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Dear Dancers

his issue gives you the chance to cast your vote for the 1999 Linedancer Dance and Music Awards.

The Gala weekend sold out months ago, and dancers from all over the world will converge on Blackpool in February for line dancing's big night. Make use of your vote, as this is your opportunity to thank the line dance and music personalities who have entertained you over the last year.

Our series of guest writers for Dear Dancers continues this month with Jamie, our Features Editor. I leave you in his capable hands.

Yours in line

ove always enjoyed reading and writing.

During my school years, my teachers were weighed down by the novellas I wrote for my English homework. It was inevitable I should study for an English degree.

Drumono

My time at Aberdeen University taught me how to write a good sentence and to wrap up warm in winter! It also gave me the chance

to take to the stage and play Hamlet. I made friends with many outgoing personalities while treading the boards, and this prepared me well for all the line dancers I've met who also enjoy being in the spotlight!

'So what does a Features Editor do?' you may ask. Although I'm often found perched in our office's 'dictionary corner', pouring over pages of copy, I try to go out and about when I can. I search for the best stories from the line dance world. I'm always on the look out for anything unusual; in the last six months, I've written about underwater line dancers and line dancing dogs, to name but two. Unusual indeed! But there are many other stories out there, still waiting to be told. So if you have a tale you wish to share with our readers, put pen to paper or pick up the phone and call me. You never know, you too could find yourself in the spotlight in the months to come.

Happy dancing

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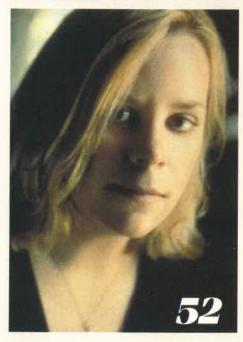
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Grapevine

Fever 9

If things aren't hot enough already, now sizzling off the press is the eagerly awaited next instalment from the UK's most successful line dance compilation series ever! Having sold in the excess of 200,000 this phenomenal series just keeps going from strength to strength. Release date 27th September, cat. no CURCDO76

Paul Rutter

On The Tracks to Tennessee is the new release from Paul Rutter which has a dance choreographed to it by none other than Chris Hodgson. The CD is available



from all good country specialist stores, quote catalogue no. MSM9903.

Hot Tip......Hot Tip......

Try dancing 'King of the Road' to 'Hey Baby' from Alabama's Album. Brought to you by Pam of Martyn's Rhythmic Cowboys.

Sheriff Back in Town



Dave Sheriff returns from his Australian tour, where 'Red Hot Salsa' was recently voted second most popular dance, to judge his choreography competition at Floral Hall, Southport on November 7th. For information. check out the Dave Sheriff website at www.stompmusic.co.uk

Poor Garth

Spare a thought for Garth Brooks, who has dropped off the Forbes list of the 400 richest Americans. This is not, however, due to a drop in sales or even a slack in trade from Garth's farm. It is quite simply down to the fact that others are getting richer, faster. Can this mean we will be seeing a brand new album every two years from now on?

Aisle Be Back

Tanya Tucker and fiancé Jerry Laseter have postponed their wedding again. The couple had planned on an October 10th Wedding, but their customised wedding chapel won't be ready on time. They'll set a new date once the chapel is finished.

Can We Fix It?

Bob the Builder has contacted Linedancer about an error in our 'Buffalo Bob' article in September's issue. Can we fix it? Yes we can! Wendy's voice in 'Bob the Builder' is provided by Kate Harbour, and not Emma Chambers as stated. Our apologies to Kate.

Ace of Clubs

'Club Challenge' is the brainchild of David Wayne, organiser of North Wales' Feet First Line Dancing Club, and aims to find the 'Clubbiest Club' in the land. Intended as a friendly showdown between different line dance clubs, points will be deducted for such offences as lack of effort, club loyalty and even miserableness! The goal is to show line dance clubs in their best light.

It promises to be a refreshingly different series of events, with technical mistakes going unpunished and instructors also taking part. A Junior Dance Challenge will also take place - again, 'special' rules apply. The first heat will be held at the North Wales Community Centre, Llandudno, North Wales on Sunday 21st November from 12 noon to 12 midnight. The Club Challenge will run from noon to 6pm and will be followed by six hours of line dance disco and a special guest live artist.

All profits from the day will be divided between The Variety Club of Great Britain Charity and The Friends of North Wales Theatre Charity. The emphasis is on fun, not competition, and the enjoyment of line dancing for its own sake. Anyone wishing to be invited to take part or wanting to organise a regional challenge should call David Wayne on 07977 735644 or email him at Thedreamcatcher@tesco.net

It's a Bou

Congratulations to Sandie and Phil from all at Swing City, Crosby, on the birth of their son Elliott, who came out dancing on 3rd₂September.

New Company

The British Western Dance Association is proud to announce that they will shortly be taking steps to become a limited company. Teachers from the south coast up to Scotland will form a new board of working directors, and with new membership packages, including a new and improved magazine for members, the BWDA are confident that the new set-up will more closely fill the needs of line dance teachers. The new BWDA email address is oasis@telinco.co.uk.

Sean in Love

Sean Kenny's eagerly awaited album 'If Love Paid the Bills' finally hits the UK shops on October 25th Through Kiss Records. Catalogue number: KSSCD S01. You can catch him on tour in November at:

Nov 6 Bognor Regis Community Centre.

Nov 19 Wild Stallion Dance Ranch, Norwich.

Nov 20 Hillyfields School, Ingham Rd, Gillingham.

Linedancer Reaches New Heights



How many line dancers would climb a mountain for their instructor? Martin's Rhythmic Cowboys dld. Here they are at the top of Snowdon with, of course, a copy of Linedancer. From left to right: Chris, Sheila, Martin the rhythmic cowboy, Graham, Gill, Pam and John.

Helen O'Malley

In the previous Linedancer, the incorrect date was given for Helen O'Malley's appearance at the Swallow Hill Hotel, Carlisle. Helen is appearing on November 13th at this venue.



Down Mexico Way



Congratulations are in order for Steve Murray and Jean Tomaino, who recently tied the knot in a sunny ceremony in Mexico. The couple, well known as the 'Tassles and Tush Line Dancers', teach at various venues around the york area. Best wishes from us all.

Wild Wild East

Competitors were out in force for the first East Coast Line Dance Championships, which took place at the Spa Complex, Scarborough. The event received almost 200 entries for the eight individual competitions, with team events also taking place for both adults and juniors. The turn out included dancers from as far and wide as Liverpool, Mansfield, Newcastle and the Midlands.



The Ocean Room at the Complex proved to be a popular venue, and standards were high, especially in the 11 years or under section which attracted the highest entry number. Special mention must be made of Mansfield's Stacey Field and Leanne Becsley from Grimsby, who took respective junior and junior-teen honours in both the freestyle and traditional categories. The Mayor of Scarborough presented all winners with their trophtes. Pictured (left to right) Hannah Routledge, Stacey Field and Jennifer Garrick. Competition was followed by an evening of non-stop line dancing, and the whole event proved so popular that next year's competition has already been pencilled in for Sept. 17th, 2000.

South Wales Heat

A scorching day in September saw the South Wales heat of the CWDC UK Championships. Swansea Sounds Radio C & W award winning DJ Lloyd Coles provided the music.

With a new primary division for 0-8 year olds being introduced this year, the crowd were delighted when 14 'tinies' stepped out on to the dance floor.

Amongst other winners were (bottom photo, left to right) Kiley Evans, Nathan Donnelly and Georgina Evans in the Tecnage division. Placed 1st and 2nd in the Juniors were (pictured right, left to right) pals Catrin Jenkins and Sara Gregory.





Aloha



The gift of a grass skirt from a Hawaiian holidaymaker prompted the Double M dancers to hold one of their regular theme nights. An Hawaiian line dance party provided the opportunity to keep the grass skirts swaying and the Hula Hula playing.

Dancers were invited via leaflets containing sage advice from old Hawali proverbs such as 'May your coconuts never hang lower than your grass skirt' and 'Never let your (her) grass skirt tickle where it prickles'!

Amongst past favourite theme events was a 'Beverly Hillbillie's' night complete with 15 bales of hay that came together with a host of insect life! (It's a good job they didn't attack the grass skirts!) Future plans include include a Halloween fancy dress party in October and a Riverboat Gambler and Saloon girls night in November.

Book 'em Danno!

Gaining fast

'Newcomer' Chris Gaines releases his album 'In The Life Of Chris Gaines' on November 1st. If you look carefully, 'Chris' could well be Garth Brooks in disguise...



Paul Bailey - New Release

Paul Bailey's new album 'Kickin Country' was released on 11th October Promoted as '100% dancer friendly' it features 12 of his own songs.

The album was produced by Dave Shertif and recorded at Stomphouse Studios, Telford, home of such dance floor hits as Red Hot Salsa, Matador and Tango with the Sheriff.

Paul continues to tour and those wishing to experience his friendly manner and fine musicianship can see him during November at:

Crewe and Alsager Faculty, Crewe Campus Nov 3rd
Triple S Club. Skegby Nov 5th
St Paul's Social, West Leigh, Lancashire Nov 10th
Cripps Social, Northampton Nov 13th

Further details on the tour CDs or Paul's thriving fan club can be obtained by contacting bin on 01743 850052

Life's a dance

The "Life's A Dance" festival at the Kings Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, proved to be a big success with around 400 line dancers coming from as far away as Scotland. London and Portsmouth. Rob Fowler was MC and DJ for the day. Local favourite, Hazel Pace, started the day off well with some instruction for the dancers to get their teeth in to. Then, it was the turn of the man himself, as Rob Fowler's brand of putting the dancers through their paces sent the evening into top gear.

Live entertainment came courtesy of Paul J Darren and the Glen Mitchell Band, who had just returned from Nashville. The dancers were then allowed a breather while they were entertained by Roxanne "Foxy Roxy" Rachael McEnaney and Paul McAdams. Rob and Michelle Fowler then returned to give more instructions. The final set, by Circuit Judge, brought a rousing end to a great night. The event was a hit, and all eyes in Stoke are now upon the Christmas Party on 12th December.

Australia Calling

John Walsh from the Manxman Rebels, Blackburn was pleased to have the groups' top ten featured in the October issue and as if to highlight how widely read they are, he received a call for a dance script from Christine, from the Brumby Boot Scooters located in Perth, Western Australia.

The Manxman Rebels group, whose ages range from 6 to 67 years old, formed last October and had an anniversary celebration this year at Fort San Antone.



CMA Awards

Spoiler Warning

Do not read these results before you turn to our in-depth report from the awards on page 24.

The following is a list of the winners of the 33rd CMA Awards, held at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville on September 22:

Remale Vocalist Martina McBride
Male Vocalist Tim McGraw
Vocal Group of the Year Dixie Chicks
Vocal Duo of the Year Brooks & Dunn
Horizon Award Jo Dee Messina
Album of the Year A Place In The Sun'
by Tim McGraw
Single of the Year Wide Open Spaces'

Single of the Year Wide Open Spaces'
by the Dixle Chicks
Video of the Year 'Wide Open Spaces'

by the Dixle Chicks

Song of the Year 'The Kiss' by Faith Hill Musician of the Year Randy Scruggs

Vocal Event of the Year 'My Kind of Woman/My Kind of Man' by Vince Gill and Patty Loveless

On the day following the awards, new directors and officers were elected to serve on the board of the CMA. Lon Helton, Nashville Chief of 'Radio & Records', has been elected chairman of the board, and Bud Wendell has been named as president. Kenny Rogers was also elected to the board as artist/musician representative.

Founded in 1958, the County Music Association was the first trade organisation formed to promote a specific type of music. More than 6.800 music industry professionals and companies from 43 countries around the world are members of the CMA. The organisation's objectives are to guide and enhance the growth of Country music and to demonstrate it as a viable medium to advertisers, consumers and media throughout the world. CMA is based in Nashville with representatives in London. Cologne and Sydney.

Max Perry On Tour

Max Perry and Kathy Hunyadi will be jointly touring the UK in January 2000. This will be Kathy's first tour of the UK. To begin with, Max will tour in the North, while Kathy



concentrates on the South. They will eventually team up at a location yet to be decided. The tour dates will be 12th-26th January. Paula and Eric Bilby of Texas Star have already booked Kathy, and Max will be in Dumfries again with Colin and Kathy Neville of 5678 Dance Wear. If you would like to book either Kathy or Max, please phone Max Perry Productions on 001-203-798-9312, or fax 001-203-744-4552. Alternatively. e-mail Max Perry Productions on danceordie@compuserve.com, or visit www.maxperry.com

Monday 22nd November

Pedro is available for private tuition at Renegades, Stoke on Trent and is also appearing for the evening show. For further information telephone 0966 427145.

Gala Nights with Scooter Lee

Scooter Lee will be the headline star of the sensational Superkings Superline Gala Nights UK Tour. The 20-night Gala Nights Tour kicks off at Johnstone Town Hall in Johnstone.



Renfrewshire on Sunday 24th October and ends in a glittering finale at Fort San Antone. Great Birchwood Country Park, Warton. Lancashire on Thursday 18th November.

The first half of each Gala Night Show will feature 90 minutes of line dance instruction from Ros Brander-Stephenson, supported by top country DJ and presenter Les Dean. Scooter Lee will then keep the pace hot with a selection of songs from her top-selling albums, including her latest album 'Would You Consider'.

For tour details call 01277 823220

Macca Magic

Paul McCartney marks the release of his current single 'Brown Eyed Handsome Man/No Other Baby' with a line dancing flavoured video. The clip features moves to 'Brown Eyed Handsome Man' and is choreographed by the successful team of Teresa Lawrence and Vera Fisher of Linedance Grazy, who were behind the massive 'Quando When Quando'. The video should have hit the screens by the time you read this, and Paul's new album, 'Run Devil Run' is in the shons now

Maverick Best

The Mavericks'
'The Best of
the Mavericks'
is released on
Mercury on
November 8th.
As well as all
the favourites,



the album includes the new tracks, 'Things I Cannot Change', 'A World Without Love' and 'Here Comes My Baby'.

Two year-old wranglers

Sussex Wranglers Line Dance Club have just celebrated their 2nd birthday. The club, run by D.J. Richard Edlin, meets in Worthing, Sussex, on a weekly basis. The wranglers enjoy a reputation for having a comprehensive dance range, and are not afraid to tackle the more energetic and complex routines.



The success of the club is mainly down to its two resident instructors, Alan Robinson and Andy Sinclair. Alan is well-known in the area as a top dancer and choreographer, whose dances include 'On The Town', 'Soul Survival', 'So Rattled', 'Never Say Always' and 'No Turning Back', Andy is also a renowned dancer, and has appeared in the British Line Dance Finals at Wembley on the last 3 occasions.

The Wranglers occasionally present live acts, and have even persuaded the likes of Kimber Clayton to perform at the club. With a hardcore membership of around 40, and a wide age range, new members are always very welcome. For details telephone Richard Edlin on 01903 527716.

Lost and Found

A video camera of great sentimental value was lost at the Chroeographers Competition at the Adelphi Hotel, Sunday October 3rd, if you have any information concerning this camera please call on 01704 501235.

If you mislaid a purse at the same event, please call 01704 501235 and ask for Steve H. or Lin.

Tex is Nashville Bound!

AJ's line dance club of Macclesfield, Cheshire, made sure that a 60th birthday bash for one of their regulars, Terry "Tex" Holmes, was a real 'trip' by presenting him with a ticket to Nashville as a special birthday present. A.J.'s organizer and instructor Angela Jones was instrumental in organizing a Western-style bash which contained a couple of surprises.

With the party venue decked out in stars and stripes, and a full line dance programme, the western theme was complete with A.J.'s members past and present attending to celebrate a milestone for one of its most well-loved members. There were a couple of surprises in store for Terry, the first of which was a performance of the 'Can Can' by the club's female contingent. After this

spectacle, Terry was sent on a 'dollar dash' whereby he was invited to pull dollar-bilts from the saloon girls' garter belts, highwaymen's pockets and the ladies' wrist straps. Believing the cash to be monopoly money, Terry did not realize he was being given spending money for his next present - a ticket to Nashville, Terry will now join the Memphis Belles and A.J's Nashville Tour '99 as they visit the Country capital in November,

Everyone present agreed it was a spectacular and emotional evening, and A.J.'s member Ann summed the night up perfectly when she said: "It was worth having a party just to see the pleasure Terry got from seeing everyone having fun. A super party for a super man." Terry was overcome: "If I live to be 100 I couldn't have a better party than this one. I would like to thank my wife, Christine, and Angela, who arranged the whole thing. It just goes to show that line dancers are the most genuine and friendly people around."



Rob Fowler in new partnership

It's headline news when people hear Rob Fowler has signed for a new team, but this is not the crazy world of football we're talking about. Select Events Ltd has teamed up with dancer and choreographer Rob Fowler, a signing that will take the line dancing world by storm.

The merger between the two brings together the brilliance of Rob Fowler's footwork and the expertise of Select Events' organisational skills. In Rob's case, it's the perfect partnership, as he likes nothing more than to spend all his time on the dance floor.

organisation and paperwork that comes with being a top line dance professional eats into his choreography and teaching time.

Step in Select Events, headed by Alan and Priscilla Jones, who offer 30 years experience in

the entertainment industry. Over the last 10 years, they have concentrated on promoting special events. As newcomers to the line dancing industry, they are only too aware of the importance of their new partner. Their inaugural event, the Rob Fowler 4th of July Special, at Pontins, Blackpool, was a huge success and a total self-out. Indeed, as this story goes to print, their second event, the Rob Fowler Autumn Special, from 22nd to 24th October, has already sold out - a sure sign Select Events are heading in the right direction.

European Champion within two years), its been in my blood, and all I've ever wanted to do since then is dance as much as possible. It's now giving me immense pleasure to be able to concentrate on passing on my expertise to line dancers of all ages. This is something I've always wanted to achieve, and now with the help of Select Events, I am able to do this. Not only that, but I am also choreographing many line dances for every level of ability, and this should help dancers to progress from beginners' level onwards. Line dancing is fun and a great way of making friends, and with Select Events on board, we're going to bring everyone together on the dance floor."

Alan from Select agrees: "Every event we organise will give line dancers value for money. Our events will bring together all dance styles and age groups, because we firmly believe line dance is not just for the individual, it's for the whole family. If we help Rob, it means he can attend all the events and offer everybody that personal touch that is so important.'

Both Rob and Alan are aware that none of this could have happened without their respective partners. Michelle and Priscilla, who have become the backbone of both businesses. The girls' limitless knowledge and enthusiasm have enabled Rob and Select Events to move forward, and Michelle and Priscilla are delighted with the merger.



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7.	Into The Arena	Michael Vera-Lobos	Now I Can Dance Tina Arena
8.	Red Hot Salsa	Christina Browne	Red Hot Salsa Dave Sheriff
9.	Mardi Gras Mambo	Chris Hodgson	Mambo #5 Lou Bega
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	Once In A Lifetime	Story Of My Life Sporan Brothers
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by Steve Crosby

Most months, my shortlist for review is somewhere between six and ten albums. This month ... twenty seven!

Some will have to wait for December (notably Mindy McCready and Garth Brooks) and some will be shelved for good. Five make it through for a full review....



MICHAEL PETERSON

BEING HUMAN

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You will be familiar with Michael Peterson by now via his fantastic DRINK SWEAR STEAL AND LIE that Max Perry championed. And if you thought that was a one off hit then think again. This album is chock full of goodies for dancing and more than enough great songs for the lug 'oles. The overall feel is cheery and upbeat, in the style of Tracy Byrd or Neal McCoy and the production and Michael's wonderful vocals complement each other superbly.

One by one here's the run down...

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK uses the clever style of word play encountered in his previously mentioned hit to take us on a visit to the riverside with a "bucket of Kentucky Fried, twenty in the tank and the dust blown off that bottle of wine we never drank". Makes you wanna pack up the fishing rod and join the fun, And I don't even like fishing! A great double paced polka to kick us off, this just needs a great dance to go with it for a perfect party.

YOU FIND LOVE WHEN YOU MAKE IT is a double paced two stopping shuffler that builds to a crescendo in the chorus. Very uplifting.

Cha cha time for I OWE IT ALL TO YOU that starts with this great line... "The first time I had second thoughts.." You know it'll be a belter and it is, a full back-beat perfect for dancing and a chanting chorus for the tonsils.

Have a seat for the next one, unless you can sway really slowly, for the sublime and lazy relax-in-the-rocking-chair-on-the-front-porch 'life ain't so bad' warm and wonderful SOMETHING 'BOUT A SUNDAY. This song, a fresh mug of coffee and your favourite daydreams – perfect.

You may be able to muster a gentle cha cha for LET ME LOVE YOU ONE MORE TIME even though It's a little on the slow side. But what a love song. If Kenny or Glen had recorded this back in the seventies it would probably have been a number one. Yummy.

The 'pièce de résistance' is up next. SURE FEELS REAL GOOD is the catchiest country song I've heard in years and it's perfect for dancing. East Coast flavoured with a hint of shuffle this is another track begging for some choreography. The musical riff is brilliantly simple and 'once heard never forgotten'.

Title track BEING HUMAN is the most 'serious' on the album, a reflection on the day to day affairs of a sample of the human race, the tattooed young Jenny, the middle-aged Harley riding Harry and his confused wife. Again, a tad on the slow side, but worthy of a teacher track shuffle.

With a title like STOMP and a tempo of 186bpm you know what's coming next. A double paced rocking builder that is overtly dancer friendly. Lyrically it's not going to win any prizes but it'll keep the likes of Thompson and Fowler happy for three minutes or so.

The album concludes with three quite beautiful love songs. TWO OF THE LUCKY ONES is a sensational cha cha. Paul is joined by Bekka Bramlett in this reflective duet laced with Spanish guitar and wafting steel. Romance with a capital Rome.

This then blends seamlessly into one of the most sumptuous waltzes you will ever experience. SLOW DANCE has all the elements of a classic. Not splashed with lyrical brilliance. Not constructed with any musical breakthroughs. Just an uncomplicated gem. From their first slow dance together through the passage of time our male lead merely wants to thank his lady-love for their time together. Two words: Inner warmth.

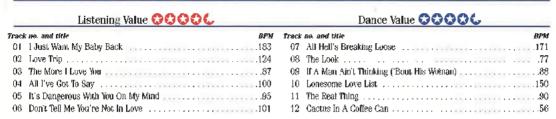
BEFORE ANOTHER DAY GOES BY brings up the rear but is no less powerful a ballad than its predecessors on the album. It finishes off the musical meal like a glass of brandy and an Elizabeth Shaw mint.

More like this please Nashville.

JERRY KILGORE

LOVE TRIP

Virgin Nashville Import





Jerry Kilgore has been around for a while as a songwriter on Music Row. Tracy Byrd had a hit with his LOVE LETTERS and John Michael Montgomery with COVER YOU IN KISSES but this is his first excursion as a solo artist. He is the first male vocalist signed by Scott Hendricks to the fledgling Virgin Nashville label. His voice is pure, sweet and effortless and the album is great.

A two step sets us on our way and what a corker. From the stable of Tracy Lawrence's 'How A Cowgirl Says Goodbye' I JUST WANT MY BABY BACK is one to play again and again. You can fall in love to music like this. Sad? This'll make you happy. Tired? This'll make you wanna dance. Ugly? This'll make you look good. OK maybe not the last one but here's hoping.

LOVE TRIP is a definitive double two stepping chacha. A feel-good song at feel-best, our guy in the song suggests that he and his gal leave behind all the cares and worries of their everyday lives and head for a romantic time together.

There are some fab cha chas on this album. THE MORE I LOVE YOU hits the spot as does IT'S

DANGEROUS WITH YOU ON MY MIND, if a man ain't thinking 'bout his woman and DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE.

THE REAL THING kicks in like an old Ray Charles country record, a friendly old time sound with a familiar old time lyric. A classic slow shuffle.

ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY is a double two step that is a little more punchy musically but with another unmistakable country sentiment.

There are two more dance floor monsters. LONESOME LOVE LIST pumps away tush push style with steel and honky tonk to fuel the trip. Totally useable. Ditto ALL HELES BREAKIN' LOOSE, a ripping two step.

In contrast to the rest of the album that is, on the whole, chirpy, the final track will have the tears flowing relentlessly. It's one of those songs that cannot be delivered insincerely. Fortunately Jerry does a great job on CACTUS IN A COFFEE CAN, the laconic tale of a girl who carries the ashes of hor late mother around with her beneath the roots of a cactus plant. Mum was a crack addict hooker who gave up her daughter at birth but the girl loves her still and breaks down as she lets out the surpressed pain and sadness of her life story upon the passenger she shares a seat with on a plane. You could make a movie out of this song. Phew!

This is the kind of album Alan Jackson should be making. Traditional meets new country with style, panache and timeless quality. Superb.

BROOKS AND DUNN

TIGHT ROPE

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01 Goin' Under Getting Over You	08 Love You More
02 Missing You	09 Beer Thirty
03 Temptation #9	10 Don't Look Back Now
04 Hurt Train	11 All Out Of Love
05 Can't Stop My Heart	12 The Trouble with Angels
06 Too Far This Time	13 Texas and Norma Jean69
07 You'll Always be Loved by Me 105	GENTAROUN ATRIMENTAL METATARETIC



Every year Christmas Day falls on 25th December, Good Friday comes two days before Easter Sunday, the BBC re-run 'Dad's Army' and Brooks & Dunn win 'Best Duo' at the CMA Awards. It's tradition. Sure, there's never much in the way of competition for Ronnie and Kix, but let's not forget that they consistently deliver the goods. Country with a dash of honky tonk, a slither of rock, a bar room reference or two and a couple of love songs. It's not such a hard formula is it?

Unfortunately, TIGHT ROPE is not quite up to the standard of its predecessors. It is not a bad album. But as another chapter in the Brooks & Dunn book of Premier League country it is disappointing. Mind you there's enough here to keep the boot wearing frequenters of hardwood floors happy.

GOIN' UNDER GETTING' OVER YOU is an East Coast strutter. TEMPTATION #9 a hard rocking shuffle and CAN'T STOP MY HEART a mellow strutter-cum-cha cha.

The one real uptempe dance cut is BEER THIRTY, an attempt at a no holds barred benky tonk anthem that will suit the shiny belt buckle and stiff western

shirt brigade. But it's no classic like 'Boot Scootin' Boogie' or 'Mama Don't Get Dressed Up For Nothing'.

On the plus side there are some lovely cha chas. DON'T LOOK BACK NOW, I LOVE YOU MORE and YOU'LL ALWAYS BE LOVED BY ME all do the trick, in particular the latter with Ronnie Dunn at his melancholy vocal best.

ALL OUT OF LOVE is possibly the best on the album, a slow cha cha with an uplifting change of production halfway through. THE TROUBLE WITH ANGELS that follows, maintains the standard.

This album's 'cover' version is the old John Waite

hit MISSING YOU, the debut single, that evolves in country mode as the boys turn on the twang. You can't keep a good song down but they certainly try. This does Mr. Walte no favours.

HURT TRAIN and TEXAS AND NORMA JEAN remain. They're both alright.

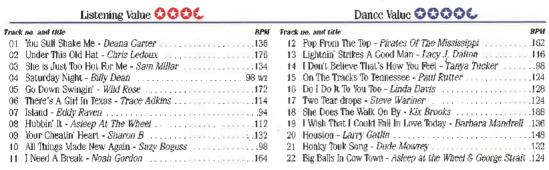
If this album were by anyone other than Brooks & Dunn, two of my honky tonk heroes, I'd say it was no more than average. But they've produced such fabulous stuff in the past and I can't bring myself to admit the truth.

Maybe it'll grow on me.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

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Let's deal with the three 'bought in' tracks first.

Sharon 'B' provides YOUR CHEATIN' HEART for Johnny Twostep's latest hit dance. Sam Millar's SHE IS JUST TOO HOT FOR ME (with accompanying dance by Chris Ilodgson) does little for me. I'm afraid. The lyrics and melody do not excite.

Better then that Ms. Hodgson also represents the choreography for Paul Rutter's ON THE TRACKS TO TENNESSEE (this appears on Fever 9 as well). A much better song and a splendid dance too.

As for the rest of the album, there are some fabulous tracks here and a couple of clangers. The goodies first....

Noah Gordon's I NEED A BREAK is a belting tush pusher, the under-rated Dude Mowrey's version of

Mel Tillis' HONKY TONK SONG an honourable stomper and Kix Brooks (of '& Dunn' fame) delivers the chirpy strutter SHE DOES THE WALK ON BY from his 1989 solo album.

There are some jolly swingers. Of these Asleep At The Wheel's version of Bob Wills' BIG BALLS IN COWTOWN that features George Strait is simply superb and worth the six quid you'll pay for the album all on its own. Wild Rose's GO DOWN SWINGIN' and Larry Gatlin's HOUSTON are decent hedfellows too.

On a two step tip, Chris Ledoux's UNDER THIS OLD HAT is first class as is Pirates Of The Mississippi's POP FROM THE TOP.

Cha cha wise Eddy Raven's ISLAND will be familiar and Trace Adkins' number one country song

THERE'S A GIRL IN TEXAS is gorgeous.

For a polka try Tanya's I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL and for a waltz Billy Dean's fantastic SATURDAY NIGHT. And if a rockin' good time is what you're after then look no further than Deana Carter.

Steve Wariner's TWO TEARDROPS is by far the classiest song on the album, co-written by Steve and the legendary Bill Anderson, and a beautiful swaying shuffle. Stick this one on repeat.

Clangers? Just skip the tracks by Lacy J.Dalton and Barbara Mandrell, Yuk.

Once again a fabulous value for money collection and we'll therefore forgive the compilers some strange dance suggestions and bad proof-reading. Buy it,

SEAN KENNY

IF LOVE PAID THE BILLS

Kiss Records UK

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01	Everything I Ain't	07	Dad ,
02	Halfway Houses	08	Lightning Never Strikes
03	The Hard Way	09	In The Balance
04	Mister Right	10	What's Your Poison
05	What's That129	11	Stronger Than Any Man's Fist
06	Still Water		



This album was advertised by the bare footed Mr. Kenny back in the May edition of Linedancer, so to say it has been long awaited is an understatement.

Sean is well known by now on the line dance circuit for his professional performance and excellent versions of the latest dance floor hits. But this is his labour of love, an album of original songs to prove to the world that there's more to young Sean than copying a chord here and a vocal phrase there. Sean, well done, it's been worth the walt.

Much of the album is co-penned by Ian Brown (of 'Not All Cowboys Live In Texas' fame) who also executive produces. The musicianship here is first class (ex-Pretenders and Paul McCartney sidekick Robbie McIntosh even pops up on guitar), the arrangements are well crafted and Sean himself sings with emotion and commitment even if at times with just a hint of strain.

EVERYTHING I AIN'T is a corking stomper to get us under way, a little lightweight lyrically, but a rousing

introduction for what is to come. HALFWAY HOUSES follows, a powerful lamenting cha cha about settling for second best and THE HARD WAY. about the alternative to the easy way, struts along in rocking style.

Enter the album's best cut. MISTER RIGHT, a fantastic easy going shuffle with beautiful guitar picking, scorching melody lines and stick-in-your-head lyrics. 'Mister Right's gone wrong...' Simple yet sensational.

Back to the rocking stuff for WHAT'S UP, an OK Humper before STILL WATER appears, a haunting sway-licious love song featuring Sarah Jory on steel. Heavenly.

Aah! It's two step time ladies and gentlemen. Hop on the hardwood for WHAT'S YOUR POISON, laced with steel and feel good cast coast rhythm. 'Darling what's your poison, 'coz loving you is mine.' Let me steam my hat and crease my jeans. I'm on my way.

DAD had a previous outing on one of Sean's singles but is re-recorded here with the benefit of the extended team of musical helpers. I remember hating this song before but in its new form I rather like it, a chugging tush pusher about the old man. LIGHTNING NEVER STRIKES gets down and dirty for another rocker and IN THE BALANCE suggests a nod to Jackson Browne whose 'Lives In The Balance' is not dissimilar in feel. STRONGER THAN ANY MAN'S FIST may not be the most romantic of song titles but it sends the message across on another good time strutter.

If you've ever bought a Sean Kenny line dance CD then do the guy a favour and buy this too. It's only fair and you'll enjoy the result.

Here's a round up of the rest...

Listening to Reba McEntire's new album SO GOOD TOGETHER is exhausting. One minute the woman is madly in love, the next she's pouring out her heart through rejection, then divorcing and finally warbling about a young wife who's had enough of marriage.

Emotions at opposite ends of the spectrum have always been a hallmark of a Reba album although this one contains more signs of romantic optimism than most, despite her sounding at the end of her tether throughout most of the album. It is not a classic Reba album. There are some decent enough songs but none that sock you between the cyes. And for dancing just a couple that really suit. ROSES is an old fashioned waltz (108bpm) and WE'RE SO GOOD TOGETHER a rocking strutter (120bpm).

Listening OOO Dancing O

Clint Black has one of the most distinctive 'country' voices in the music business. Quite frankly he could sing nothing else. So when, on his new album D~LECTRIFIED, he goes for a bit of jazz and blues, the songs still stay country. BOB AWAY MY BLUES (107bpm) is soft shoetastic, BEEN THERE (94/186bpm), in which he ducts with Steve Wariner, is a great double time rocker and DIXIE. LULLABY (125bpm), the old Leon Russell classic, a New Orleans house party shuffle featuring the brilliant Bruce Hornsby on a rousing piano. Clint teams up with the Mrs. (Lisa) for a big orchestral production 'love you forever' waltz WHEN I SAID I DO (104bpm) which is a little too staged for my liking. But the highlight of the album is the old Monty Python classic, THE GALAXY SONG, that starts as a gentle 118bpm strutting swaver before transforming into a 162bpm Viennese waltz for the instrumental break and back again. The combination of Clint and Eric Idle is an odd one but as they are both now neighbours in LA maybe not so surprising. All in all a splendid, if somewhat varied album. Listening OOOO Dancing OO

EMOTION is the newie by Martina McBride and it's possibly her best collection of songs yet. In places this album veers more towards the style of Alanis Morissette than pure country but THERE YOU ARE is an indisputable country ballad, just beautiful. ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING too (100bpm) is a southern swayer with gorgeous harmonies and glorious chord changes.

Dance wise LOVE'S THE ONLY HOUSE (125bpm) will work Harmonicas, semi-spoken vocals, gritty guitars with a shuffling rocking backbeat, Grrrr... I LOVE YOU (110bpm) is one of those you want to clap along with from the get-go and the chorus in as infectious as a pretty girl's smile. This will be a huge bit. MAKE ME BELIEVE (80/160bpm) and GOODBYE (136bpm), a subdued shuffle, are the others up dance alley whilst THIS UNCIVIL WAR, written by Gretchen Peters, is a poignant and piercing reflection on the break up of a marriage using armed conflict as a metaphor.

Listening OOOO Dancing OOO

Canadian Paul Brandt has never quite delivered what he has threatened to achieve but his latest, THAT'S THE TRUTH may just turn the corner for him. There are three top drawer ballads, THAT HURTS, A LOVE THAT STRONG and REALLY AND TRULY (on which he is joined by Deana Carter) that should be savoured in the privacy of your armchair and four outstanding tracks for dancing.

THERE'S A WORLD OUT THERE is an excellent 149bpm strutter, THE SYCAMORE TREE a shimmering cha cha, the Brian Setzer penned LET'S LIVE IT UP a from filled steaming 181bpm swinger and ADD 'EM ALL UP a 160bpm tush pusher that is the cream of the crop with its feel good rhythm and clever mathematical chorus. This is screaming out for some choreography. Finally there is a song with one of the strangest subject matters I have yet encountered. SCRAP PIECE OF PAPER is about just that, a day in the life of a morsel of refuse. Oh well, beats singing about love again I suppose and it's good too. Most months this album would get a full run through and a big thumbs up so if you're feeling flush add it to the shopping list.

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There are more, many more - Alan Jackson, Lonestar, Paul Bailey, Karen Flynn, Yankee Gray, Clay Walker, Bryan White, Sherrie Austin, Radney Foster, Keith Perry, Hank Jr, Hank III, all worthy of a comment or several but time and space do not permit so let's be patient until December.



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Climbing Snowdomia

ine dancing is all over the world, but some people are above such things. Stephen Parry looks up to the maddest display team around.

The air was getting thinner...the climb more and more precarious. Below, the ground was appearing to zoom in and out like a pulsating monster ready to swallow them up. Still, the wind continued to do its worst, buffeting the intrepid climbers as they battled to keep their

nerve. At last, they reached the summit and, trying desperately not to notice the mammoth drop below, they began... the 'Cowboy Strut'.

This brave, or perhaps crazy group of line dancers are the Kick 'In' Country Line Dance Display Team from Milton Keynes. The climb took them to the summit of the town's largest structure, the Snowdome Ski Centre, which is still under construction, and towers 150 foot above the ground. Their aim: to line dance in full gear, and raise money for charity.

People often say they feel as though they are "dancing on air", but very few get as near to the actual experience as the Kick 'In' Country crew. Their publicity blurb boldly claims that they will 'do it absolutely anywhere'. Here, then, was the chance to back those words up with action. "I can't believe we actually did it," recalls team leader Sandy Wharton. "When the building is

completed later this year, people will ski down the inside of the building, so just why we decided to climb up the outside of the structure to perform a line dance, I've no idea. We're going to change our name to "The Completely Mad and Off Their Rocker Display Team"."

In their successful attempt to raise over £1000 for the Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes, the team refused any safety harnesses and nets when scaling the dome. Due to ongoing building work, they had to climb the last twenty feet by ladder. The team, which consisted of Şandy plus local line dance instructors Vicki Birt, Cheryl Young, Julie Webster, Sarah Daniels and Milton Keynes Development Controller. Bernie Nicholis, were accompanied by several safety operatives to make sure the climb went according to plan. There was always going to be a risk of high winds, especially at 150 feet, but it was a pretty risky business. "If you look closely at the fiver

for the event," says Sandy, "you will notice that it warns 'Please note that if it should be very windy the event will be postponed.' On that particular day, the conditions were deemed to be too hazardous even for the workmen, but with the sponsor money depending on the outcome, we decided to go ahead anyway."

The poor conditions were a major drawback, but Sandy and the team were determined to do at least one dance. "We all had the collywobbles, and the safety crew thought we were crazy, but we quickly decided that we could manage the 'Cowboy Strut' with a bit of a struggle. This involved desperately hanging on to our Stetsons,

otherwise we would never have seen them again. It was certainly more than we bargained for." That one dance, however, was sufficient enough to enable the team to collect their sponsorship money and secure two appearances on Anglia Television's regional news programme. "Sadly, none of us got a close up on camera with being so high up, but I guess it was fame of a kind," jokes Sandy.

Mission accomplished, Sandy and company were then free to come down to solid ground. "We couldn't get down quick enough," she says. "We've never moved so fast in our entire lives." Incredibly, one of the several scheduled photographers failed to turn up on time. Sandy

takes up the tale: "When he did arrive, he was very polite towards us for a few minutes, and then actually had the nerve to ask us to go up again. Unbelievable! I won't tell you what we said to him, as you couldn't print it anyway."

Mountain climbers always used to trot out the same reason for climbing their latest peak - because it's there. Does this, I wonder, apply to line dancing? I ask Sandy what's next for the Kick' In' Country team and she laughs. "We're not sure, yet, but we are open to offers," she said. "We won't be doing any more heights in the future, maybe we will try one or two unusual places, but the Snowdome, at 150 feet, was a one off." She pauses for a second and then lets out a relieved laugh: "We must have been completely insane."







Although the number of line dancers and competitors are on the increase, other aspects of the US line dance scene are in decline. Country bars are closing and line dancers are losing their venues. James believes the demand for venues is strong enough, but bar owners and DJs have not identified the needs of their customers. "People want a variety of dance genres," he explained. "They want to do two-step, swing, line dancing and waltz. As a DJ, you have to mix it up. Do a couple of two-steps, a couple of line dances, a couple of swings, and another couple of line dances. Use extended dance mixes so the customers have a good sweat going. When the line dancers are resting, the others can do their two-step, waltz and swing. Give everybody a chance to get on the dance floor. And split the floor up for line dance. Do a beginner dance up front and throw the advanced dancers in the back. Control the dance floor, and give everybody something to do."

Line dancing in bars is not the only option, of course. "People think that if they can not teach or dance in a bar, they have to stop dancing." said Jean. "If the bar closes up, go find a community centre that isn't too expensive. Run your own classes, and people will come. You don't have to be in a bar to dance."

Once dancers visit a venue, it is up to the organizers to keep people coming back for more. The two JGs believe quality instruction and a careful selection of dances are vitally important. "I'd like to see more workshops in clubs." suggested James. "New dancers should be entertained to a point where it's so much fun they want to come again. A beginner dance doesn't have a 3/4 turn, 3/4 shuffle step, or anything like that. Complicated dances scare beginners away. We need to go back. People question why we still do 'Electric Slide'. Well, there are still people walking in the door who don't know it. A beginner dance is a pivot, a vine and some shuffle steps. I have a beginner class and an intermediate class; the beginners get beginner dances, the intermediates get harder routines." In Jean's opinion, it helps if teachers make allowances for the ability of their dancers. "If some of the moves are a little hard, like a body roll, you can substitute," she said. "Where there's a body roll, there's an easy way to do it - bend down and get up."

James entertains beginners with fun and easy dances: 'Southern Swing', 'Tush Push', the 'Macarena' and 'Red Hot Salsa'. "When I saw 'Red Hot Salsa', it was the cutest little dance I've ever seen in my life," he said, "We brought it back over here to the US, taught it and everybody loves it everywhere we go." James found some of his most enthusiastic beginners at the Special Olympics: 'I taught a couple of those beginner dances. Everybody could dance them, and I was the hit of the show."

Jg2 are open-minded about choosing music to dance to. For them, it is the dancing that is important. James explained: "For every Country song I use, I play a non-Country song. That way you try to keep everybody happy. You can have a really good dance, and it looks good and flows well to a non-Country song, but sometimes it doesn't feel or look the same as a Country song." Keeping everybody happy includes accommodating the tastes of young dancers. "These young kids are the future," said Jean. "They hear us playing non-Country, see us dancing to it, and they say, "This is great!" So they jump on the floor and try it themselves."

An often neglected part of the line dance equation is the role of the DJ. James and Jean firmly believe the DJ has the power to fiil a dance floor - or empty it. "The DJ controls the room," suggested James. "If he's good at his job he can keep a crowd on the floor. I've seen people who've gone to morning workshops dance until five o'clock the following morning, all because the DJ knew what he was doing. We should educate the DJs. Instructors can give DJs the cue sheets and talk to them about the dances. DJs should know what polka beats or Waltz tunes are, and know how to start a dance off."

James and Jean are heartened to see many line dancers undergoing some education of their own. There is a new emphasis on not just learning dances, but learning how to dance. "I encourage it," said Jean, "because we are no longer doing what

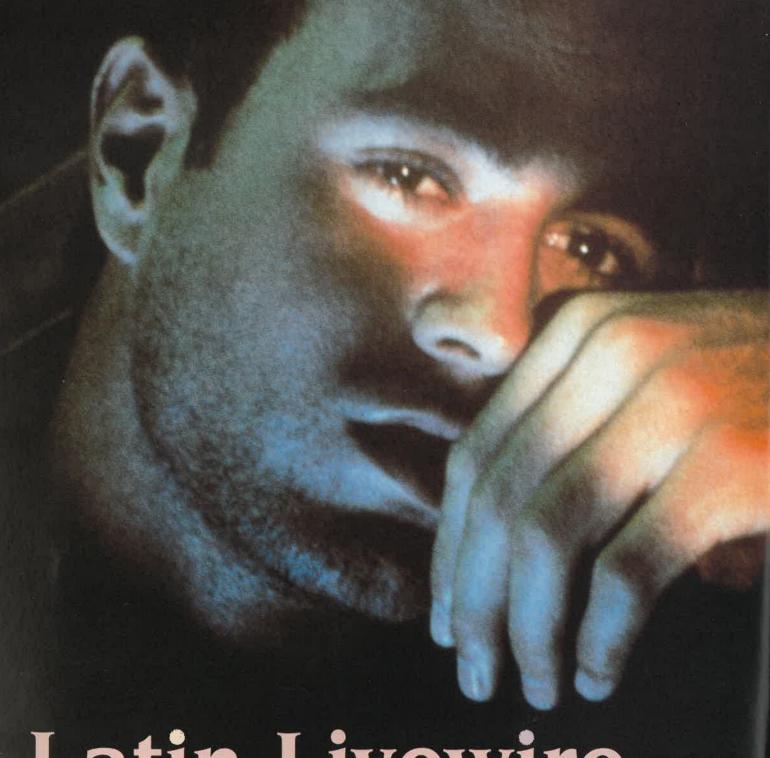
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we called 'siap leather basics'. If you're going to compete, go take a class in basic Cuban motion or waltz technique. If you don't have a partner, it doesn't matter. Just listen to the rhythm of the song. Learn how to move and how to feel, so when you get a line dance waltz, you aren't doing a flatfooted dance. When James and I first learned how to line dance, I thought, 'We'll never learn how to do this.' Now look at what we're doing: all these syncopations and jazz moves. It's another reason why we need exciting music, because the dance steps demand that music."

When it comes to Improving technique, there is no substitute for seeing yourself dance. "When you are tearning body rolls, it helps to get in front of a mirror and watch yourself," suggested James. "Get a video camera and tape yourself dancing. Often what we feel and see are two different things. Maybe if we saw ourselves making mistakes, we wouldn't make them anymore! World Champion Podro Machado watches himself on tape and either

gets new ideas for steps, or says, 'I'll never do that again!'" The duo believe Pedro sets a fine example, perfecting his skills by attending lessons on technique and styling. James continued: "Pedro didn't just wake up one day and say, 'I'm the World Champion.' It's taken a long time for him to learn all his moves."

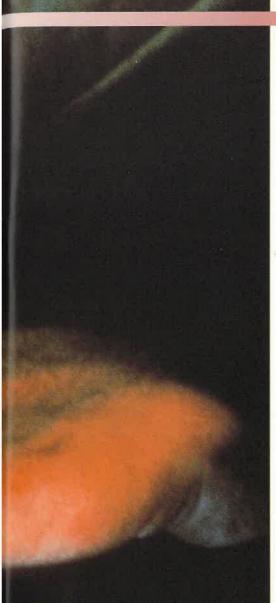
Many top dancers have experience of other dance forms. Jean observed: "A lot of couples started out as line dancers. We started out in couples and wound up in Line. Pedro is going into Pro-am now, and that's wonderful. We are talking to a couple of the male world champion couples dancers, and we might well see them on the line dance floor soon." As a successful partnership themselves, jg2 are sold on the idea of line and couples dancers working together. "The floor surfaces they bring in for top events are very expensive," sald Jean, "so sharing them makes sense. There is room enough for us all."



Latin Livewire

by Stephen Parry

nrique Iglesias is already a pop idol in Spanish-speaking countries, and the storming success of 'Bailamos' looks set to make him as big a star in Britain. With a brand new multi-million dollar record deal in his pocket, it seems the world is his for the taking.



Latin - Enrique Iglesias is on a roll! For any other foreign-language artist, the prospect of releasing your first English-speaking single would be a dauntiag one, but if, like Enrique, you've sold 13 million albums in the last four years, then it's 'no problemo' - 'Bailamos' has sailed straight into the top ten.

It's just the latest peak in a rollercoaster ride of success for the smouldering Spanish-American star, who has notched up no less than eleven consecutive number one hits on the Biliboard Hot Latin Charts.

The sudden wave of mania for all things Latin has helped to bring Enrique's music to a whole new audience. On his latest birthday, he received over 1.000 faxed messages, and it's now the norm for fans to tell him they have heard that, apparently, his father used to be a singer, too...

Though born in Spain, the second son of Julio grew up in the Latin melting-pot that is Miami, and it was here that the young Enrique developed his style - taking in the pop, Cuban. Spanish, Caribbean and North American influences that were all around him. It wasn't long before his combination of looks and

talent were being sought after by the record companies, and when he put pen to paper on his first million-dollar record contract, Enrique was still only seventeen. Now in his early twenties, he has already built up an impressive back-catalogue of Latin-orientated albums.

With his highly-charged live shows earning rave reviews and thousands of adoring female fans the world over, it would be easy to dismiss Enrique as just another good-looking pop pin-up, until you realise he began writing songs as a 15-year-old. Enrique also composed eight of those eleven Latin chart-toppers himself, and he secured that first record contract under the false identity of a Colombian singer called Martinez, in order to

avoid cashing in on his father's name. Although his records and shows can be enormous fun, music, to him, has always been a serious business. He even lists one his favourite hobbies as "being glued to MTV". Perhaps the crowning glory of his career so far was in 1997. when he won the Grammy for Best Latin Performer, as well as the Billboard Award for Best Artist of the Year. It seems the rising star has no trouble at all combining heartfelt emotion and pop appeal impressive with an musical ability.

Enrique's voice is slightly different to his father's. It is slightly more breathy,

and at the top of his range, very emotive, suggesting a passion and desire which his devoted army of fans adore him for. One inheritance from Dad, however, is the 'Latin playboy' image, with which Enrique has had to live with. He tries to play this down, but not too much, and admits he can be an outrageous flirt. However, Enrique does have his softer side, as he proved when he dedicated his debut, self-titled album to the nanny who helped to raise him as a child.

Even though it is his first English-language release, 'Bailamos' is fair representation of Enrique's talents. The single combines a classical guitar riff with a moody yet catchy chorus and a definite Latin rhythm. It also shows off Enrique's voice to great effect. After featuring in the movie Wild Wild West and taking over the airwaves these last few weeks, there can't be many people in the land who aren't familiar with that infectious,

soaraway chorus. Already, there have been two line dances choreographed to this guaranteed floor-filler, and several club remixes look certain to prolong the lifespan of Enrique's debut English hit. The literal translation of 'Bailamos' is "let's dance", and it's nigh-on impossible to keep still once those infectious Latin beats kick in. 'Bailamos' was produced by the successful Rive Droite team, and comes with a dynamic video directed by Nigel Dick, who has also produced clips for Cher, Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys, It is the type of service Enrique's level of commercial success now demands.

As Enrique's audience continues to grow, so too do the demands on his time. In the last two years, he has played over 150 large arena

shows, known for the thousands of screaming girl fans and Enrique's charismatic performances. Although his shows are still almost entirely in Spanish. Enrique has no problem with the English language, has translated and English songs into the Spanish tongue. There are the numerous promotional tours to do. and at the last count. Enrique's music was being used as theme music for at least three South American soap operas, all helping to make the twenty-four year old Spanish-American one of the biggest musical names in the Spanishspeaking world.



The rapid, and not that surprising, success of 'Bailamos' should not, however, be taken as a sign that Enrique will be deserting his original, Spanish-speaking fan-base. After the massive demand for his 1998 albums 'Vivir' and 'Cosas Del Amor', which topped eight million sales between them, it seemed only natural for the star to turn his attentions towards the English-language market. The details of his new record contract will ensure that all Enrique Iglesias fans will continue to be well catered for for a long time to come. After dominating the Latin market for the last four years, Enrique has now moved into the premier league of music superstars by putting pen to paper on a \$40 million deal with American record giants Universal Music. The deal promises five albums, three will be in Spanish, two in English. So, rest easy - there may just be enough of the Miami Maestro to go around, after all!

33rd Annual

CMA Awards

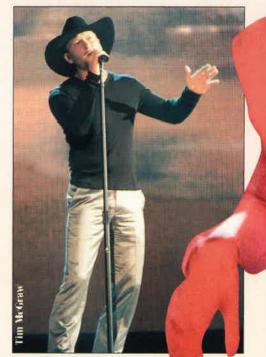
by Linda Willis

n a balmy September evening, the world of Country music came home to Nashville for the 33rd Annual Country Music Awards. It was limos and red carpet all the way, as a dazzling array of stars arrived at the Grand Ole Opry for Country's big night.

Stepping onto the one and a half million dollar set, the Dixie Chicks kicked off with a buoyantly energetic performance. 'Ready to Run' was the number, with plenty of lively fiddle and banjo, and sweet harmonies as usual. Huge applause greeted them. Compere for the night was Country star Vince Gill. He introduced old friend Marty Stuart, who said, 'According to the latest census there are one million people here in Nashville, and 750,000 of them are Country music song writers! So being nominated for Song of the Year is not exactly a 'sure one'! 'This Kiss' was the winner, written by Annie Roboff, Robin Lerner and Beth Nielsen Chapman.

Nominated for seven awards, Tim McGraw sang 'Every Time I Look at You', before two young artistes, Jesslca Andrews and Brian Wright presented the Music Video of the Year Award. The winner was 'Wide open Spaces' by the Dixie Chicks - a popular choice with the audience. A relaxed Vince Gill ambled back, all, "Ah-shucks," ad-libs and gentle sense of humour; this man has received more CMA awards than any other artistc. Next up was Brooks and Dunn. They performed the punchy 'Honky Tonk Time', a great dance track - line dancers take note! Simply the best for sure, and the voters at the CMA agreed as Pam Tillis and father Mel announced that, yet again, Brooks and Dunn were the Vocal Duo of the Year.

George Strait sang the ballad 'What do You Say to That?' before young Horizon Award nominee Sara Evans was introduced. "When she released her first record, Billboard magazine said, 'She's so good it's scary,'" said Vince. "When I released my first record, they just said - it's scary!" Sara sang the ballad, "No Place That Far". Vince, flaunting fashion by wearing a blue naval reefer jacket, kept things moving by introducing Steve Wariner. 'I'm Already



Taken' was the song, a traditional country ballad at its best. Clint Black then presented Best Album of the Year to Tim McGraw for 'A Place in the Sun'. Shania Twain belted out 'Come on Over' before winning the Best International Artiste Award.

A unique collaboration between pop group N Sync and Vocal Group of the Year nominees Alabama followed. Pop met Country in a spirited version of 'A Little More Time'. As Lee Ann Womack and Collin Raye prepared to announce the winners of Vocal Group of the Year, expectations were rising - who would it be? The Dixie Chicks hatched another winner, running away with this prize. "Yes Sir!" smiled Vince, "There are three new Sheriffs in town folks. Get used to itt"

Another beautiful blonde, Faith Hill sang her new single, 'Breathe', while husband Tim McGraw watched from the audience. Alan Jackson performed 'Honky Tonk Again' for a delighted audience, before Deanna Carter and Terri Clark presented the award for Male Vocalist of the Year. No surprises here, it went to hunky flavour of the year singer Tim McGraw. Thanking everyone he could think of, he concluded his gracious acceptance speech by thanking, "My girls!" Chely Wright sang 'Single White Female', before Country and Western singer songwriter Johnny Bond and Dolly Parton were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. "Somebody asked me," said Dolly,





"what do you want people to say about you in a hundred years from now? I want them to think - boy she looks good for her age!" Dolly sang 'Night Train to Memphis' from her new album 'The Grass Is Blue'. Dwight Yoakham blasted out the line dance chart topper 'Crazy Little Thing', before Billy Bob Thornton presented the Award for Vocal Event of the year - a winning ticket for Vince Gill and Patty Loveless with 'My Kind of Woman. My Kind of Man'. In his acceptance speech. Vince said how much he loved the really traditional values Country music: think the progress we're making is really cool but I urge all of us, as songwriters, performers, record executives - don't lose sight of our roots." Martina McBride sang 'Somebody's Gonna

Martina McBride sang 'Somebody's Gonna Give you a Lesson', and Travis Tritt and Marty Row announced the winner of Female Vocalist of the Year, Martina McBride. The singer was delighted: "Every year when I am nominated for this Award, I really think my husband wants me to win more than I do, so I'm really happy for him!" Kenny Chesney followed her on stage to perform 'I Wanna Know'. Merle Haggard and Jewel sang a duet "That's the Way Love Goes", an up-tempo ballad, before Randy Scruggs was pronounced Musician of the Year. Mary Chapin-Carpenter was presenting the award for Single of the

Shania Twain

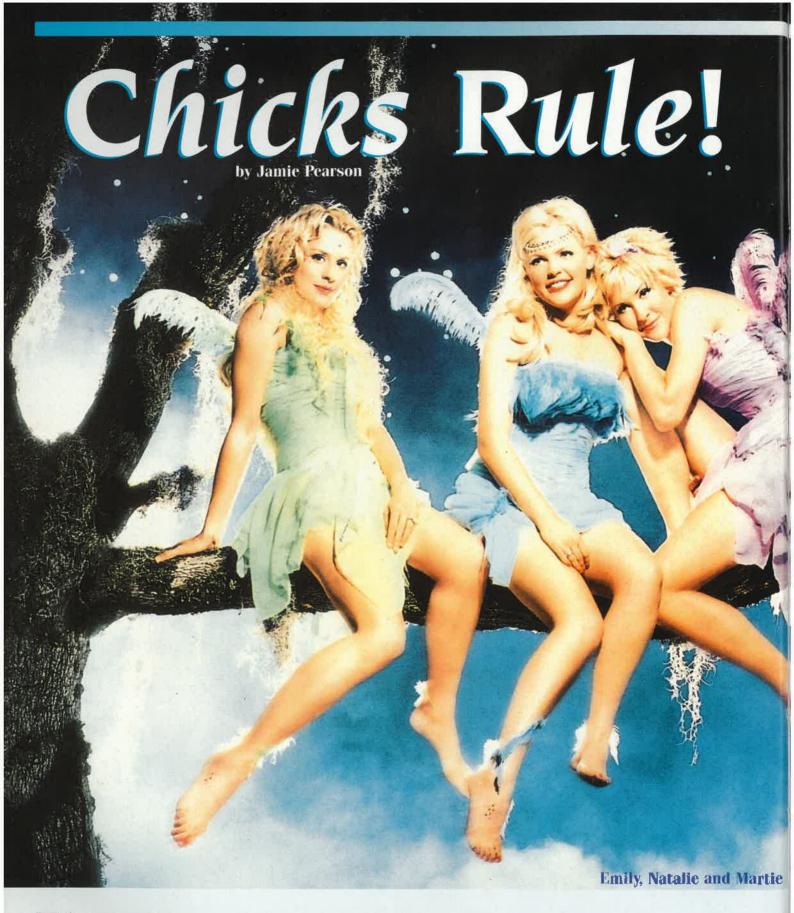
Year, and yet again those chirpy Chicks were the deserving recipients, for 'Wide Open Spaces'. "Where's Susan Dixon? Come on up here!" they squealed. "This is your award, Susan, you wrote this song. It's the first song she's ever cut, and it went to number one!"

Third inductee into the Gountry Music Hall of Fame was Conway Twitty. Joe Diffy honoured the winning Country music radio stations of the year, before Canadian group The Wilkinsons gave a lively uptempo number the full works, yodelling and all! Rock, pop and Country; very danceable, very good! SheDaisy, three young sisters from Utah, handed over the Horizon Award for Most Promising Newcomer to Jo Dee Messina. Jo extended gratitude to everyone she could think of, before admitting she couldn't remember any more names as she was, "Terrified!"

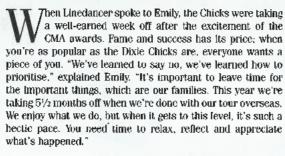
With 6½ awards going to women and 4½ to the men at this point, it was looking like ladies' night! And so to the final Award, but arguably the most prestigious, Entertainer of the Year. Before the winner was announced, Vince teamed up with Dolly Parton to sing the award-winning 'My Kind of Woman/My Kind of Man'. Then it was time for Reba McIntire to alleviate the suspense. Entertainer of the Year? "Come on up - Shania Twain!" She was ecstatic: "Thank you. It's such an honour! I am such a fan of Dolly Parton. She and Conway Twitty have been such an inspiration to me over the years. I can't wait to meet Dolly later!"

Shania has probably made the biggest impact of any country singer in recent years. A truly worthy winner, as they all were. The pulsating heartbeat of Country music is alive and kicking, back home where its roots are planted, in Nashville, Tennessee.





Emily Robison - the Dixie Chicks. 'Wide Open Spaces' has clocked up 7 million sales world-wide, and the girls have just picked up three CMA awards: Vocal Group of the Year, Single of the Year and Video of the Year. The girls' slogan 'Chicks Rule' says it all.



The Chicks are grateful for the recognition they receive. The girls have come a long way since their first gig on a Dallas street corner. Although they spent 10 years playing small venues and staying in run-down motels, Emily believes their long apprenticeship was worthwhile: "We had time to make mistakes outside of the media eye. We were learning the business: trying to manage ourselves, acting as our own

were figuring out what we wanted to do, what our goals were. We played everything across the board: bluegrass. cowgirl music and Country. We tried everything, but spread ourselves too thin. We were making a living, which is luxury to a lot of musicians, but musically it wasn't going anywhere. Then Natalie came on board in October 1995. There's definitely been a strategy since Natalie joined.*

Natalie, the daughter of Country guitar legend Lloyd Maines. easily adapted to life on the road. But musically, it took time for the new Chicks to click. Emily recalled. "We

> voice, we liked her family, she understood the road and everything that's involved in the music business. But it took a year to figure out what we wanted to do with the band. Rehearsals, gigging, throwing this song out and replacing it with another. She had to learn the old songs."

The girl's vocal harmonies, a key part of the Chicks' appeal, seem effortless on CD or in concert. This was not always the case. however. "Natalie had to learn how to sing with us," said Emily. "At first, with her rock and blues background, her singing style was balls to the wall, 24 hours a day. Her vocal style was so much more powerful than anything we were used to. We'd been doing cowgirl Dolly Parton-esque vocals, and Martie and I had to learn how to sing all over again: how to use the right muscles to breathe the right way, just to get the power to complement Natalie. She toned down a bit, we got stronger. and it started to meld together. Natalie had not sung a lot of Country previously; she'd shied away from that because her family was so involved in Country. It was more of a rebellious thing for her. But she has so much Country in her roots. She always says, 'I can't deny the Country twang in my voice!"

Emily describes the present Dixie Chick sound as a mixture of the Chicks' musical backgrounds: Texas rock from Natalie, bluegrass and Country from the sisters. But the Chicks place strong emphasis on the quality of their songs. "We look for melodic-based songs," explained Emily. "Lyrically, they have to stand the test of time. We're not into trite songs. We love funky beats: songs that make us want to dance, move and be happy. Songs that strike an emotional chord." Emily likes to see a range of emotions covered by the Chicks' material." It has to make you happy, it has to make you think or it has to make you wallow in your self-pity!" she laughed.

One of the advantages, or drawbacks, of success for the Chicks has been the sheer volume of material pitched to them by budding song writers. "It was almost comical this time around," recalled Emily. "One of the biggest bonuses of 'Fly' was writing more ourselves. Part of that was spurred on by the fact we weren't hearing a lot of stuff we liked. We'd hear a song, it would be completely pop, but they'd added a banjo! 'We're going to pitch it to the Dixie Chicks - put a hanjo on there!' They just didn't get it. We don't do songs because they sound like us when we get them; we take apart songs we like and rework them in our own way."

> The Chicks are popular rolemodels for a generation of young With women Chicks merchandise emblazoned with girl power slogans - including 'Chicks Rock' and 'Chicks Kick Ass' - you could be forgiven for assuming the band are singing for the girls first and foremost. But the Chicks choose songs for all their fans, male and female, and the lyrics are for everyone. 'Goodbye Earl', from the 'Fly' album, tells the story of a battered wife who takes fatal revenge on her husband, "People go, 'Oh, it's just a man bashing song.' No, it's a wifebeater basher song!" explained Emlly, laughing. "We're calling somebody on their inexcusable behaviour. It's a comic take on a very serious subject. For me, it's a Dixie Chick way of approaching something. It doesn't make people feel so

uncomfortable when they consider this subject."

The girls take their responsibilities as role models seriously. although they are modest about their suitability for the job. "It's hard to be yourself as a role model, because we're by no means so soneaky clean that we can be there raising the flag. saying, 'Come Follow Us!' It's more a sense that we can influence young girls to go out there and be a part of the 'boys' club'. When Martie and I were growing up, girls weren't playing banjos and fiddles. If we can encourage a young girl to keep practising the violin, well, more power to them."

Emily believes the Chick's male audience also identify with them. "We have a great male following, and not just because of the obvious reasons! When they see us on stage, they identify with the fact that we're a band. I think it's also because of our agressiveness; I think men tend to identify with that. And we have a lot of songs that are not one gender related." The Chicks are in their element on stage. Emily enthused: "It's the contact with the band on stage and the audience's reaction to what we're doing - instant feedback!"

Peter Metelnick has choreographed four dances to tracks from 'Fly', including 'Lightning Polka', which was published in October's Linedancer. So the Dixie Chicks will be a popular dance floor choice in the months to come. The girls embark on a stadium tour next year, but not before they coop themselves up for their 51/2 month hiatus. "After all this promotion, and seeing our face everywhere, we're kind of sick of ourselves!" joked Emily. They must be the only ones. On the evidence of the CMA awards, the rest of the world can not get enough of the Dixie Chicks.



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Young Guns

hirteen-year-old Sasha Smith's love for line dancing may just have set her on the road to stardom. The Sheffield schoolgirl was dancing while on holiday on the Costa Del Sol, when she was asked to appear in a musical with a professional theatre company.

"I was dancing to "The Beast' when I saw this woman suddenly appear and start talking to my mother. When I finished my dance, she told me she liked the way I moved, and asked would I be interested in a part in her production of 'The Pylama Game', I couldn't believe it." As part of her role in the musical, Sasha will perform two solo dances and will join the chorus for the rest of the show. Sasha will perform at Spain's only English-language theatre, the Salon Varietes, and theatre director Jackie Travis says of Sasha: "I can't believe she has no formal dance training. She is a natural."

Sasha will have to travel back to Spain for rehearsals of the classic musical before taking her place in the cast during nex! year's Easter holidays. "It still hasn't sunk in, really. I know I will learn a lot from performing out there and can't wait to go." Though modest. Sasha has come a long way since taking her first line dance steps three years ago. She has been so successful that she now teaches beginners at her Sheffield club and also won her regional semi-final in last year's British Championships. Linedancer must take a bit of credit, through, as Sasha's family only found out about the Spanish club, Malaga's Club La Naranja Stompers, through our own Stompin' Ground Section. Break a leg, Sasha!



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CWDC came north of the border in mid-September for a World Finals qualifying event. Held at Glasgow's Normandy Hotel, it was hosted by Liz, Roger and Bev Clarke, along with Dick and Geneva Matteis. **Bryan (Sassenach) Summers** reports.

The best of the best were on hand to judge and instruct. Liz had got together World Masters finalists, Sam and Denise Miller. Peter Metelnick. Scott Blevins. Judy Macdonald plus top names from Britain to partake in this unique event. Rob and Michelle Fowler were there with some of their students for the pro-am, Johnny Two-Step and Fi were there competing along with Alan 'AC' Clarke and Alan Livett, plus top judges from Britain and Europe. With so much talent on hand it had to be a class weekend, and wasn't it fun!

Dancers from all over the world arrived on Friday when Americans. Canadians, Swedish, English, Irish and Welsh joined the Scots and settled in with some dance practice. Meeting up with friends and exchanging stories and dances started weekend fun and entertainment together with the Classic Sounds disco. It helped relax the minds before the next days' competitions. For some it had been a late night, but the competitions started early Saturday morning. Fine couples and line dancers were in action as all the Classic divisions were covered. "Classic" means you know the dance but not the music you are to perform to. For those who were not competing or just wanted a break there a variety workshops. Scott taught his latest dances, as did Peter

and Julie. Couples tuition

covered Waltz. Two-Step and specialist classes in line-dance technique were given by Kelly Gillette. This really was a full day with something for everyone.

Saturday night brought more party atmosphere with dancing and cabaret. After dinner, resident band "Greyhound Express", ably supported by Classic Sounds

> disco, opened the evening. Scottish

dance from the North American champion was the first of our cabaret acts followed by Sam and Denise Miller with their championship waltz routine - the audience was thrilled with the exquisite dancing! Special guest Sharon B provided more music ant there was a final late set from Greyhound Express.

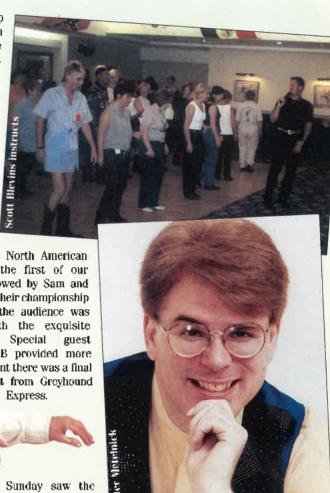
> known the dancers choreograph accordingly. couples and line. This where the best show off, and didn't they just. There were World Champions of the future on show, judging on this standard of performance. Sunday night was extra special. It was the time for the results. There were many happy faces as well as those tinged with a little disappointment but the sportsmanship never wavered the runners-up congratulated the winners.

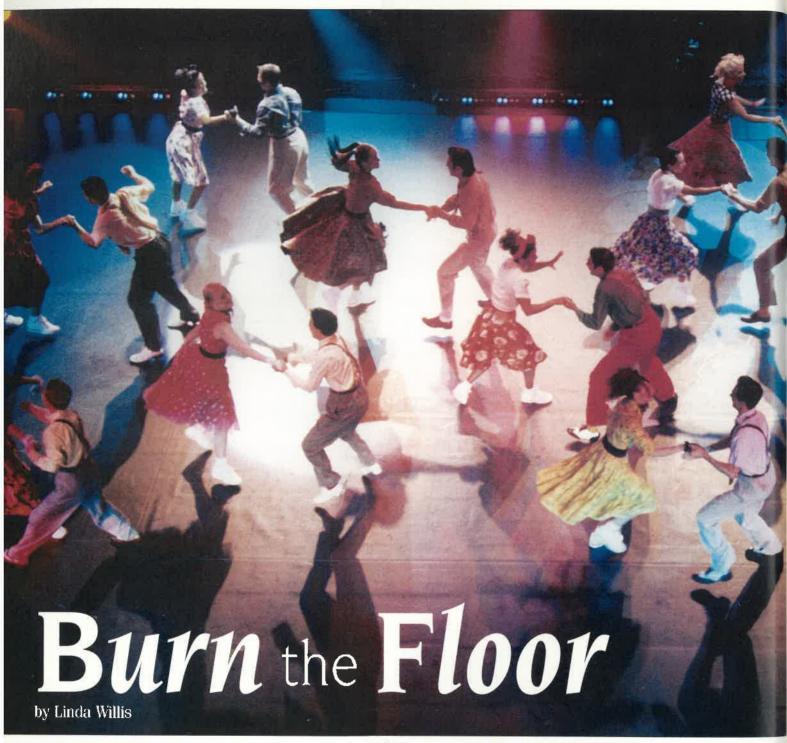
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The Jack and Jack lads provided one of the highlights of the weekend. It really epitomised the spirit of this event - fun and laughter. The competitors enjoyed themselves, and those who missed out on the trophies will be thinking about their routines for next year, when they will win! Thank you Liz, Roger, Bev, Dick and Geneva for a great weekend and to the Scots for their welcome and hospitality.



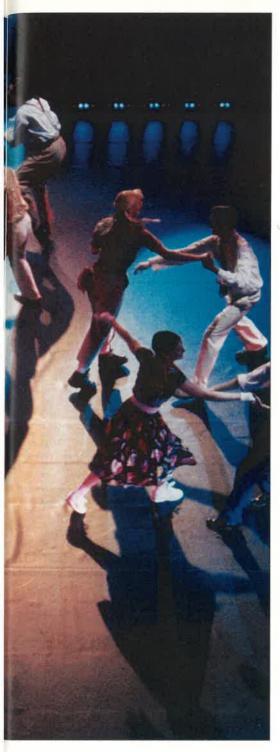


ine dancers take their inspiration from many sources, following fashion while setting trends of our own. And if Australian Latin American Dance Champions Jason Roditis and Tonia Kosivich, stars of the dance show 'Burn the Floor' have their way, we will soon be inspired to 'Learn to Burn!'

It was Elton John who inadvertently started the ball rolling, when he treated 600 guests at his 50th Birthday party to a twenty minute cabaret of Latin American dancing. It stopped the show and the idea for 'Burn the Floor' was conceived by one of the guests, producer Harvey Metcalfe. 'Burn the Floor' is an exciting celebration of dance: Lindy-hop, Latin, Salsa, Flamenco, Tango, Jive, Rock and Roll and Disco. "It's got everything in it," said dancer Jason, "'Burn the Floor' will be pushing boundaries every week. It's not one of those shows like 'Oklahoma' where you know all the songs and the choreography, and it's going to be the same twenty years from now. 'Burn the Floor' is developing, and that's exciting in itself."

Jason and his dance partner Tonia became involved with 'Burn the Floor' when they were approached by former world champion dancer

Linsey Hillier, assistant to the show's chorcographer, Anthony Van Laast, Linsey asked the duo if they would participate in the show's video shoot at Pinewood Studios last October. "There were hundreds of people there!" laughed Tonia, describing how they were surrounded at every conceivable angle by cameras, lights, microphones and all the paraphernalia of a big production. "The video is awesome," said Jason, proudly. "When we saw the video we thought that's not us! It's Michael Jackson or somebody!" The couple are confident the video and the show will appeal to a wide audience, from children to grandparents, 150,000 people watched 'Burn the Floor' during it's five week tour of Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle, Woolongong and Hobart. Tasmania. It broke box office records for a dance show in Australia.



The couple are delighted by the recent up-surge of interest in dance and believe popular culture is changing. Jason suggested "The latter half of the '90s has been about enjoying yourself. Night clubs, rock concerts and dancing are on the up. I also think 'Burn the Floor' is going change the way the world looks at dance. It will remind people of what they've always loved about dance, and it will show the younger generation that dance is cool. That you can play football, do 'Burn the Floor' and then go to a club. We've got plans for classes to start a whole sub-culture -'Learn to Burn!'" Jason is determined to obliterate the 'Come Dancing' image for good.

What is it about dancing that appeals to Jason so much? They both laughed at this one. Jason explained: "For me, it's the perfect opportunity to express myself, uninhibited, in public with a

group of people or by myself. Dance has no social or language barriers. Dance is the international language. It enables me to say what I want to say without having to find the words - or putting my foot in my mouth!"

As Latin American dancing is their passion, how do Jason and Tonia feel about the popularity of Latin this summer? "I think Latin music and dance is such a hit now because it's so sensual. With 1980s disco, you didn't smile, or even look at the person you're dancing with," said Jason. Leaning forward, and smiling wickedly, he continued, "Latin is hands-on: it's about contact,

it's about sweat. It's about going wild, enjoying it and being seen enjoying it! You look at any of the latest videos from Ricky Martin, and it's all beautifully tanned people strutting in the sunshine. Who wouldn't want be a part of that?"

Brown-eyed Jason, amiable Aussie from Sydney with a wicked sense of humour, explained how he and Tonia first met: "I was doing very well, winning junior championships in Australia, and then I split up with my dance partner.

I knew Tonia's brother, and he thought Tonia and I would dance well together. After she walked through the door, we spent thirty minutes practising dance, then three days getting to know each other better, and we haven't looked back since!" Ten years have passed, and Jason

and Tonia have been happily married for the last year and a half.

They numerous won international competitions amateurs, before deciding to join the professional circuit in 1994, when they won the United Kingdom Rising Stars Latin Championship. This led to them featuring in the top 12 at the World 10 Dance, French Open Championship, Australian Open, Dutch Open, UK International Open, World Latin and European

Championships and becoming the reigning fivetime undefeated Greek Latin American Champions. What was it like? Jason replied candidly: "When you're in the competitive scene. and you go away the first couple of times and have success, you're really clated. That breeds hunger for more success. You just want to go out and do it again, and do it better."

Jason and Tonia always valued good dancing over success with the judges in competitions. "We could go out and have a bad result, but be satisfied with our dancing. On the other hand, we've had success with a poor performance,"

explained Jason. Tonia added: "Dancing poorly and winning brings an empty feeling, even though we've been successful. It's unfulfilling when our priority is our actual dancing". Jason urges competitors to make the dancing their priority: "It's the only thing you can fully control. You can not control the outcome of a competition. It's funny, but the people who concentrate on the dancing itself are the ones who have the success. 'Burn the Floor' is teaching everybody who's involved that it's the dancing that's important. The audience appreciates that; they realise we're dancing for the sake of dance, not because we have to win something."

> Some of the dancers in 'Burn the Floor' have known each other since their competition days. and touring Australia has helped the company bond together into a close-knit 'family' for whom partying is a way of life. "We're a bunch of night owls!" laughed Jason. "When I come off stage, I'm on a high. Every night." Tonia added: "You buzz! And at one or two o'clock in the morning, you're still buzzing!" So they party into the early hours.

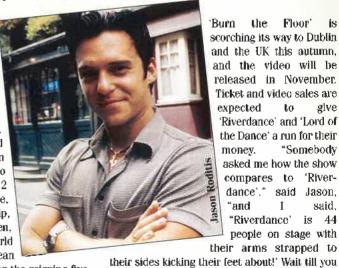
They happily admit it's one of the most enjoyable projects they have ever worked on. "I'm having the best time of my life," smiles Jason. "It's not work. It's like being on holiday 365 days a year!"

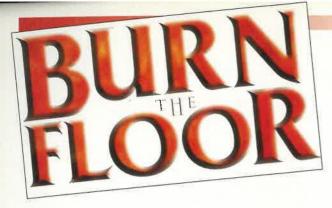
> Burn the Floor' scorching its way to Dublin and the UK this autumn, and the video will be released in November. Ticket and video sales are expected to 'Riverdance' and 'Lord of the Dance' a run for their "Somebody money. asked me how the show compares to 'Riverdance'," said Jason, "and "Riverdance' is 44 people on stage with

their sides kicking their feet about!' Wait till you see us; we've got no shackles on - we're hands on!"

If you want to 'Learn to Burn', you can catch up with the show at The Point Theatre, Dublin, on 22nd October, Glasgow SECC on 26th October, Birmingham NEC on 29th October, The Royal Albert Hall on 1st November and 2nd November and Manchester Arena on 5th November (for a really explosive firework night).

Turn over the page for your chance to win an exciting 'Burn the Floor' video.





Competition

Dance spectacular 'Burn the Floor' is blazing its way across the UK this month. The show is an exciting blend of dance styles, including Lindy-hop, Latin, Salsa, Flamenco, Tango, Jive, Rock and Roll and Disco.

You can also 'Learn to Burn' in the comfort of your own home thanks to the 'Burn the Floor' video, available in the shops from 8th November.

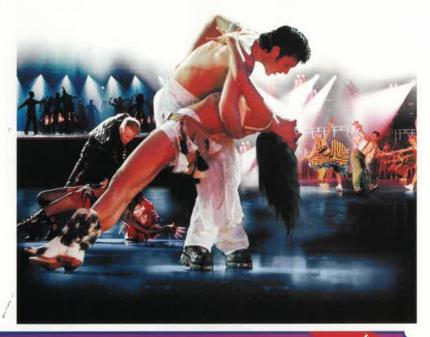
Linedancer has 20 copies of the video to give away. Simply answer the following question:

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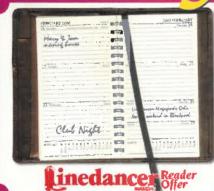
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It's time to cast your votes

We've been busy counting your nom-inations for the 1999 awards and are delighted that so many of you have responded. As the nominations are published this month, the excitement grows because now it is time to cast your votes to select the eventual winners.

Presentations will once again be made at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool during the Gala Awards Weekend on Friday 25th -Sunday 27th February 2000.

The final results are up to you. Only you know the people, music and dances that gave you the greatest enjoyment during 1999. You have the final say, your vote is a chance to say 'thank you' to those whose work you most admire and feel deserve to receive an award.

Please complete the voting form overleaf and return it by **4th January 2000**.

VOTING RULES

- Sorry photocopied or e-mailed votes cannot be counted
- You may only vote for ONE nominee in EACH category
- Voting forms must be signed
- Forms must be returned to us no later than 4th January 2000

VOTING GUIDANCE NOTES

LIVE ACT AWARDS

You can now vote in four live music sections.

- 1 Dedicated Dance Artist
- 2 Duo or Group
- 3 International Artist
- 4 International Duo or Group Simply vote for your ONE favourite live act in EACH category.

RECORDED MUSIC SECTION

In this category you are voting for a favourite dance track - and not the dance that you dance to it. So, which dance track sent you running onto the floor every time it was played? You can give ONE vote in EACH of the sections.

- 1 Dánce Track
- 2 Album
- 3 Dance Compilation Album

CHOREOGRAPHY SECTION

The list of nominations includes choreographers who may not have created your favourite dance but nevertheless have created other work(s) which you thoroughly enjoyed or admired. Simply vote for the ONE person whom you believe to be the most deserving of the title:

- 1 Choreographer of the Year
- 2 International Choreographer of the Year

INSTRUCTOR SECTION

This category is intended to reward both the local instructor and the 'travelling instructor'. You may vote for ONE in EACH category however, we trust that you will only cast a vote for someone from whom you have received direct dance instruction.

DANCE OF THE YEAR

Choose your favourite dance for 1999 from the nominations.

We remind you that in this section you are voting for the dance - not the music or the choreographer.

PERSONALITY SECTION

In this category we hope to recognise the people who, in your opinion, deserve an award for the contribution they have made to line dancing during 1999.

The winner does not necessarily have to be a dancer - just someone you consider a worthy holder of the title Dance Personality of the Year.

CLUB OF THE YEAR

Thank you for your nominations for this new category. The winner is not selected by votes but by a judging process. See next month's edition for full list of nominees.

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	8. Single White Female	
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Charity Lines Diary Dates:

On Friday November 19th, Sheldon Heath Social Club, Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham is holding a Line Dance Evening in aid of the Guide Dogs For The Blind charity. The dance commences at 8.00 p.m. and there will also be a full licensed bar, raffle and tombola. Tickets are £3.50 each and can be obtained/reserved by contacting Janet on 0121 742 1640 or Pauline on 0121 682 4654.

Friday November 19th is the night for line dancing at the Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt. In support of the Hertfordshire Breast Unit Appeal. The event runs from 8 p.m. to midnight and includes licensed bar and a raffle. Line dance pins are also available. Tickets are $\mathfrak{L}6.50$ for adults and $\mathfrak{L}3.00$ for children, and are available from Vicki on 01707 872386, or you can pay by credit card and ring Broxbourne Civic Hall on 01992 441946.

Blobby Stroll

The legendary Mr Blobby was in attendance at the annual fund-raising event for the Child Development Centre at Staincliffe Hospital, Dewsbury. As in previous years, the Silver Dollar Line Dancers were asked to put on a demonstration. This time, the challenge was to teach the mighty pink one to line dance. Mr Blobby surprised everyone with his adept footwork on the 'Birchwood Stroll' but when the



footwork on the 'Birchwood Strom but when the dancers performed 'Strong Enough', his feet became entangled with one another, and down he tumbled. "Blobby, Blobby, Blobby," was his surprising comment. However, the Silver Dollar crew achieved their difficult challenge and a well-earned £2000 was raised for the centre.

Children in Need Single

The Dean Brothers release their Children In Need single 'These Boots Are Ready To Dance' on November 22nd, with all proceeds going to The Children In Need Appeal 1999.

The single is on the Deansville label and distributed by Recognition/Universal.

Catalogue number: DVCD 0 19.

Calling All Stompers - To a 'Quest For The Cure'!

The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation desperately needs help in its quest to educate children about the dangers of tobacco, help to fund patient care and support, and most importantly, help for research to find a cure.

Many stompers have already promised that, between now and the new millennium, they will help the foundation that is named after that dedicated Record Breaker and toe-tapping entertainer, Roy Castle, with either raffles, sponsored Line Dances or by holding a Roy Castle evening.

If any other groups could find time during their busy dancing and fundraising schedules to raise some extra cash for the cause, the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation would be really thrilled.

Please call Irene Trevorrow at the Foundation, on 0151 794 8870, if you think you can help in any way.



MacMillan Miles

The 'Nickles and Dimes' line dancers from Carr Vale Working Mens Club recently held a charity evening to support the Macmillan Miles Appeal. The main attraction was a sponsored one-hour, non-stop dancing event. Generous sponsorship and a welcome glut of donated raffle prizes saw the final total soar to over the £1,000 mark. Organiser Christina Bluff would like to thank everyone who took part.



Sticklers Syndrome Charity

Clive Honeyman and Calamity Jane are pictured presenting a cheque for £1.145 to Angela Vickers for the Sticklers Syndrome Charity. The money was raised by running raffles at Iron Country line dance classes and dances.

and ...

Special Rangers

A line dance party held recently at the Services Club in Hawley Street, Margate by the Line Rangers raised £180 for the 'Save Our Living Organs' fund for the Renal Unit at Margate llospital.



Roy Castle Appeal

£1,354 was raised in Elleen Wainwright's memory on Sept. 10th in the Orroll Park Ballroom. Walton. A big thank you goes to everyone who gave up their time to make this a wonderful evening. Dave (pictured with his wife, Carol) and Graham were the D.J's for the evening. and kept everyone dancing



Super Silver

The Special Care Baby Unit at Glam Clwyd Hospital received some dancing support from the Silver Dollar Line Dancers of North Wales. The brave dancers even defied an electrical thunderstorm during their Charity Dance night. An exciting time was had by all, and sponsorship and collection ensured that over £850 was raised.



Doin' the Charity Walk

The Help The Aged promotions and "Longest Day" celebrations were given a welcome boost by the Dancin' Line team from Middlesex. The team assisted with the charity press-launch on Lambeth Pier, and provided non-stop entertainment. Team leader, Lauren Ingram, asked us to print this photo, otherwise they will not believe she has sent it in!

Bouquet Corner

Bouquets this month go to ...

Paula and Eric Bilby

Mrs C M Sturt writes on behalf of herself and all her friends to tell us that they cannot imagine life without line dancing. "After a hard days work it is lovely to have something to look forward to - going to Paula's and Eric's classes. I really think Paula and Eric should be recognised for the hours of enjoyment and pleasure they give to so many people who attend every week. Texas Star (Paula's class) are by far the best!"

Liz and Tom Dowler add: "Paula and Eric are always ready with a laugh, which relaxes everybody - keep up the good work!

Barbara and Bill of Moonlight Bay, Lanzarote
Jeanette of Dollars & Dimes line Dancers

recommends that anyone visiting Lanzarote pay a visit to Moonlight Bay - a very warm welcome awaits you. "Keep up the good work guys."

Vera Broughton and Eric of Line Dance lamboree

Jane Maguire, Sarah and fellow line dancers of the above named club from Sheffield thank you for arranging the line dance weekend trip to the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool during the weekend of 3-5th September. "The visit to Fort San Antone finished the weekend off nicely. Thank you

Tom and Lillian of Silver Spurs

Norma Waring has recently been on holiday in Newquay, Cornwall and happened upon a really good line dance class. They would like to say a huge thank you to Tom & Lillian for making them feel so very welcome and to let others know that Silver Spurs is well worth a visit.

Brenda Nevins writes:

To everyone who made the Dance To The Heartbeat Line Dance Charity Night held at the Cumbria Ballroom, Workington on September 3rd such a great success, the event raised £6000. Special thanks to B&J's disco. To Sandra and her adult and junior Coastliners line dance demonstration team. To everyone who donated gifts for the raffle. To Emma and John and everyone else who worked so hard. To Sue and Rene for the use of the best dance floor in West Cumbria. But the biggest thank you of all must go to Jackie who worked tirelessly to make the evening such a memorable occasion especially as driver of the Vangabus. I'm sure the passengers on board enjoyed themselves.

Brian and Edith

Thanks conveyed to both of you for helping us achieve our Gold Bar Award. Pictured below is Val, Margaret and teachers Brian and Edith



Chris and Martyn Hocking write to say:

Thanks to everyone who attended the Rebel Rider Biggest Line Dance Party on Saturday 21st August Special thanks conveyed to all the Rebel Crew Chris and Martyn say "Thanks guys, we couldn' have managed without you".

Huggin' and A-Kissin' Rebel Stompers

Another line dance social at Lowdham Village Hall arranged by Julie Langstff was a resounding success for her and the Border Collie Trust. The evening was arranged to raise funds for the Borde Collie Trust and this was achieved by a raffle and Andy Balls selling bugs and kisses. As you can see from the photo there was no shortage of takers fo Andy's favours and great fun was had by all. In total, the evening raised £140. This is one of man; charities that Julie helps raise funds for, and

the Rebel Stompers feel that it would be nice for her to be recognised, not only for her fundraising, but also for her hard work and dedication



throughout the year with all her classes. She is always professional, cheerful, makes her classes fun and teaches a wide variety of dances, keeping us up to date with the top 10.

Iohn Carrington

Paul and Lesisey Kay wish to express many thanks to John for his tireless efforts in training the Tim Texans line dance team, who placed third in their first ever competition at the Sewerby Gala Bridlington. Well done to the team and especially

Lun and Alan Masseu write:

We would just like to express our thanks to Tony and all the committee at Dixie Stampede for organising yet another great festival in Morecambe. We spen two of the three-day event line dancing and listening to some of the best country acts around The atmosphere was very friendly and everybody enjoyed the day. Tony and all the committee at Dixic Stampede will have their work out out to better this year's festival!

Sulvia Partridge writes:

Many thanks to the Braintree Line Dance Group who have been teaching all over the Essex area and are doing a fantastic job. Throughout the Summer have had a lot of enjoyment watching many of the public displays the group have put on. The group'

appeal seems to extend to people of all ages, and they are very friendly and welcoming people. So, well done, Lynn, Bev, Becky, Ian, Colin and Fabian - keep up the good work!



Pete Somper from Derby writes:

Can I thank all my classes for all of the great work they have put in over the last couple of years and also for the tireless work for they have put in for many charities. I think they are the best and was touched by their gifts and support when I was ir hospital. A big "thank you" to everyone involved.

Paul Taulor

Paul is a member of Skelmersdale line dance club 'Fancy Feet' which boasts over 200 members, and

the many hours Paul has put in at the club have made Fancy Feet eligible for a Pearl Employee Community Support Grant of £200. This donation has helped towards the costs of new outfits and is all down to Paul's hard work, Well done from Pearl.



Kosovan Appeal

ake two enterprising ladies, add a line dance band with a twist, and mix with country discs. Pick a Saturday, hire a big hall and spread the word across the media. Martin Lister joined the fun at the Spelthorne Club, near Staines, to raise money for the Kosovan Appeal.

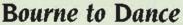
Daniela Whitaker and Liz Horne are two bubbly dancers who don't stop smiling. Harnessing the might of the media, their reward was a hall packed with almost 300 dancers from clubs far and wide. Dancers from the 7 Nighters, the Amigos, the Concorders, Footboose, Lakesiders, Lucky Stars, Renegade Ranchers and the Stetsons arrived in force. The result: nearly £900 raised for the Kosovan Appeal, the charity Daniela and Liz chose after spotting an appeal from Chris Russell of the Camberley Baptist Church. With missionaries already on site to distribute lorry loads of togs, toys and toiletries, they are confident that the money will be used efficiently.

The Westcoasters, with two live sets, and Irish Pete McCullough of Spurs and Shamrocks disco supplied the music for free. Fun is a word that does not do justice to the Westcoasters, who love

to line dance. Quite how their stage names - Shania (Steve Riley, vocals). Scooter (Peter Lockwood, guitar) and Dolly (Mike Blanchard, keyboard and vocals) evolved is held in the depths of time - 11 months to be precise, when the 4-year-old band turned their musical talents to line dance

music. Who cares that none of the band bears any resemblance to those blessed with single name recognition.

The truth is ... the Westcoasters believe they were born to play line dance music. They have the knack of transferring their pleasure dancers on the floor Their wicked sense of humour can be alarming at first, but you soon get the hang of it. The least said about the threatened forfeit one of the band makes a mistake the better, except to say it may involve removal of clothing. They tease the audience with specially chosen dances at a suicide rate or slo-mo speed. This works especially well at one-off gigs where many different clubs are thrown together; a great recipe to keep the floor full. As 'Shania' Westcoaster says: "Now, don't be strangers, y'hear, just come on over and say howdy on 07901 687776.3



The Bourne Valley Ranchers have come to aid of not one, but three different charities of late.

Their first day out was at a fund raising open day for Salisbury's P A L S Animal Sanctuary (see photo) where they helped bring in over £1000. Next port of call was at Amesbury Abbey, where a fund raising event in the Abbey grounds has helped

event in the Abbey grounds has helped to equip the newly opened Barcroft Medical Centre.

Just for good measure, the Ranchers are also touring senior citizens day-centres, where they help to promote basic line dancing as a "more fun exercise" as recommended by the British Heart Foundation.

Here's to the Ranchers!



And Finally. . .

Sunday 5th December. 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Romford United Services Club, Mawney Road, Romford, Essex in aid of 'Stepping Out for Scope'. Hills 'n' Toes are organising a wild west line dance night. There will be special guest appearances from World Champion Johnny Twostep and Fancy Feet. Tickets are £7, and include a buffet. For more information, contact Hillary on 01708 702468.





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Worlds Champion couples are feted with prizes, the equivalent in line dance take a back seat. Will this change? Martin Lister took the opportunity to chat to Bob Bahrs, Director elect for the UCWDC Worlds Championships in 2001 and 2002.

To be elected by your peers to take control of the largest and most prestigious country dance event on Earth, you need credentials. Bob Bahrs has that In trumps. At Worlds II, in 1994, he was crowned Worlds Masters Champion. He is the Event Co-director for the Heartland Dance Festival and KC Swing Challenge held in Kansas City every October. This year, Pedro Machado will be there in Kansas to promote line dance and teach 'Mambo #5'. Bob stages a second UCWDC Worlds qualifier, the Gateway Country Classic and St Louis Swing Challenge. This event will take place on November 11th to 13th and offers the full range of competition including all line dance divisions. "Line dancing has become an integral part of the UCWDC family over the past few years," said Bob. "and its importance will be reflected at future World Championships."

Bob will take Worlds into new territory. In January 2001, the first Worlds Championship to be held outside the US will descend on Edmonton, Canada. He will also be the Event Director for the first Worlds in Europe at Kerkrade, Holland in January 2002. Time and preparation is all important - Bob was elected in September 1998 to succeed Mike Haley, the current Worlds Director, allowing over two years to get the details fine tuned. "My main task is to get information into peoples' hands as early as possible: details of the event, competition and registration, as well as hotels, travel and scheduling," said Bob. "With lots of

lead-time to develop a dedicated web site, we can make great use of the internet. The Convention Centre in Edmonton will be the best the event has ever had. The 90,000 sq ft main Hall can be split into dedicated areas for line dance, couples and competitors' practice floor - and still have plenty of space for dressing rooms and scoring facilities. You will only need a shuffle or two to move from one area to the next. There is also a lower level with 12,000 sq ft of dance space and room galore for workshops. As for Kerkrade in 2002, extra facilities are being added to the Rodahal to cope with the anticipated large entry."

A decathlete of high standing (his best score was over 7.000 points). Bob's early goal was to become a high school coach. There are few who can pinpoint the turning point in life's direction. Bob is one. While on a track scholarship at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, a free dance lesson could not be turned down. Just a few sessions at Arthur Murray and he was working there. Before long, he was teaching dance. The rest, as they say, is history. His dance interests are now widespread. ln addition to instructing and running high

profile events, his other dance business interests include an event video company and renting portable dance floors to a host of venues across the US. He now has three trucks and two trailers to transport his 15,000 sq ft floor of hardwood. And who is his second driver? None other than World Champion Superstar, Pedro Machado.

& Catriona

As judge, instructor, businessman, showman and event director, Bob is restless - he's soon to return to the competition floor. While at last year's British Country and Western Championships at Barton Hall, he met his new dance partner, Catriona Wiles from Kent in the UK. The attraction was instant and a great new partnership is blossoming as they travel and dance together across Europe and the US. Now part of the jet set, Catriona has discovered a novel passport to ease her way through US immigration - a pair of cowboy boots! "You dance country in the UK, that's cool!" say the

customs officials. As the rapport builds between Bob and Catriona, they now feature in many Saturday night shows performing

both couples and line dance routines. Their first demonstration was at the UCWDC German championships in June, and more recently at the London Dance Classic. "Not only did Catriona choreograph the line dance segment, but she has added to the couples section as well," said Bob.

Dance has consumed Catriona's life: her first ballet lesson was at the tender age of three, and she discovered country and western dancing when

she was just seven years old. She is a girl who just loves to dance. Catriona has had numerous competition successes: 1995 Open International Couples Champion with Keith Garrett: 1996 UK Open Champion at Torbay with Sean Lloyd; and UCWDC Division IV British Champion with Lee Easton last year at Barton IIall. The big step is close - Bob and Catriona hope to win at Worlds next January in Nashville. Let's cheer them on.

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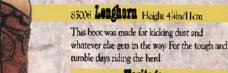


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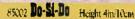
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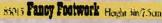


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On the Homestead

ancy going line dancing, drinking at a Country and Western bar, taking in a band or two and then going shopping for some new Western gear? In Edinburgh you can do all this in the same building. Stephen Parry saddled up at the bar at the Homestead.

A patch of Scotland that is Western through and through, the Homestead can be found in the heart of Edinburgh, and is a one-stop haven for all those wishing to line dance, check out Country bands and shop around for Western gear.

This centre for all things Western is the brainchild of lan Wright of Homestead Western Wear. Ian took his Western-themed clothes shop a couple of steps further when he decided to relocate to the city's Portobello Road and incorporate a genuine saloon bar and function-suite-cum-line dance venue into the business, It's all here for the Western fan.

Although happy with his clothing business, Ian also had other ambitions: "I had always fancied the idea of running my own Country and Western Bar, but did not want to lose the clothes shop. My wife wasn't too keen on the idea of running two separate businesses, so the perfect solution was to combine the two." The offer of the Portobello Road premises was too good a chance to turn down, and Ian went to work on his plan for the new Homestead. "As soon as I saw the premises, I said 'Yeah, that's for me.'"

"It was a slow start at first," says Ian, "but the audiences started to grow in size once word of mouth began to spread. I would rather have a growing scene than start off with a big attendance, only for it to tail off later on." Even the local authorities were supportive of the new venture: "Before the homestead, this building was a run-down pool hall, so we've brought a touch of style to the road." Ian thinks the design of his new venue is ideal for a regular line dance centre. "There is plenty of room for a good band and line dancing, then there's also the saloon bar (complete with saddle seats) where you can have a drink and watch Country stars or Western movies on the large-screen television, or they can have a meal in the function suite. Not to mention the longestablished shop.

On the up and up, the live acts are attracting a regular hardcore following. As Ian says: "We get a very knowledgeable and appreciative crowd. In fact they actually grade each band on a scale of one to ten. I don't think anyone has scored less than eight, yet." Though a committed supporter of the live band scene, ian recalls taking the odd financial bath with a few early bookings: "We lost a few pounds

early on when putting on live acts, but I only wanted to book the best bands, and if that meant paying top dollar, then so be it. We are committed to top quality bands." Audiences have increased of late and acts to appear include Des Walters, the Dirty Hat Band and Outlaw. Fans are now coming from all over the Country and recent visitors include fans from as far away as London.

Line dance classes are held several times a week, and are occasionally run to live acts. There are ample facilities due to the spacious layout. However, one unusual aspect that will strike the first-time visitor is the location of the shop. "Our Western-wear shop is at the back of the premises," Ian says. "So, you could say we have a captive audience." Ian begins to laugh: "Visitors have to walk right through the bar and function room in order to reach the shop, and it is officially open any time the bar is." This can make for an unusual scenario, especially with Scottish licensing laws allowing a 1am Saturday licence (lucky beggars), of being able to shop for a Stetson in the wee small hours. "We've had a few puzzled looks from first-timers, but it's a nice, unique feature of the place," comments lan.

The decor of the Homestead is entirely Western, with plaques and memorabilia adoming the walls, and a firm (ish) "no football" rule on the large screen television in the bar. There are also quick-draw competitions to entertain the Western crowds as they eagerly wait to see just who really is the fastest gun around.

Ian is constantly inundated with orders for Western wear: "At the moment, I have two piles of boots rising up to the ceiling which have been requested by customers. Boots are the most popular item, particularly with the line dancers. We try to cover every aspect of Western wear, right down to the booties worn by 18-month-old toddlers, which are very popular."

Ian has representatives in America who track down and send out the most authentic outfits and accessories on the market. "We like to think we can handle most requests. If we don't stock an item, then we can certainly get it for you. For example, we would not necessarily stock a complete civil war outfit, but we would buy it in if somebody requested it."

Other 'takes' on the West are also well represented. "There are many native American items in the new shop," says lan. "We have, on occasion, bought in full Indian outlits in the chamois leather, but it can be pricey, and they have to be made to measure. Then, there is the odd bow-and-arrow set for

people to use as decoration. We've also got both a Cherokee and a French Indian in Florida, who actually make our cradle board dolls, dreamcatchers and mandalas - these are similar in shape to the dreamcatchers, but circular and based on the Indian shield. They are basically good luck symbols, but whereas the dreamcatcher is more or less see-through, a mandala is covered, and features a lot of rabbit or sheepskin.

Of course, hats are always in demand, too. "The ladies definitely like to wear the Stetsons, now that it's fashionable with the young scene in the night-clubs. Thanks to the likes of Boyzone and All Saints, girls are always asking for them." Then, there is the more youthful crowd: "The younger ones come in and the first thing they want is a hat. It gives them the immediate look of a cowboy or cowgirl. The little boys often look for a wee gun while their parents are shopping. With the caps firing, there's never a dull moment!"

There is a friendly, family atmosphere at the Homestead, enhanced by the presence of lan's two daughters, who also work at in the place. Fun and attention to detail are the buzzwords, here. So, next time you find yourself north of the border, take a detour to the Homestead.



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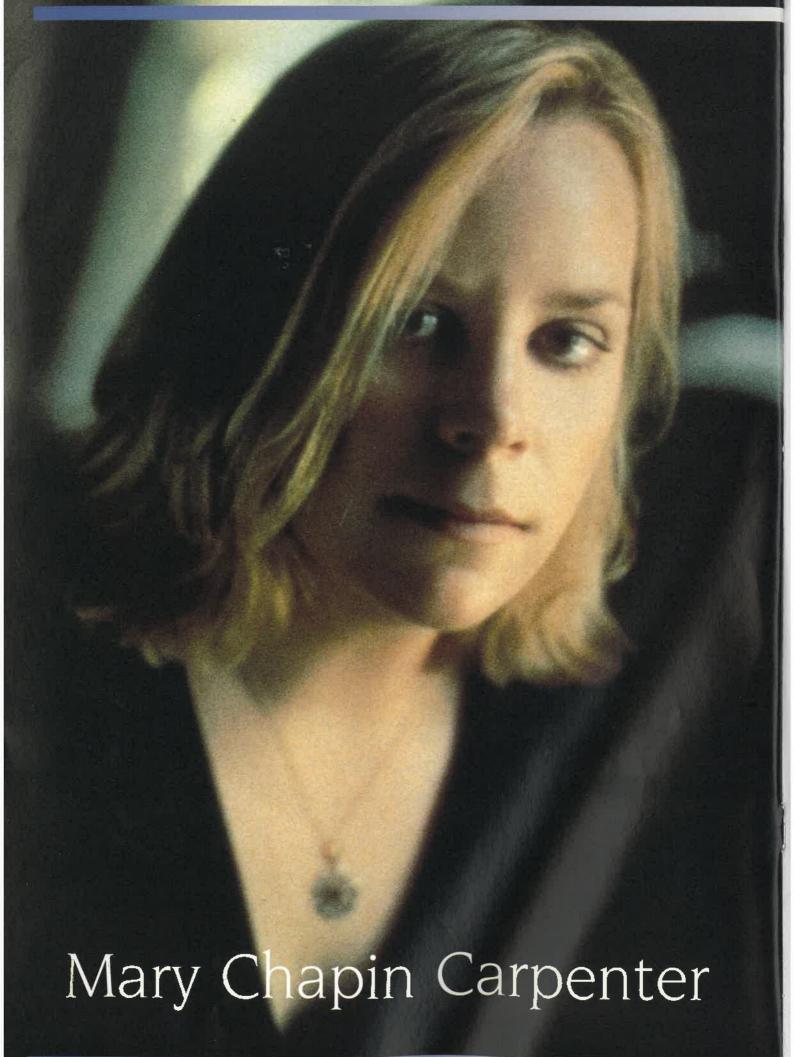
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Party Doll on Wheels

by Linda Willis

released in 1987, that launched Mary Chapin Carpenter's career. The "Hometown Girl" from Washington, D.C. has grown up over the years. Not only has she worked hard to become a singer of distinction, she is also a prolific songwriter, author and tireless campaigner for the environment and women's rights.

Following a tour of the USA with her own band this summer, Mary Chapin Carpenter returns to the UK in the autumn for a series of concerts taking her from Aberdeen to London. "Party Doll On Wheels" is Mary's latest album of seventeen of her "greatest hits", including live versions of some classics

never previously released. Line dancers will love her live version of "Down At the Twist and Shout" with Cajun band BeauSoleil, along with "Passionate Kisses", which is great for any dance with a cha-cha beat. "Shut up and Kiss Me" is also very dancer-friendly with a nice drum back-beat. Her moving tribute to John Lennon is in her version of his song "Grow Old With Me". "I Feel Lucky" is, of course, good to dance to as is "You Can't Take Love for Granted" - 'Black Coffee' goes well to this one!

Mick Jagger's "Party Dof!" gives the album its name and two brand new songs are included, "Almost Home" which was co-written by Mary, Beth Nielsen Chapman and Annie Roboff, who wrote "This Kiss" for Faith Hill". Mary's selfpenned "Wherever you Are" has lovely words. It is a slow ballad, perfect for 'El Paso Stroll' or any slow couples dance.

When I caught up with Mary I asked her what she was looking forward to most about her forthcoming UK tour. "Well", she replied, "Being able to bring the entire band over to a place in the world I am very, very fond of." Her band, comprising John Jennings on bass, John Carroll on keyboards, Duke Levine - multi-skilled guitarist, and Dave Mattacks, who has played with Jethro Tull and Paul McCartney among others on drums, readily agree with her.

THE WORLD

Mary Chapin Carpenter has a way of integrating various styles into her music. Hollywood have used her songs for several film soundtracks, including "Tin Cup", "Fly Away Home" and "Dead Man Walking". But who has been the biggest musical influence in her life? "I can't say," she said. "I love all music, really!"

Her humanitarian, environmental and political interests have led her to be involved in numerous projects involving other areas of her creative talent, As an author she contributed to a book commemorating, the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, and she also wrote her first children's book based on the self-penned lullaby track, "Dreamland", which was published in 1996. All proceeds from the book were donated to the Institute for Intercultural Understanding. Her second children's book, "Halley Came to Jackson", also based on one of her songs, was released by Harper Collins in 1998.

Mary's commitment to humanitarian issues led her to perform at UNICEF's 50th Anniversary Concert in December 1998, "A Gift of Song", and to undertake numerous trips to entertain troops in Bosnia. Mary also supports environmental, literacy and social change organisations. Realising how deeply committed she is to all these issues, I asked her who had influenced her most in her life

and why. "There isn't one person who has influenced me," she replied, "but rather I feel as though I've been fortunate to spend time with strong, confident, hopeful and dignified people throughout my life. They inspire everyone around them!"

Returning again to her favourite subject - writing - she added, "I think that writing, if you really work at it, has the ability to show you things you might not see otherwise, in yourself, and the world around you. I just let my mind and imagination run free and see where it goes."

I had just one more question for Mary: "Of all the songs that you have written, which one means the most to you?" - "The one I just wrote!" she replied.

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... Merry-Go Round, Life Is Good, Rock Around The Clock, Walkin' The Line, All Shook Up, Ooh! Ahh!, Summertime Cha Cha, G.M.C., Smokin' Cowboy and Now Hear This



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MARCH 1998

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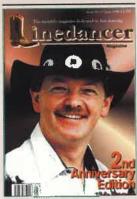
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Timeless Carousel- Page 60

Taking on board comments about too many dances on the dance circuit, Maggie Gallagher is trying to help us all out with Timeless Carousel. When asked by Vaquero to choreograph dances for two of the tracks from their latest CD she decided that just one would do. The tracks are different paces, 'Time' being a medium paced track and 'Carousel' being the faster track. Depending on your preference and probably stamina you can décide which track you like best, but rest assured you'll love the dance.

Times 2 - Page 65

With twelve months line dancing under her belt Sara Preston has decided to try her hand at choreography. Inspired for her first time by the chart hit '2 Times' Sara has come up with an exciting 32 count dance which works well with this annoyingly catchy tune.

Well done Sara.

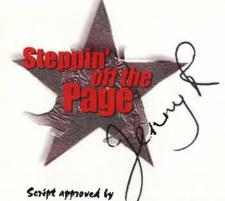
Syncopated Rhythm - Page 67

With the Scooch single When My Baby now released this dance is going to be huge. Choreographed by Rob Fowler and premiered at his 4th July event, this dance is a sure fire hit. Don't be put off trying it if you see people crouching down, then flinging their arms in the air. This is not compulsory but is great fun if you can manage it, and even more fun trying.

Have Fun, Go Mad - Page 68

Following his recent tour Scott Blevins has left us with his latest creation. Have Fun, Go Mad is only 32 counts but with about 3/4 of those being syncopated steps this dance requires some nimble footwork. Described by some as a 'dancers dance' lets hope we get as much pleasure from this as we have gained from Latin Groove.

Rob Fowler



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13 & 14	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
15 - 16	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
Section 3	Jazz Box, Right Kick Ball Touch, Cross Left, Unwind 1/2 Turn Right.		
17 - 18	Cross right over left. Step back left.	Cross. Back.	Back
19 - 20	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side. Together.	Right
21 & 22	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Touch left to left side.	Kick Ball Touch	On the spot
23 - 24	Cross left over right. Unwind 1/2 turn right.	Cross Unwind	Turning right
Section 4	Right Shuffle, Rock Step, Left Shuffle Back, Rock 1/4 Turn Right		
25 & 26	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
27 - 28	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Rock. Step.	On the spot
29 & 30	Step back left. Close right beside left. Step back left.	Shuffle Back	Back
31	On ball of left pivot 1/4 turn right and rock back on right.	Turn	Turning right
32	Rock forward onto left.	Rock	

Four Wall Line Dance: 32 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Jenny Rockett (UK) June 1999.

Choreographed to:- 'Just Can't Win For Losing You' by Dean Brothers from Rock Bottom CD.



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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Toe, Kick, Cross Strut, Grapevine Left with Touch.		
1 - 2	Touch right toe to left instep. Kick right foot forward.	Toe. Kick.	On the spot
3 - 4	Cross right toe over left. Drop right heel taking weight onto right.	Cross. Strut.	Left
5 - 6	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	
7 - 8	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Step. Touch.	31
Section 2	Side Step, Clap, 1/2 Turn Right & Clap x 2, Cross Rock.		
9 - 10	Step right to right side. Clap.	Right. Clap	Right
11 - 12	Oп ball of right make 1/2 turn right, stepping left to left side. Clap	Turn. Clap.	Turning right
13 - 14	On ball of left make 1/2 turn right, stepping right to right side. Clap.	Turn. Clap.	
15 - 16	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross, Rock.	On the spot
Section 3	Side Left, Shimmy, Step Together, 1/4 Shuffle Right, Step 1/2 Pivot.		
17	Step left to left side.	Left	Left
18 - 19	Shimmy shoulder for two counts.	Shake Shake	
20	Slide right to touch beside left.	Together	
21 & 22	Step right 1/4 turn right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Turn Shuffle	Turning right
23 - 24	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	
Section 4	Heel Switches with Holds, Toe Taps.		
25 - 26	Touch left heel forward. Hold.	Left. Hold.	On the spot
& 27 - 28	Step left beside right. Touch right heel forward. Hold.	& Right. Hold.	
& 29 · 30	Step right beside left. Touch left heel forward. Hold.	& Left. Hold.	
31 - 32	With left heel on floor, tap left toe twice, taking weight on second tap.	Тар. Тар.	

Four Wall Line Dance: 32 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Ros Brander-Stephenson (UK) Aug 1999.

Choreographed to:- 'Wasn't That A Party' by Scooter Lee (170bpm) from Would You Consider CD.



Timeless Carousel

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§	Section 1	Walks with Claps, Coaster Step & Hold.		
	1 - 2	Step forward right. Clap.	Right. Clap.	Forward
8	3 - 4	Step forward left. Clap.	Left. Clap.	
	5 - 8	Step back right. Step left beside right, Step forward right. Hold.	Coaster Step	On the spot
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1	9 - 10	Step forward left, Clap.	Left. Clap.	Forward
	11 - 12	Step forward right. Clap.	Right, Clap.	
	13 - 16	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left. Hold.	Coaster step	On the spot
4	Section 3	Right Rock & Cross, Hold, Left Rock & Cross, Hold.		
	17 - 18	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Right, Rock,	On the spot
	19 - 20	Cross right over left. Hold.	Cross Hold.	on the spec
-	21 - 22	Rock left to left side. Rock onto right in place.	Left, Rock.	On the spot
-	23 - 24	Cross left over right. Hold.	Cross. Hold.	on the spot
	Section 4	Step 1/2 Pivot Left with Holds, Right Shuffle Forward, Hold.		
- 1	25 - 26	Step forward right. Hold.	Step. Hold.	Forward
- 1	27 - 28	Pivot 1/2 turn left. Hold.	Pivot. Hold.	Turning left
	29 - 32	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right. Hold.	Right Shuffle	Forward
	Section 5	Left Rock & Cross, Hold, Right Rock & Cross, Hold.		
	33 - 34	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place.	Left, Rock.	On the spot
	35 - 36	Cross left over right. Hold.	Cross, Hold.	On the space
- 1	37 - 38	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Right. Rock.	On the spot
	39 - 40	Cross right over left. Hold.	Cross. Hold.	on the spot
	Section 6	Step 1/2 Pivot Right with Hold, Triple 1/2 Turn Right, Hold.		
	41 - 42	Step forward left. Hold.	Step. Hold.	Forward
- 11	43 - 44	Pivot 1/2 turn right. Hold.	Pivot. Hold.	Turning right
	45 - 48	Triple step 1/2 turn right, stepping - Left, Right, Left. Hold.	Triple Turn	Terrining regint
	Section 7	Coaster Step, Hold, Heel Twists completing 1/4 Turn Left, Hold.		
	49 - 52	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right. Hold.	Coaster Step	On the spot
	53 - 56	On balls of feet twist heels – right, left, right, making 1/4 turn left. Hold.	Twist & Turn	Turning left
	Section 8	Left Toe Strut, Right Toe Strut, Sailor Step, Hold.		
	57 - 58	Step left toe forward. Drop left heel to floor taking weight.	Left. Strut.	Forward
	59 - 60	Step right toe forward. Drop right heel to floor taking weight.	Right. Strut.	, c. truitu
	61 - 62	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side.	Sailor	On the spot
	63 - 64	Step left to place. Hold.	Step. Hold.	

Four Wall Line Dance: 64 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Maggie Gallagher (UK) Sept 1999.

Choreographed to:- 'Time (192 bpm)' or 'Carousel (240 bpm)' by Vaquero from the Time mini album.



Missing You You



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Forward Rock, Right & Left Lock Steps Back, Back Rock.		
1 - 2	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward. Rock.	On the spot
3 & 4	Step back right. Cross lock left over right. Step back right.	Back Lock Step	Back
5 & 6	Step back left. Cross lock right over left. Step back left.	Back Lock Step	
7 - 8	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
Section 2	Forward Rock, 3/4 Triple Turn Right, Syncopated Rocks Forward and Back.		
9 - 10	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward. Rock.	On the spot
11 & 12	Triple step 3/4 turn right, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Triple Turn	Turning right
13 - 14	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right	Rock, Step.	On the spot
& 15 - 16	Step left beside right. Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	& Rock. Step.	
Section 3	Step. Cross Behind. Rolling Full Turn Right, Chasse Right, Back Rock.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
19	Step right to right side making 1/2 turn right.	Torn	Turning right
20	Step left to left side making 1/2 turn right.	Turn	
21 & 22	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
23 - 24	Rock back on left. Rock forward onto right.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
Section 4	Syncopated Grapevine Left, Step 1/2 Pivot, Walk Forward.		
25 - 26	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
& 27 - 28	Step left to left side. Cross right over left. Step left to left side.	& Cross. Side.	
29 - 30	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot,	Turning left
31 - 32	Step forward right. Step forward left.	Right. Left.	Forward

Four Wall Line Dance: 32 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Amanda Harvey-Tench (UK) Sept 99.

Choreographed to:- 'Missing You' by Brooks & Dunn (102 bpm) 32 count intro, from Tight Rope CD.



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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Hip Bumps, Cross & Claps, Left Hip Bumps, Cross & Claps.		
1 - 2	Step right to right side bumping hips right. Bump hips right again.	Right Bump	Right
& 3	Step back left. Cross step right over left.	& Cross	On the spot
& 4	Hold and clap hands twice.	Clap. Clap.	
5 - 6	Step left to left side bumping hips left. Bump hips left again.	Left Bump	Left
& 7	Step back right. Cross step left over right.	& Cross	On the spot
& 8	Hold and clap hands twice.	Clap. Clap.	
Section 2	Step, 1/2 Turn Right, Coaster, Step, 1/2 Turn Left, Coaster.		
9 - 10	Step forward right. On ball of right 1/2 turn right, stepping back left.	Step. Turn.	Turning right
11 & 12	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right	Coaster Step	On the spot
13 - 14	Step forward left. On ball of left 1/2 turn left, stepping back right.	Step. Turn.	Turning left
15 & 16	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	On the spot
Section 3	1/4 Turn Heel Grind, Coaster Step, Step 1/2 Pivot, Triple 1/2 Turn.		
17	Step right heel forward, toes turned in.	Heei	Forward
18	Grind heel into floor making 1/4 right, stepping back onto left.	Grind	Turning right
19 & 20	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	On the spot
21 - 22	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step Pivot.	Turning right
23 & 24	Triple step 1/2 turn right, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Turn	v.
Section 4	Back Rock, Right Shuffle, Forward Rock, Coaster Step.		
25 - 26	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
27 & 28	Step forward right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
29 - 30	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Forward, Rock.	On the spot
31 & 32	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	

Four Wall Line Dance: 32 Counts. Intermediate Level,

Choreographed by:- Chris Hodgson (UK) & Peter Metelnick (CAN) Sept 98.

Choreographed to:- 'Almost Jamaica' by Bellamy Brothers (112 bpm) from The Reggae Cowboys CD.



The Picnic



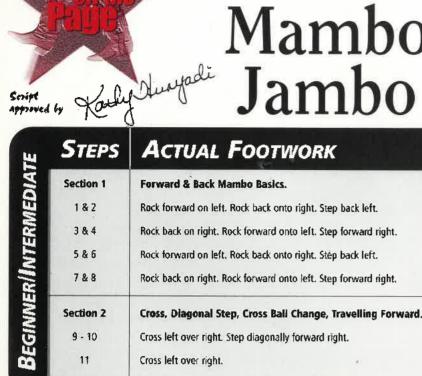
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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right & Left, Sugarfoot, Triple Step.		

STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right & Left, Sugarfoot, Triple Step.		
1 - 2	Touch right toe to left instep. Touch right heel to left instep.	Toe. Heel.	On the spot
3 & 4	Triple step in place - Right, Left, Right.	Triple Step	
5 - 6	Touch left toe to right instep. Touch left heel to right instep.	Toe. Heel.	
7 & 8	Triple step in place - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Step	
Section 2	Right & Left Shuffles Forward, Right & Left Shuffles Back.		
9 & 10	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
11 & 12	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	1 1 1 4
13 & 14	Step back right. Close left beside right. Step back right.	Shuffle Back	Back
15 & 16	Step back left. Close right beside left. Step back left.	Shuffle Back	
Section 3	Rolling Grapevines Right & Left with Stomps.		
17	Step right 1/4 turn to right side.	Turn	Turning right
18	On ball of right pivot 1/4 turn right, stepping left to left side.	2	
19	On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping right to right side.	3	
20	Stomp left beside right and clap.	Stomp	On the spot
21	Step left 1/4 turn to left side.	Turn	Turning left
22	On ball of left pivot 1/4 turn left, stepping right to right side.	2	
23	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn left, stepping left to left side.	3	× -
24	Stomp right beside left and clap.	Stomp	On the spot
Section 4	Right Kick Bali Change x 2, Step 1/2 Pivot Left x 2.		
25 & 26	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
27 & 28	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	
29 - 30	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
31 - 32	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	
Section 5	Stomp, Claps x 3, Cross Shuffle, Right 1/4 Turn Shuffle.		- WIII-WIII-
33	Stomp right beside left.	Stomp	On the spot
34 - 36	Clap hands three times. (Weight remains on right)	Clap Clap Clap	
37 & 38	Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Cross Shuffle	Right
39 & 40	Step right 1/4 turn right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Turn Shuffle	Turning right
Section 6	1/4 Turn Side Shuffle, 1/4 Turn Back Shuffle, Walk Forward & Stomp.		
41	On ball of right make 1/4 turn right, stepping left to left side.	Side	Turning right
& 42	Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Shuffle	
43	On ball of left pivot 1/4 turn right, stepping back right.	Back	Turning right
& 44	Close left beside right. Step back right.	Shuffle	
45 - 48	Walk forward - Left Right Left. Stomp right beside left (no weight).	Forward 2 3 Stomp	Forward

Four Wall Line Dance: 48 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- David Paden (USA).

Choreographed to:- 'Cowboy Sweetheart' by LeAnn Rimes from Fever 9.



Mambo

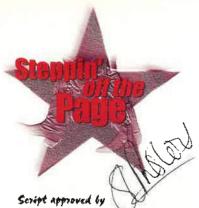


STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Forward & Back Mambo Basics.		
1 & 2	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right. Step back left.	Forward & Back	On the spot
3 & 4	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left. Step forward right.	Back & Forward	
5 & 6	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right. Step back left.	Forward & Back	
7 & 8	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left. Step forward right.	Back & Forward	
Section 2	Cross, Diagonal Step, Cross Ball Change, Travelling Forward.		
9 - 10	Cross left over right. Step diagonally forward right.	Cross Step	Forward
11	Cross left over right.	Cross	
& 12	Step right to right side, Step left in place (angling body to left).	Side Step	On the spot
13 - 14	Cross right over left. Step left diagonally forward left.	Cross Step	Forward
15	Cross right over left.	Cross	
& 16	Step left to left side. Step right in place (angling body to right)	Side Step	On the spot
Section 3	Crossing Triples, Travelling Back.		
17 &	Cross left over right. Step back right.	Cross. Back.	Back
18	Step left beside right (facing home wall).	Together.	On the spot
19 &	Cross right over left (angling body to left diagonal). Step back left.	Cross. Back.	Back
20	Step right beside left (facing home wall).	Together	On the spot
21 &	Cross left over right (angling body to right diagonal). Step back right.	Cross. Back.	Back
22	Step left beside right (facing home wail).	Together	On the spot
23 &	Cross right over left (angling body to left diagonal). Step back left.	Cross. Back.	Back
24	Step right beside left (facing home wall).	Together	On the spot
Section 4	Syncopated Rock, Skate Steps, Syncopated Rock with 1/4 Turn Left.		
25 & 26	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right. Step left to left side.	Rock & Side	On the spot
27	Angle body right and skate right to right side.	Right	Right
28	Angle body left and skate left toe to left side.	Left	Left
29	Angle body right and skate right to right side.	Right	Right
30 &	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross. Back.	On the spot
31 - 32	Step left 1/4 turn left. Step right beside left.	Turn. Together.	Turning left

Four Wall Line Dance: - 32 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Kathy Hunyadi & Jo Thompson (USA) Sept 1999.

Choreographed to:- 'Bailamos' by Enrique Iglesias from 'Wild Wild West' soundtrack or CD single.



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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Side Touch, Cross, Unwind 1/2 Turn Left & Clap, x 2.		
1 - 2	Touch right toe to right side. Cross right over left.	Point. Cross.	On The Spot
3 - 4	Unwind 1/2 turn left. Clap.	Unwind. Clap.	Turning Left
5 - 6	Touch right toe to right side. Cross right over left.	Point. Cross.	On The Spot
7 - 8	Unwind 1/2 turn left. Clap.	Unwind. Clap.	Turning Left
Section 2	Right Chasse, Cross Rock, Chasse with 1/4 Turn Left, Step 1/2 Pivot.		
9 & 10	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
11 - 12	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
13 & 14	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left 1/4 turn left.	Side Close Turn	Turning Left
15 - 16	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	
Section 3	Right Shuffle, Left Rock, Coaster Step, Step 1/2 Pivot Left		
17 & 18	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
19 - 20	Step forward left. Rock back onto right.	Left. Rock.	On the spot
21 & 22	Step back on left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	
23 - 24	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning Left
Section 4	Kick Ball Points with Right & Left, Heel Switches, Heel Hook.		
25 & 26	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Touch left to left side.	Kick Ball Touch	On the spot
27 & 28	Kick left forward. Step left beside right. Touch right to right side.	Kick Ball Touch	
29 &	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left.	Heel &	
30 &	Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right.	Heel &	
31 - 32	Touch right heel forward. Hook right heel to left knee & clap.	Heel. Hook.	

Four Wall Line Dance: 32 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Sara Preston (UK) Oct 99.

Choreographed to:- '2 Times' by AnnLee.



Just Can't Wait



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Kicks, Sailor Step, Left Kicks with 1/4 Turn Left, Coaster Step.		
1 - 2	Kick right forward. Kick right to right diagonal.	Kick, Kick.	On the spot
3 & 4	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Sailor Step	
5 - 6	Kick left forward. On ball of right make 1/4 turn left kicking left forward.	Kick, Turn.	Turning left
7 & 8	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	On the spot
Section 2	Step 1/2 Pivot, Right Shuffle, Step 1/4 Pivot, Cross Shuffle.		
9 - 10	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
11 & 12	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
13 - 14	Step forward left. Pivot 1/4 turn right	Step. Turn.	Turning right
15 & 16	Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Cross Step Cross	Right
Section 3	Side Right, Hold, Close, Rock Right, Right Sailor Step, Left Sailor Step.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side. Hold	Side. Hold.	Right
& 19 - 20	Step left beside right. Rock right to right side. Rock onto left in place.	& Right. Rock.	On the spot
21 & 22	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Sailor Step	
23 & 24	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place.	Sailor Step	
Section 4	Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Step Hitch, Coaster Step, Step 1/4 Pivot Left.		
25 - 26	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
27 - 28	Step forward right, Hitch left knee.	Step. Hitch.	Forward
29 - 30	Step left back. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	On the spot
31 - 32	Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left

Four Wall Line Dance: 32 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Peter Metelnick (Can) July 99.

Choreographed to:- 'If I Fall You're Going Down With Me' by Dixie Chicks (172 bpm), from the Dixie Chicks album - Fly.

Music Suggestion: 'Party Down' by Julie Reeves.



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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Kick & Side Rock, Syncopated Weave Left, Step 1/2 Pivot Right x 2.		
1 & 2	Kick right forward. Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Kick & Rock	On the spot
3 & 4	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left,	Behind & Cross	Left
5 - 6	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
7 - 8	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	
Section 2	Kick & Side Rock, Syncopated Weave Right, Step 1/2 Plvot Left x 2.		
9 & 10	Kick left forward. Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place.	Kick & Rock	On the spot
11 & 12	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Behind & Cross	Right
13 - 14	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
15 - 16	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	
Section 3	Rock Step, Shuffle 1/2 Turn, Heel Ball Touch, Heel Jack with 1/4 Turn Right.		
17 - 18	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock, Step.	On the spot
19 & 20	Shuffle step 1/2 turn right, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Shuffle Turn	Turning right
21 & 22	Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right. Touch right beside left.	Heel & Touch	On the spot
& 23	Step back on right. Touch left heel forward.	& Heel	0 t./C 3pot
& 24	Step onto left making 1/4 turn right. Touch right beside left.	& Turn	Turning right
Section 4	Right Side Slide, Stomp x 2, Right Heel Jack, Left Heel Jack.		
25 - 27	Step right to right side. Slide left beside right over two counts.	Right 2, 3,	Right
& 28	Stomp left beside right twice.	Stomp. Stomp.	On the spot
& 29	Step left diagonally back left. Touch right heel diagonally forward.	Right Heel	On the spot
& 30	Step right in place. Step left beside right.	& Together	
& 31	Step right diagonally back right. Touch left heel diagonally forward.	Left Heel	3
& 32	Step left in place. Touch right beside left.	& Touch	
Section 5	Right Shuffle, 1/2 Turn, Shuffle, 1/4 Turn, Shuffle, 1/2 Turn, Shuffle,		
33 & 34	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
35 & 36	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn left and shuffle forward - Left, Right, Left.	Left Shuffle	Turning left
37 & 38	On ball of left pivot 1/4 turn right and shuffle forward - Right, Left, Right.	Right Shuffle	Turning right
39 & 40	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn left and shuffle forward - Left, Right, Left.	Left Shuffle	Turning left
Section 6	Jazz Box 1/4 Turn, Right Side with Click, Hold, 1/2 Turn Right, Hold.		
41 - 42	Cross right over left. Step back left.	Cross, Back,	Back
43 - 44	Step right 1/4 turn right. Step left beside right.	Turn. Together.	Turning right
45 - 46	Step right to right side. Hold.	Right. Hold	Right
Note:	Click fingers above head on step right.	mg. t. viola	I III III
47 - 48	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn right, touching left to left side. Hold.	Turn Right. Hold.	Turning right
Note:	Click fingers down at side on step left. Weight remains on right.		
Section 7	1/2 Turn Left with Hold, x 2, 1/2 Turn Right with Hold, x 2.		
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	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn left, stepping left to left. Hold. Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot.	Left. Hold.	Turning left
Note:	Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot.		
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Note: 51 - 52	Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left, touching right to right. Hold. Click fingers down at side on step right. Weight remains on left.	Turn. Hold.	Turning left
Note: 51 - 52 Note:	Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left, touching right to right. Hold.		
Note: 51 - 52 Note: 53 - 54	Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left, touching right to right. Hold. Click fingers down at side on step right. Weight remains on left. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping right to right. Hold. Click fingers above head on step right. Weight transfers to right. Hold On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping left to left. Hold.	Turn. Hold.	Turning left
Note: 51 - 52 Note: 53 - 54 Note:	Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left, touching right to right. Hold. Click fingers down at side on step right. Weight remains on left. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping right to right. Hold. Click fingers above head on step right. Weight transfers to right. Hold	Turn. Hold. Right. Hold.	Turning left Turning right
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Note: 51 - 52 Note: 53 - 54 Note: 55 - 56 Note: Section 8	Click fingers above head on step left. Weight transfers to left foot. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left, touching right to right. Hold. Click fingers down at side on step right. Weight remains on left. On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping right to right. Hold. Click fingers above head on step right. Weight transfers to right.Hold On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping left to left. Hold. Click fingers down at side on step left. Weight transfers to left foot. Jazz Box 1/4 Turn Right x 2, Syncopated Jumps Forward.	Turn. Hold. Right. Hold. Turn. Hold.	Turning left Turning right Turning right
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Four Wall Line Dance: 64 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Michelle & Rob Fowler (UK) July 99.

Choreographed to:- 'Syncopated Rhythm' by Scooch from When My Baby single.



Have Fun, Go Mad



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Walk Forward, 1/2 Pivot Left, 1/2 Pivot Right, Back Steps, Side, Together, Cross, Point.		
1 - 2	Step forward right. Step forward left.	Right. Left.	Forward
3 & 4	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward right.	Step Turn Step	Turning left
& 5	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn right. Step left beside right.	& Turn	Turning right
& 6	Step back right, Step slightly back on left.	Back, Back,	Back
& 7	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side. Together.	Right
& 8	Cross right over left. Touch left to left side.	Cross. Touch.	On the spot
Section 2	Cross Side Steps x 2,Behind,1/4 Turn Left & Step,Rock Step,1/2 Pivot.		
9 - 10	Cross left over right. Step right to right side.	Cross. Side.	Right
& 11	Step left beside right. Cross right over left.	& Cross	On the spot
& 12	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Side. Cross.	Left
& 13	Step left 1/4 turn left. Step forward right.	Turn. Step.	Turning left
14 & 15	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right. Step back left.	Forward & Back	On the spot
& 16	On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn right, stepping forward right.	& Turn	Turning right
Section 3	3/4 Turn, Touch,Behind,Swilel Steps, Rock Step,Back with Hip Push		
17 & 18	Step forward on left. Pivot 3/4 turn right. Touch left to left side.	Step Turn Touch	Turning right
19	Cross left behind right.	Behind	On the spot
&	Step right beside left, angleing body to left diagonal.	&	
20	Step forward left (towards left diagonal)	Step	Forward
21	On ball of left turn body to face right diagonal stepping right forward.	Right	
22	On ball of right turn body to face left diagonal stepping left forward,	Left	
23 &	Straighten up to wall and rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock &	On the spot
24	Step right beside left bending slightly forward pushing hips back.	Hips	
Section 4	Forward Rock, 1 & 3/4 Turn Forward, Touch, Together, Left Rock.		
25 &	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Rock &	On the spot
26	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left, stepping left forward.	Turn	Turning left
& 27	On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left. Step back right.	& 2	
& 28	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward left.	& 3	
&	On ball of left make 1/4 turn left.	&	
29 - 30	Touch right to right side. Step right beside left.	Touch. Together.	On the spot
31 & 32	Rock left to left side. Rock onto right in place. Step left beside right,	Left Rock Step	

Four Wall Line Dance:- 32 Counts, Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Scott Bievins (USA) Aug 1999.

Choreographed to:- 'Have Fun, Go Mad' by Blair on 'Sliding Doors' and 'Bean' soundtracks.



The Trail



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Toe & Heel Touches & Crosses with Taps.		
1 - 2	Touch right toe to left instep knee pointing left. Touch right heel forward.	Toe. Heel.	On the spot
3 - 4	Hook right across left tapping toe to floor. Touch right heel forward.	Cross, Heel.	
5 - 6	Hook right across left tapping toe to floor. Touch right heel forward.	Cross. Heel.	
7 - 8	Touch right toe to left instep knee pointing left. Step right beside left.	Toe. Step.	
Section 2	Left Toe & Heel Touches & Crosses with Taps.		
9 - 10	Touch left toe to right instep knee pointing right. Touch left heel forward.	Toe. Heel.	On the spot
11 - 12	Hook left across right tapping toe to floor. Touch left heel forward.	Cross. Heel.	
13 - 14	Hook left across right tapping toe to floor. Touch left heel forward.	Cross. Heel.	
15 - 16	Touch left toe to right instep knee pointing right. Step left beside right.	Toe. Step.	
Section 3	Right Heel & Toe Twists, Left Heel Toe, Heel Toe		
17 - 18	Twist right heel to right. Twist right toe to right	Heel. Toe.	Right
19 - 20	Twist right heel to right. Twist right toe to right.	Heel. Toe.	
21 - 22	Twist left toe to right. Twist left heel to right.	Toe. Heel	
23 - 24	Twist left toe to right. Twist left heel to right,	Toe. Heel.	
Section 4	Right & Left Knee Pops with Holds.		
25 - 26	Pop right knee forward. Hold.	Right. Hold.	On the spot
27 - 28	Straighten right leg popping left knee forward. Hold.	Left. Hold.	
29 - 30	Straighten left popping right forward. Straighten right popping left forward.	Right, Left,	
31 - 32	Straighten left popping right forward. Straighten right popping left forward.	Right. Left.	
Section 5	Right Heel & Toe, Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Step 1/4 Pivot Left.		
& 33 - 34	Take weight onto left in place. Touch right heel forward. Hold.	& Heel. Hold	On the spot
35 - 36	Touch right toe back. Hold	Back Hold	
37 - 38	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
39 - 40	Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step. Turn.	
Section 6	Right Heel & Toe, Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Step 1/4 Pivot Left.		
41 - 42	Touch right heel forward, Hold,	Heel. Hold.	On the spot
43 - 44	Touch right toe back. Hold.	Back. Hold.	
45 - 46	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Left
47 - 48	Step forward right, Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step. Turn.	Left
Section 7	Step, Brush Forward, Back, Forward, leading Right & Left.		
49 - 50	Step forward right. Brush left forward.	Step. Brush.	Forward
51 - 52	Brush left back across right. Brush left forward.	Back, Brush.	On the spot
53 - 54	Step forward left. Brush right forward.	Step. Brush.	Forward
56 - 56	Brush right back across left. Brush right forward.	Back. Brush.	On the spot
Section 8	Rock Recover, Back Step. Rock Recover, Back Step		
57 - 58	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward, Rock,	On the spot
59 - 60	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	
61 - 62	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward, Rock,	
63 - 64	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	

TAG: When facing the back for the fourth time, there is a break in the music. When you get to the knee pops instead of doing 4 quick ones, do 8 quick ones then go back to the beginning of the dance.

Two Wall Line Dance: - 64 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Judy McDonald (Can).
Choreographed to:- 'Trail Of Tears' by: Billy Ray Cyrus.
Choreographers Note:- There is a slow intro at beginning of track. Start dance when quick music starts or with the lyrics. The dance will finish at step 63, stepping right beside left as music ends.



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BEGINNER



ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Side Toe Touches, Chasse Right, Side Toe Touches, Chasse Left.		
Touch right to right side. Touch right beside left.	Right, Touch.	On the spot
Step right to right side. Close right beside left. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
Touch left to left side. Touch left beside right.	Left. Touch.	On the spot
Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	Left
Side Toe Touches, Right Shuffle, Side Toe Touches, Left Shuffle.		
Touch right to right side. Touch right toe across left.	Right. Touch.	On the spot
Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
Touch left to left side. Touch left toe across right.	Left Touch	On the spot
Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Right Shuffle, Step 1/2 Pivot Right, Left Shuffle.		
Step forward right, Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right shuffle	Forward
Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Forward Rock, Back Rock, Step 1/2 Pivot, Stomps.		
Rock forward on right. Rock back on left.	Forward, Rock,	On the spot
Rock back on right. Rock forward on left.	Back. Rock.	
Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
Stomp right beside left. Stomp left beside right.	Stomp. Stomp.	On the spot
	Side Toe Touches, Chasse Right, Side Toe Touches, Chasse Left. Touch right to right side. Touch right beside left. Step right to right side. Close right beside left. Step right to right side. Touch left to left side. Touch left beside right. Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side. Side Toe Touches, Right Shuffle, Side Toe Touches, Left Shuffle. Touch right to right side. Touch right toe across left. Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right. Touch left to left side. Touch left toe across right. Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left. Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right. Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left. Forward Rock, Back Rock, Step 1/2 Plvot, Stomps. Rock forward on right. Rock back on left. Rock back on right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Side Toe Touches, Chasse Right, Side Toe Touches, Chasse Left. Touch right to right side. Touch right beside left. Step right to right side. Close right beside left. Step right to right side. Touch left to left side. Touch left beside right. Side Close Side Left. Touch. Side Close Side Side Close Side Left. Touch. Side Close Side Left. Touch. Side Toe Touches, Right Shuffle, Side Toe Touches, Left Shuffle. Right. Touch. Right. Touch. Right Shuffle Right. Touch. Right Shuffle Left Touch. Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right. Left Touch Left Touch Left Shuffle Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Right Shuffle, Step 1/2 Pivot Right, Left Shuffle. Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step forward left. Close left beside right. Step forward right. Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right. Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left. Left Shuffle Forward Rock, Back Rock, Step 1/2 Pivot, Stomps. Rock forward on right. Rock back on left. Rock back on right. Rock back on left. Step Forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left. Step. Pivot.

Two Wall Line Dance:- 32 Counts, Beginner Level.

Choreographed by:- Tracey Lister (UK) Aug 99.

Choreographed to:- 'You Don't Know Her' by Kimber Clayton.

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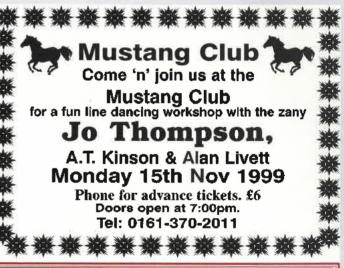
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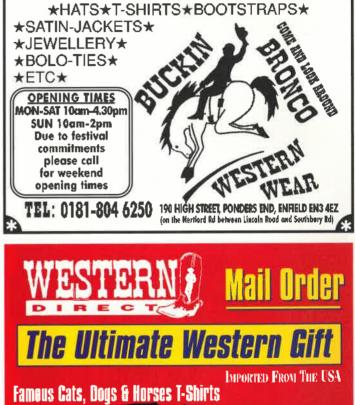




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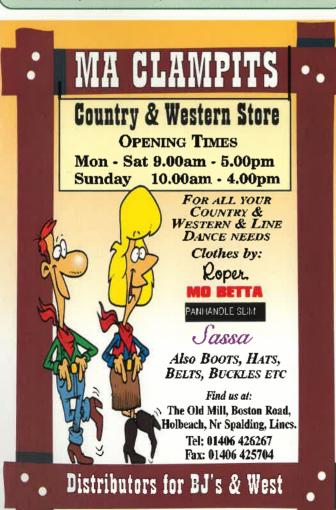
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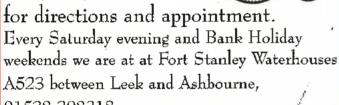
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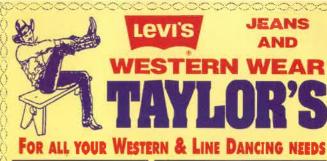
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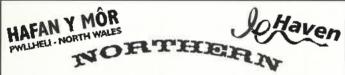
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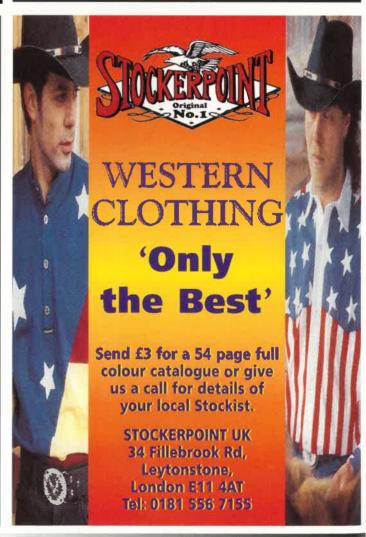
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Between the Lines

Your chance to comment ...

Where were you?

Praise indeed for a young girl called Sharon who organised a line dance weekend (10th - 12th Sept.) at St Matthew's Social Club, West Midlands which featured Lonestar Country, Dean Brothers, Raddings & Moore, class groups and a workshop by Chris Hodgson.

Lee Woodburn (April Issue), a local young line dance teacher, gave us a fabulous display of one of his dances. What a pity other local teachers didn't bring their classes along - you certainly missed the opportunity to "Paint A Vista" and promote your club and have a fantastic weekend.

Lee is certainly a true entrepreneur. I doubt whether Sharon will promote another weekend due to a lack of local support - what a waste of all those months of effort and worry - where were you so called line dancers when she needed you? One day you'll wake

up and line dancing will be no more - so come on, we need your support.

Once again, thank you so much, Sharon. Keep smiling, stay happy.

Barkin' Mad Rob, Walsall

A Wind up or What!

Re: the letter from Mustapha Bhugi - a wind up or what. I can't honestly believe you have taken it seriously. Whilst reading through the letter in last months' magazine, I was getting more and more angry, as my beloved country music is already being pushed aside for techno, pop, Irish and now Latin. But to suggest Bhangra is really taking the youknow-what! Just remember what most of us got into line dancing for: the music, and where did it come from? I've been a country music fan for more years than I can remember, a lot longer than line dancing, so come on you choreographers, lets get back to basics and keep it country'.

John White, Stockport

Whale of a Time

I must agree with Mr Bhughi in the September issue. We should try and make more use of ethnic and other kinds of music available. The times I've waited for one of my favourites to be danced on the floor, i.e. 'Chapati Hustle' or better still the Ju Ju Cha Cha. My preoccupation at the moment is trying to choreograph steps to that music with whale song samples. The trouble is it can be a bit fast and tricky in places. I have attempted one so far and I've called it Whale Dance Boogie. The dress at Whale dances is optional, but for those who want to dress up there is the very nice Newfoundland Fisherman's Gear, or for the purist the Japanese Whale Hunters outfit is very popular. All proceeds from our dances go towards saving the Gay Whales and Single Parent

Roy (Mohammed) Thompson, Director of Counselling for Whales

Fit The Music To The Steps

It's amazing how people interpret Market Research to boost their own beliefs and preferences. I would suggest that the teachers at the line dance classes choose the music that is used, and not the dances. I'm not even sure that the dancers would know the difference between country and non-country 1 do wish though, that choreographers would make steps fit the music chosen, so that you would finish a complete sequence at the end of the chosen music Dave Sheriff, please note. Hove "Tango with the Sheriff' but could scream every time the music stops half way through the sequence of the dance. Another example of what constitutes good dance music, line or otherwise, is the good old 'Electric Slide'. To seasoned line dancers like this 75 yearold, this is pretty boring when played to its original taught tune, but put to 'Give Me Hope Joanna' I can dance to it with joy!

I felt it was sacrilege when at one class, the instructor played 'Smokey Places' for the 'Lamtarra' Rumba but I didn't go up and complain - I was there to dance, not to niggle at technicalities. So, forget your market research and dance.

R Dawson, North Shields

Harmful to Your Ears

In answer to Barkin' Mad Rob, I am all in favour of enjoying yourself. Smile from ear to ear, by all means laugh till your side's split. As to the mistakes, we all make those, from the first timer to the most advanced dancer. But please, please, the noise standing next to these people can be harmful to your hearing.

One of the moaners and groaners, Warks.

PS Barking is about the only noise these people do not make.

PPS Love the socks!

Misery Gluts

I have to agree with Barkin' Mad Rob, - there seems to be a glut of miserable people who think that line dancers should only put on dances that please them. I attend three different classes, all of them good in their own way, all mixed ability classes, and I have never heard anyone complaining because they are providing only easy dances, or only difficult. I don't have time to worry about whether it's country music or line dance music, it's music and it is meant to be danced to, and to be enjoyed. Yes mad Rob gave us feet to dance, ears to appreciate all kinds of music, eyes to light up with pleasure and teeth to show in a smile of happiness - and dance, dance, dance.

RD. A Scots Geordie

Breakneck Speed
I am writing to voice my concerns relating to the future of fine dancing. The

I am writing to voice my concerns relating to the future of fine dancing. The current trends threaten the very existence of a form of dancing that has become massively popular because of what it was and what it offered people, from all walks of life and age groups, originally.

Every month the magazine contains letters from people who claim that this poll or that poll proves that line dances want more and more modern, faster dances. Polls, and I cite the political ones to prove the point, can be made to return almost any result you like. Change the way you ask a question and invariably you will get a different answer.

Grace Rickkets' letter (Sept issue) is very typical of the intolerance shown by so many in this day and age. She believes that because of the survey by the Lowerys, we now know once and for all what dancers prefer, ie: modern and at 100 mile an hour.

What is not taken into consideration is that there is a very large army of older dancers out there that, whilst they are prepared to dance to more modern music, do not want every dance at break neck speed.

Line dancing has attracted, in particular, a younger element which in itself should be healthy for the future of line dancing, but because they want to dance to modern music to the exclusion of the more traditional music, they will change our popular pastime – because that is what it is to many - not a competition - forever.

This change, with the arrival of all things Latin American, has already begun. It almost seems that every second new dance is choreographed to something Mambo, Salsa or has Loco Latino in the title. Why? Why is there not more of a balance in order to suit all tastes? There is surely enough room in line dancing to cater for all preferences and age groups.

Another way in which line dancing is changing is that, almost before they know the dance, dancers are putting in their own spins and movements that have nothing to do with the choreographed dance. This serves only to put off us lesser mortals. In line dancing up to quite recently, it you weren't entirely sure of the dance you could follow other peoples feet ...those days are disappearing fast.

I may have got this totally wrong, but I was under the impression that one of the joys of line dancing was the overall effect of lines of dancers in sync and with the same movements. Now line dancing seems to have turned into some sort of free-for-all disco dancing. Please let me make it quite clear. I am not anti-progress at all. I am just concerned that if the current rate of change continues, in just a few short years the original roots of line dancing will totally disappear and thus, thousands of people will be denied the pleasure of doing the thing they enjoy most.

There are a large number of like-minded people across the country and I urge them to seek out those dance instructors who will play and teach dances that are preferred, or risk losing line dancing, as it was intended, permanently.

Finally, can I add to the Linedancer dance popularity poll by revealing my favourite dance at the moment? It is: Salsa Loco Pot Of Gold Mambo Latino!!

Norman Proctor, Lines

Right From The Heart

As a qualified line dance instructor in Gyprus, when I started to dance it was to gain some sort of exercise. I enjoyed it so much I decided to go on to teach so I could pass my pleasure on to others. When people say "I can't do that". I tell them that I have had ten major operations in my life and I am a chronic asthmatic, so if I can teach, you can dance.

Line dancing has made me feel like I have never felt before and is almost making my asthma disappear. In fact, I don't remember when I last had an attack. So all you people out there remember one thing - if you evjoy your dancing, do not let anything, and I mean anything, get in your way. We dance for fun, we are not in competition with anybody, we all make mistakes, when we make a mistake we laugh. We enjoy, to enjoy will release that stress, to release stress leads to a happier and longer life.

Kay Tsangarides, Cyprus

A Couple Of Points

I find that when I read about the events in your magazine, there is very little mention of couples dancers. Please remember that couples dancers are line dancers as well, and that some of our own couples dancers are champions in their own right and hold European titles. By covering couples, we help to broaden the horizons of young and old dancers alike. More and more people are tuning in to couples dancing, so I certainly think it deserves regular column-space. Just because you are called Linedancer it does not mean you have stick exclusively to line.

Sincerely, R. Sinclair, Liverpool.

Such An Uplifting Feeling

write on behalf of our young choreographer Katie Grant and her supportive team of dancers. This was our first experience of competition and we were very nervous and somewhat overawed by it all. But right from the start everyone, from fellow competitors to leisure-centre staff and Linedancer staff, were extremely helpful and supportive. Having been a ballroom dancing teacher for over forty years, I have not experienced such an uplifting feeling. Our little Katie danced better that she did in our classes because of the audience participation making our team feel so special, as they did with all the competitors. When the first result was announced and Number 26 came out, we clapped and shouted with the rest of the people, congratulating the first of the winners and then it suddenly dawned on us that we were number 26! Katie and the team walked out on cloud nine and what an ovation they were given, as were the rest. of the lucky finalists. Even if we had not been amongst the final seven, this would have been a night to remember. As it is, how does one get off that cloud?

We can only say all this was due to the ethics which we read about in our fabulous Linedancer, from Betty, Scooter and all the others. Line dancing is about having fun and caring about others doing the same.

All I can say is that Saturday 11th September achieved that. Thank you.

Jessie Dyke, Hampshire

Go To The Country

I read with interest some of the points made in 'Between The Lines' in your October issue. Ronald Cook from Wirral commented on the choreography of today being aimed at the higher-fevel dancers. When I choreograph dances, I do not only rely on inspiration but also take into account risk factors such as movements, degree of dancer friendliness etc.

We carefully choose dances depending on their suitability for the students and not just because they are the latest thing on the dance circuit. Many of our dancers enjoy their line dance class as a great way of keeping active and meeting friends, and they enjoy old and new dances alike. We review and keep alive the older dances, as they are always popular. We teach and encourage our dancers to dance to whatever music is played - so that they can spend a maximum time on the dance floor instead of sitting on the sidelines waiting for specific tracks.

Derek Spender from Bolton reckons that country music is not dance-friendly at the moment. It is hard to believe that, with the fantastic variety of country music available, old and new, that an instructor cannot find dance-friendly tracks. Perhaps Derek could listen to his existing country CDs and find suitable alternatives for his dances if he does not always wish to use pop tracks. Using pop singles can bring the problem of the dances' appeal being short-lived and therefore costly. I know CDs are expensive, but they are tools of the trade for line dance instructors and just one of the many ways that we continually re-invest in our own business. Happy dancin'

Sho Botham, Director: The Dance Education Company.

Top Tip

Try dancing 'Just a Minute' by Eddy Ainsworth to 'Lucky in Love' by Sharon B off the 'Let's Pretend' CD. This dance fits very well and is a handy alternative to the original by Sara Evans.

E. Knowles, Bispham,

Glad Not Sad

As one of the estimated thousands who've just attended this year's 'National Feast Of Lantern' (a three day event held annually by the British Camping and caravan Association) can I use this opportunity to commend this year's organisers at Stanford Hall in Leicestershire as being simply the best. The event is for all its members and covers many more activities than just line dancing, but I am writing to express my thanks to the organisers' choice of line dance teacher. I suppose we could have had the very best: the well known, the prominent, However, we had an unknown by the name of Bernie Who? Not only did he teach fourteen dances, from beginner to intermediate, in a three and a half hour non-stop session, and play a further eight advanced dances, but he also encouraged first-timers off their seats to have a go

He first relaxed them. He quoted an article from Linedancer Magazine, whereby Scooter Lee had inferred that we are teaching too many dances to please just a few advanced dancers and not paying enough attention to the beginners. He then assured them that they would indeed be able to achieve their first line dance to completion within the time it took to play the music (which they then did). When he mentioned he had requests for old favourites like 'Elvira' and 'Red Hot Salsa', there were some who could be heard to moan.

The organisers had provided a Marquee with scating for a 1000 and enough room for 400 dancing and for

three and a half-hours, that space was full, apart from the odd advanced dance.

Approximately 300 sat and watched; and as many peering in from the several entrances. There were lots of first timers and because of the warm. friendly, easy way in which he taught the fourteen dances, I am sure a lot of clubs around the country have interested beginners making enquiries from now on, I just hope the teachers in those clubs will show the same patient attitude.

Too many teachers in clubs treat newcomers with disdain. I have been to them myself and been told: "You will just have to watch and try to catch up." In other words: "I can not be bothered to start teaching beginners all over again." Please, as the leading magazine, let us see you promote more teachers like Bernie, who has not forgotten how he started.

H Gardner, Derby

Hooked

I have been line dancing for about four years, but

after going to the Pontins Country Weekend at Pakefield. I was hooked on the partner dancing. My wife and I are both very keen to learn. My question is, does anyone know where lessons are held in the Ipswich, Suffolk area.

Roy Suttle. You can Email me at: roysuttle@btinternet.com

Sing As You Stomp

"Gerupta Singh" may have thought he/she was being funny when they wrote a 'spoof' letter in the October issue about line dancing and karaoke... but at my class we've done it! At our Christmas party we always have fun and try to do something different. While hunting in my local HMV last December I actually found a CD called 'Karaoke Line Dancing'. It featured among others 'Achy Breaky Heart', '5678', and 'Cotton Eye Joe'. I couldn't afford high-tech screens so instead typed out the words in large print. My class had a great surprise and lots of fun. Now, the problem is what to do for a surprise next Christmas! Regards, Mike Evans, Warhorse Dancers, Sheffield.

Extra Petals

Thank you very much for printing both my letter in "BTL" and my contribution to "Bouquet Corner", which praised our excellent instructors in Essex. Unfortunately, a lot of petals have fallen off one of the bouquets, as you accidentally omitted a line! This was regarding my praise for Jan Hughes of Rockin' Country', and the misprinted section read as if she only teaches old dances and no new ones!

This couldn't be further from the truth, as she is superb at ensuring that we are always up-to-date with the latest dances, and she achieves this by attending workshops, teaching herself the latest dances from Linedancer, surfing the net and working very hard! Thanks for letting me set the record straight, Back Wall Sandra, Horneburch, Essex.

Scooter's Opinion?

When will Scooter Lee go back to doing what she is supposedly best at - singing. OK, that may sound like it packs a punch but I was disgusted with her comments in this month's Linedancer regarding instructors.

Perhaps I am out of line here and if so, apologise immediately, but when did Ms Lee become so talented that she can have three wonderful careers - a singer, a line dancer teacher/expert and a journalist? I would have thought that just one of those careers would take up all her time and energy.

I have been in ballroom and sequence dancing most of my life, winning numerous medals etc. and new, a whiz of a line dancer, I am sick and fed up of instructors being criticised by her. During the past four years I have researched 'teacher' qualifications, and, not wishing to name anyone directly, I have found that some teachers who do not belong to organised bodies are much better at teaching the correct steps, explaining, and having an abundance of patience.

I investigated one of the line dance organisations offering qualifications. I was told that it consisted of a full day starting at around 10.00 am covering etiquette and general line dancing information, how it started etc. Let's face it, when you get to intermediate level, most people can recite the etiquette rules off the top of their heads. I was then told it was better if I had already started up my own club, preferably at a community centre or similar, and then apply for the one-day teacher qualification. That little performance would have cost around £100. Needless to say, I did not give up £100 so easily. Is that what Scooter refers to as "teacher qualified". Can she please tell me how in a one-day, one-off session i can learn to teach the basic steps and body movements it has taken me years to perfect in my ballroom dancing. I know, from investigation, that a lot of teachers are not "qualified" as such, but have a mammoth amount of experience through years of learning ballroom and sequence. So, I think it is very wrong to say that a line dance teacher is only good if he/she has a qualification.

I had to write and stop the criticism of some good teachers just because they do not have a particular qualification in line dancing but qualifications in ballroom. It was remarked by several people after Scooter performed at her Morecambe venue, which I unfortunately missed, that "if she did more singing and less yapping it would have been an enjoyable day". So please stick to singing or change your column to My Opinion Is, as it is definitely not Truth Is, Sarah Horncliffe

Club Fantastic

Well said Barkin' Mad Bob! I fully agree with your letter - I have never read so many whinging letters in my life. Too easy, too hard, too intermediate, wrong music etc... Why do these people bother going out in the first place.

Rachael Davison, North Sheilds.

Size Matters

I am writing to ask if anyone knows of companies that manufacture line dance outfits for the fuller figure. When going to festivals, there only seems to be a very limited range available. Just because some of us may be on the voluptuous side doesn't mean that we don't want the same options in clothes as other dancers.

We also like to mambo, waltz, grapevine and bucklebuck, so give us the style in which we can dance. **B. Callaghan, Leeds.**

Club Class

Firstly, I must say that I love your magazine, especially 'Between The Lines' which is a great forum for everyone to make their comments and feelings known, good or bad.

I have to say that I agree in part with Scooter Lee's comments in the October issue, however, I must add that qualifications for teaching do not necessarily make a good teacher. Having the qualification means that you may have attained a certain standard. It doesn't compensate for down-to-earth common sense and good manners.

I have been dancing now for three years. I can't say that I am an expert or even particularly good, but I do thoroughly enjoy it. When the teacher at our club became too expensive to afford, we decided to run it ourselves rather than stop the evening. Armed with my limited supply of CDs, tapes and my son's player, not to mention the full support of the club regarding licensing and insurance, we decided to give it a go. We charge a pound to come in and we also hold a raffle. No one takes any payment for running this weekly class, all proceeds from the club go to paying for a live artist which we have every 6-8 weeks. When we have a 'live' night, everyone is welcome, even from other clubs. No charge is made for entry and the class all chip in when providing food for a buffet. It's a real party.

We now have about 30 members, all different ages and abilities, most of which also attend other classes in the area. I try to "teach" a new dance every week, usually this is an easy, beginner-type dance but occasionally I try a harder, intermediate one.

We recently held a 'live' night with world champion Allan Hocking. It was a wonderful evening, and it made us all laugh when even he mixed up a couple of his steps. He made everyone feel at ease - it was fun for everyone involved.

To me, the main attributes any teacher should have are patience, understanding, a sense of humour and, if charging, the impetus to provide value for money. You should teach because you enjoy it, and never forget - we were all learners, once!

Christina Bluff, c/o Nickles and Dimes, Carr Vale Working Mens Club.

North/South Divide?

I really couldn't believe the arrogance of Sharon from Herts (October) saying the North is behind the South and should be following their lead where line dancing is concerned. Some of the county's best choreographers are from the North and here on the Wirral, we must have one of the highest percentages of line dancers per head of population in the country. Classes are available morning, moon and night, seven days a week.

So, come on Sharon, put your boots on and come "North of Watford". You will be surprised to find that we do know our right foot from our left, in these parts.

Sandra Griffiths of the Oakland Mavericks, Wirtal.

North/South Divide II

I have just received my October issue of your magazine and read to my amazement the letter from Sharon Leggate regarding the Linedancer Top Ten and the fact that her dancers groan when she plays 'Red Hot Salsa'. Have they tried it "conga style" - travelling around the room with a few variations. Obviously some dances will only hold interest if the instructor uses imagination.

What really infuriated me was her comment about dancers in London thinking they are ahead of the rest of the country. Who do they think they are? Do they know that life exists North of the Watford Gap? Do they not know that there is a wealth of international line dancing talent born, bred and dancing in the North of England - not to mention a wealth of good country bands?

We also have a great number of excellent instructors based in the North. The BWDA is based in Preston. Your Linedancer awards are held every year, not two minutes away from where I live and we also have one of the greatest line dancing venues in the country nearby at Great Birchwood. Surprisingly, 'Red Hot Salsa' fills the floor and not one groan is heard - the line dancers in the North enjoy all dances from beginners to advanced and do not think themselves too good to dance the basic dances.

Jan Basnett, Bispham, Blackpool.

And Once More ...

Was the letter from Sharon Leggate for real, or was it a wind-up? Are there really people around who think it is important to "be ahead" of the Top Ten, and even more unbelievably, that people form "up North" have been told to copy what's being done in that self-styled centre of the universe, London? I think someone's been pulling Sharon's leg! Has she ever noticed where Linedancer originates?

Perhaps Sharon could don her intrepid explorer outfit and venture up here on a fact-finding mission, one day. Once here, she would probably discover that we find our new dances from exactly the same sources as she does - Linedancer, the internet, Touring choreographers, and that mysterious process of osmosis by which good dances spread from club to club without visible means of communication.

As a matter of fact, I was forced to spend a couple of days down South on business earlier this year. I was excited to find a big class taught by a well-known instructor close to my hotel in South West London. I popped along, hoping to find some "cutting edge" dancing. It was a nice, friendly, well-taught class but I was disappointed not to do one single dance that I did not do at home - and the 'Dance of the Week' was 'Waltz Across Texas'! O.K., so It was re-featured in Linedancer that month and some dancers had not done it before, but new and exciting it was not.

What, therefore, leads Sharon to believe that Londoners are ahead of the rest of the country in line dancing? I think it's time Sharon opened her eyes and realised that line dancers are a world-wide community, and just who does what, and in what order, is really not important - fun and enjoyment are what counts.

Christine Liddiarde, Stockport

Where is the fun?

I have been following the competition side as a spectator for the past 18 months and I am disappointed in what I see. There seems to be certain people taking charge of how the competitions are organised, and also which competitions take place and which do not. If it is not in their interest, then they take competitors out of the event and the venue is cancelled. There needs to be a serious re-think.

The judges from all organisations need to get together and sort themselves out. Why ruin a good thing? Do not forget that everyone had to start somewhere and what happens in competition reflects on social teaching and clubs for the future. **Teacher watch. Lynn, Stoke-on-Trent.**

Hear, hear, to Scooter

Hear, hear, to Scooter's The Truth Is. Yes, there are so-called "instructors" on the circuit. It is a shame that the line dance scene has to be burdened with people who get asked to teach a class merely as a favour by an instructor, although they have no formal training and, even worse, are not even a competent dancer in the first place.

I have been asked to help out at classes and am flattered to think that my instructor thinks I am good enough to teach. I've danced at Wembley, but know that this does not automatically make me a good instructor. I have begun a line dance teacher course, and hope that this will point me in the right direction. By then, I should be confident of teaching people to a certain standard. Line dancers - it is your responsibility to ask your instructor what qualifications they have to teach you.

Sue Carmalt

Italian rallying

I've been teaching line dancing in my dancing school in Italy for two years, and all of you over there do not realise how lucky you are! The poor souls who attend my class have hardly any other venues to go to, either to socialise or practice. At the moment, every Saturday night, I go to a night club where they do ballroom dancing during the interval. They also let me teach one or two line dances during the night. You might say "why do it?" but it is my passion and I am doing everything I know in order to promote it. As far as I know, I am the only teacher in Italy. If, however, anyhody knows of any other teachers over here, please write to me and let me know so that we can get in touch. Thanks, Ann Elizabeth Holleran, St La Torre 14, 66013 Chieti Scalo, Italy.

Moaning moan

After reading recent correspondence from dancers complaining about the type of music we should dance to, how many counts a dance has in relation to the music, not to mention coaster steps and shuffles, I do wonder what some people go line dancing for! Why can't they just enjoy their sessions for what they are, i.e. a chance to learn new dances, practice old ones, meet people and above all HAVE FUN! All this moaning and groaning must take all the fun out of dancing.

My only gripe is instructors who, after teaching two walls of a new dance, put on the music and expect us to have grasped it.

Rita, Essex.

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The Truth Is...

Dances Being Taught... Not!

This is a subject that is coming up frequently in conversations. What dances are being taught, which ones aren't and which choreographers are fuming because their dances are not being taught. Mouthful isn't it? It seems there are some choreographers out there who think just because they created a dance, it should be done. Word has it those very same choreographers who also instruct get very angry if their class don't support the dance and choose to do something else.

e went through this very same thing when our major labels. chose to sign more artists than our radio stations could play. Our radio stations usually play the Top 40, and we have over 300 major label artists recording today and releasing records. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this one out. Over 300 minus 40 equals a lot of artists not getting airplay. Our choices to overcome this were limited, and if you were an independent artist or unknown, your chances of getting airplay were almost nil. It works the same way for dances. Years ago when this whole thing began, we had a limited amount of choreographers, so any dance that was created was used because there were so few. They were used in excess, causing the muscle memory to remember always dances learned long ago (eg Tush Push. Waltz Across Texas etc). But in classic record industry fashion, a lot of money was being made and everyone started jumping on the bandwagon. Truth is the wagon will only hold so much before the 'weak' ones start falling off. We have dances out there now that don't even fit the music they are written for. Dances are, as a rule, counts of 6 or 8. If you write a dance with 34 counts or 50, guess what? Something ain't right. I am not saying this doesn't ever work. You can have a 40 count phrased song and create a

Sec, as I said in last month's article, it is important to know some simple things like phrasing. Knowing the difference between a verse and the chorus are equally important as sometimes they are counted differently. A/B dances are famous for this. If as an instructor/choreographer, you don't understand phrasing, then find someone who does and ask them to explain it to you so you understand how it works. This will enable you to choreograph a dance that flows well with the music and is enjoyable for the dancer. Don't blame them because your dance isn't great! Find out why it isn't great and correct it or use that newfound knowledge for the next one you create. I know I sound harsh, but competition is tough out there these days and getting worse; you need something better than what you are already socing. Ten years ago with six dances, they all stood out. With 100 or 1000 it becomes overwhelming, and

40 count dance that works. But then it works for that

song but not many others.

only the great ones will survive. If a dance isn't up to par, don't be afraid to chuck it for one that is better. Dancers should not be afraid to say, "I don't like this one, it doesn't feel right," because they fear being removed from the regular class they go to. Believe me, it is happening to some of them. Knowledge is power, so if you want to be strong, you have to know everything you can possibly learn

about your craft to compete in today's dance market.

Even then you have no guarantee of success.

On another note, to Mike Taylor from Manchester in October's BTLs; yes, you read it wrong. I didn't say only commissioned choreographers got to name the dance after the song. I said I encouraged those who I work with to name the dance after the song they were writing the dance to. It made it easier to promote the dance and song with minimal confusion. I said I was lucky I was able to do this, as I personally pick my choreographers for my marketing plan which includes a video that must be produced way in advance of the release. I know it is difficult for beginner choreographers to get a shot at a promotional tour that surrounds the artist. But you have to pay your dues, no matter what kind of industry you are in. Jo Thompson has been instructing and making a living from dance for over 17 years. She has a masters degree in music. Max Perry

has been instructing and making a living from it for over 20 years. Sometimes you get lucky, and when opportunity knocks, you better damn well be ready to answer that knock. But most importantly, you better have the knowledge and talent to back it up. You most likely won't get a second chance, so use that time perfecting what you do best.

See you on the dance floor!

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