SESTORKA FROM BELA PALANKA (Serbia)

There are a number of "Sestorke" found in the Nišava River Valley in East Serbia. The one given here, collected from natives of the towns in Špaj and Bela Palanka (<u>Beh-la Pah-lahn-ka</u>) by Yugoslav dance researchers Ljubica and Danica Jankovič in 1934, is no longer done today, though it lives in the memories of some local old-timers.

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FORMATION: "Lesa" formation: Mixed lines of dancers with belt hold, L over R.

2/4 PATTERN Meas. FIGURE 1 Facing and moving R, step-hop on R (cts 1-2). Note that during the step-hop, the L moves fwd past R in preparation for movement of meas 2. 2 Continue in same direction, step-hop on L (cts 1-2). Bring free R fwd past L. 3 Turning to face ctr, step R slightly R (ct 1), close L to R (L arch near R toe) taking wt (ct 2). 4 Repeat meas 3. Small hop on L in place (ct 1), step R in front of L (ct &), 5 step L in place behind R (ct 2). 6 Step R in place beside L (ct 1), step L in place (ct 2). 7 Repeat meas 5. 8 Step-hop on R in place (cts 1-2). 9-12 Same movements as in meas 5-8, but with opp ftwk.

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