. An even more advanced way is to swivel heels and toes of opposite feet inward and outward while swinging legs around.

* The Charleston can begin with a step forward or a touch forward depending on the choreography. In this dance it is done with the touch forward every time it is called for.

The choreographer will show both Charleston step descriptions below with the count for this particular dance for both left and right side. Choose your option (straight or advanced) when Charleston Step is indicated elsewhere in the full description of this dance:

Straight Left Side :

- 1-2 Touch L forward, hold
- 3-4 Step L beside R, hold
- 5-6 Touch R back, hold
- 7-8 Step R beside L, hold

Advanced Left Side:

- 1-2 Swing L around to touch forward (or in front of R), hold

- 3-4 Swing L around to step L behind R, hold
- 5-6 Swing R around to touch back (or behind L), hold
- 7-8 Swing R around to step R forward slightly, hold

Straight Right Side:

- 1-2 Touch R forward, hold
- 3-4 Step R beside L, hold
- 5-6 Touch L back, hold
- 7-8 Step L beside R, hold

Advanced Right Side:

- 1-2 Swing R around to touch forward (or in front of L), hold
- 3-4 Swing R around to step R behind L, hold
- 5-6 Swing L around to touch back (or behind R), hold
- 7-8 Swing L around to step L beside

SECTION I: Two Right Toe Taps, Three-Step Reverse Weave, Hold

- 1-4 Touch R diagonal right X 2
- 5-8 Step R behind, L side, R across, hold

SECTION II: Charleston Step Left Side (as described above)

1-8

SECTION III: Two Left Toe Taps, Three-Step Reverse Weave, Hold

- 1-4 Touch L diagonal left X 2
- 5-8 Step L behind, R side, L across, hold

SECTION IV: Charleston Step Right Side (as described above)

1-8

SECTION V: Kick Hitch Step Back X 2

- 1-4 Kick R forward(1), Hitch slightly(2), Step R back(3), hold(4)
- 5-8 Kick L forward(5), Hitch(6), Step L back(7), hold(8)

SECTION VI: ¼ Turn Right Box Step

1-2 Step R across L

3-4 Step L behind

5-6¼ turn right step R

7-8 Step L beside

SECTION VII: Charleston Step Right Side (as described above)

1-8

SECTION VIII: ½ Turn, ¼ Turn

1-4½ turn left step R L

5-8¼ turn left step R L

Begin dance again.

END OF DANCE IN PLACE OF SECTION V, FACING FRONT WALL: Toes pointing to Direction of Move - Step Lock Step, Hold; Step Lock Hold (aka Temptation Steps or Scoots)

1-4 Step R side, Slide/lock L behind R, Step R side, hold

5-8 Step left side, Slide/lock R behind L, Step L side, hold

DANCE ENDS AT FRONT WALL WITH BOX STEP ENDING WITH L SCUFF ACROSS R

1-4 Step R across L, L back, R side, L scuff across R

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