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Make your own ballroom dance cd

By: Fred Bolder



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The movie 'Dying to dance'

By: Miranda

"In this film drama, Alyssa Lennox follows the academy for ballerina after highschool. She realises she has to follow a very strong diet if she wants to be a professional ballerina. This all goes ok in the beginning, but pretty soon her health becomes worse." (Veronica guide).

The movie starts with a rock 'n roll competition on the prom-night of Alyssa. Dancing is her live and that is why she is going to the Metropolitan ballet. The teacher is a formal lady, like they always are in movies. Alyssa does not have a good technique compared to the rest of the group, but she is progressing. This is what they tell her during an evaluation, just like the fact that she has to lose at least 2 kilo. One day Alyssa her best friend Jillian dies during a ballet practice. They say it was her hart condition, that was bad since the day she was born. Alyssa is very concerned about her weight and she loses more weight every day. At one moment she only weights 40 kilo. Her teacher is concerned, but the director says she does not have to worry. This man does not want to pay much attention to it. During the summer holiday Alyssa has a car accident. In the hospital the doctors tell her she has anorexia. She stays in the hospital for the rest of the summer and her weight is rising with 2 kilo. Then she can go home. After the summer Alyssa has to do audition for an important ballet, but she does not get the part, because her (male) teacher says she has not practised enough during the holiday. Alyssa does not tell anyone she was in the hospital in the holiday and that she has anorexia. The doctors tell her to go to counselling, but she makes up excuses so she does not have to go. One day Alyssa her mum goes to the balletschool and tells that Alyssa has anorexia. From that time on, Alyssa does not play anymore.

Then the day comes that the play in which Jillian would play the biggest part is performed. This play is played in the name of Jillian and Jillian her mum can tell to which good purpose the money they raise that evening will go. She tells everyone that Jillian had anorexia and Alyssa also tells everyone present that she has anorexia as well and that it is very dangerous. That is why Jillian her mother decided to start a special centre within the balletschool Metropolitan where they give attention to the eating disorders of the dancers.

My opinion

All movies, in which people try to become professionals, have the same story. This movie as well.

In this movie you can see people dancing, mostly ballet, and in the beginning also a little bit of rock 'n roll. But try to resist the temptation of looking at the title, because this movie is not about dancing, but it is about anorexia.

OP, PO, PP ?!?

By: Fred Bolder

When you're reading a book about ballroom dancing, you will see very strange dance terms and abbreviations. Probably your dance teacher sometimes also say some strange things. What is the meaning of these abbreviations? Check out the list below for the most used abbreviations.

LF

Left Foot See also: RF

LOD

Line Of Dance

The counterclockwise flow of traffic around the dance floor. The Line of Dance represents the general direction of movement overall, and is only pertinent to dances that travel continuously around the floor, such as Slow waltz, Tango, Quickstep, Slowfox, Viennese waltz, Samba and Paso Doble.

OP

Outside Partner
Take a step forward outside of your partner
See also: PO

PO

Partner Outside Your partner takes a step backwards outside of you. See also: OP

PP

Promenade Position

RF

Right Foot See also: LF

Improve your dance

By: Fred Bolder

If you look at dance couples at a dance evening this looks a lot different from the couples at the dance competitions, even if they dance the same steps. This is because competition dancers try to make their dance look as beautiful as possible. Your dance must be attractive to look at. Also couples, who do not dance competitions, can make a dance look much more attractive by paying attention to some points. In Dance Magazine 33, Miranda mentioned in her article on Flamenco dancing, that not only flamenco-dancers but also latin dancers use their whole body during a dance, so we have to try this at least. Not only the feet, but also the arms and hands are very important with Latin-American dancing. If you do the fan-position, the man should stretch his right arm. The lady should stretch her left arm. The position must look like a fan. Be sure that you have enough space for it. There are also some rules for the hands. The fingers have to be a little apart from each other and the middle finger should be a little lower than the rest.



Cha Cha Cha, Jive, Samba en Paso Doble



Rumba

If you dance the Rumba, you should keep your thumb below the middle finger. It should look like you're holding a box of matches between your thumb and middle finger. At ballroom dances the hands and arms are also very important. Make sure that you have a good dancing position. The left hand of the man should be at the same height as the ear of the smallest person (mostly the lady). Never look at your feet while you're dancing. Even some couples, who dance a very long time, will do this frequently, but it makes you look very insecure. If I think I am standing in a good position, I usually don't stand completely straight. Usually dance schools have mirrors, so you can check if your position is correct. At the lessons you learn which steps you should dance high and which one you should dance low. If you pay attention to this, the steps look much better. It is of course difficult to think about all these things when you learn a new figure, but try to do so. At the Slow waltz for example, the first count is almost always low, the other steps are high.

Competition dancers should pay attention too much more points, but if you pay attention to what I mentioned in this article, it is a start.

CD collection of the 80's

By: Fred Bolder



Unfortunately the music of the 80's is less suitable for dancing than the music of the 70's, but I have found some nice songs.

There are 2 boxes with each 5 CDs. On every CD there are about 20 songs. One box cost 27,20 euro. Of course, that is cheap for this quality. Below you can find the songs that are suitable for dancing.

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1980

2	Call me	Blondie	Jive	36
5	People do rock steady	The Body Snatchers	Cha Cha Cha	32
	Morning train (nine to five)	Sheena Easton	Slowfox	30 ©
	Stop the cavalry	Jona Lewie	Quickstep	48

1981

6	The Beach Boys Medley	The Beach Boys	Jive	38
9	Queen of hearts	Juice Newton	Quickstep	42
16	This little girl	Gary U.S. Bonds	Jive	37

1982

1	Do you really want to hurt me?	Culture Club	Quickstep	50
2	More than this	Roxy Music	Cha Cha Cha	32
5	Golden brown	The Stranglers	Viennese waltz	62
6	It ain't what you do it's the way	Fun Boy Three & Bananarama	Quickstep	45
10	Iko iko	The Belle Stars	Samba	52
14	Windpower	Thomas Dolby	Jive	32
15	Lifeline	Spandau Ballet	Cha Cha Cha	30

2 3 6 9 11 14	Give it up Karma chameleon Only you Moonlight shadow Love blonde Is there something I should know	KC & The Sunshine Band Culture Club The Flying Pickets Mike Oldfield Kim Wilde Duran Duran	Cha Cha Cha Quickstep Rumba Cha Cha Cha Jive Cha Cha Cha	31 ⁽²⁾ 46 25 32 32 31
19	284			
10 11 15	Wishful thinking The reflex Missing you	China Crisis Duran Duran John Waite	Cha Cha Cha Cha Cha Cha Rumba	31 © 31 26
19	85			
12 13 14	Walking on sunshine Could it be I'm falling in love Thinking of you	Katrina & The Waves David Grant & Jaki Graham Freddie Jackson	Quickstep Rumba Cha Cha Cha	54 27 33
19	986			
4 10 12 13 14	Set me free Sun street Human Stuck with you You to me are everything	Jaki Graham Katrina & The Waves Human League Huey Lewis & The News Real Thing	Samba Slowfox Rumba Jive Samba	52 30 25 30 51
19	987			
1 12 14	Shattered dreams Roadblock Respectable	Johnny Hates Jazz Stock, Aitken & Waterman Mel & Kim	Cha Cha Cha Quickstep Cha Cha Cha	30 50 31
1988				
4 5 10 11 12	The harder I try Happy ever after Tomorrow people I'm gonna be 500 Miles Don't worry be happy	Brother Beyond Julia Fordham Ziggy Marley The Proclaimers Bobby McFerrin	Cha Cha Cha Rumba Quickstep Tango Jive	33 25 © 47 33 © 34
1989				
1 3 7	Too many broken hearts In private Something's gotten hold of my heart	Jason Donovan Dusty Springfield Marc Almond & Gene Pitney	Cha Cha Cha Cha Cha Cha Rumba	31 33 © 25

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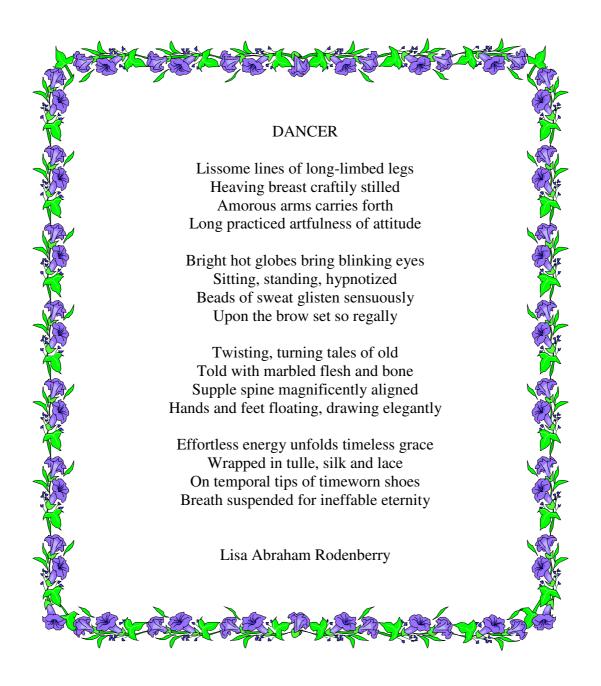
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12 Everythinghttp://stage.vitaminic.nl/barry_bacharach		Samba 54
13 Como Un Viento	Fabio Notaro	Salsa45
14 Poco Loco	Fabio Notaro	Salsa47
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Poem from Lisa



Nice links

Shoebox

http://www.shoe-box.nl/

Dance shoes

Tanzmusik Online

http://www.tanzmusik-online.de/

Ballroom dance music titles

N.V.A.D.

http://www.nvad.nl/

Dutch ballroom dance site

Salsa clips

http://213.201.141.171/index.html

Salsa Video Clips

Dansschool Eevenaar

http://www.eevenaar.tk

Dance school in Amere-Haven

Dansschool Wuyster

http://www.dansschoolwuyster.nl/

Nice big pictures of the Dutch championships ballroom in Den Haag

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