

Chinese New Year

by Chris Page

Formation: Duple, improper contra

Dance starts in long waves at the sides of the set; neighbors join right hands, men face out; women face in.

- A1 Balance long waves (4)
 Box circulate (4)
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- A2 Balance long waves (4)
 Box circulate (4)
 Partner swing (8)
- B1 Circle left three-quarters (6 or 8)
 Neighbor swing (8 or 10)
- B2 Long lines forward and back (8)
 Right hand balance with partner (4)
 Pull by partner by right, turn to face current neighbor (2)
 Current neighbor allemande left about halfway to long waves at sides,
 new neighbor in right hand (2)

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Teaching Tips: For the box circulate, the four members of the minor set will stay in their minor set. In the first box circulate, women cross the set to their neighbor's place as men loop right to their neighbor's place. In the second box circulate, men cross the set to their neighbor's place, women loop right to their partner's place. In the third box circulate, women cross the set as men turn over right shoulder to meet partner.

Author's note: Written for Joyce Fortune of the Bay area who won a dance written for her at an auction at the 2010 Spring Fever dance camp at Monte Toyon (California). She requested a dance with long lines, some balances, and a swing/circle/swing transition. (A surprisingly tough set of requirements to fulfill.) This sequence was the option she liked best.

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Editor's note: Our thanks to Lynn Ackerson for suggesting the dance for the newsletter. You can see/hear it at <http://youtube.com/watch?v=Zj6AefDCs9k>, being done at the Scout House in Concord, Massachusetts.