

Pidhihtos

Origin: Rhodes, Dodecanese Islands, Greece

Record:

Formation: Open circle, W hold

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Notes: The dance Pidhihtos from the island of Rhodes is a local version of the Cretan Syrtos. Supposedly introduced by Cretan Muslims who fled Crete at the turn of the century, the Rhodians adapted the dance to their own style and aesthetics. It is also known as Rhoditikos or Zervodhexio (meaning Left-Right) and is popular on other Dodecanese islands as well. The Pidhihtos is performed with a more emphasis on sideways direction than forward and backward as in the Cretan Syrtos itself.

Meter: 2/4

Begins at the start of any musical phrase.

A. BASIC

- 1 Facing ctr: Brush & swing L ft fwd (ct.1); Step L across & behind R (2). Step R to r (&): Step L across L in front of R (3): Cross S step R across & in front of L (4); Step L to L (&).
- 2 Step R across & in front of L (1): Step L bkwd to L (2). Step R diag bkwd to L (&): Step L across L in front of R (3): Tap R slightly next to or slightly in front of L (4), Step R next to L (&).

B. CROSS BACK

- 1 Counts 1-3, same as Basic, Meas 1 above: Step R bkwd to L (4), Step L to 1 across b next to R (&).
- 2 Same as Meas 2, Basic above.

B1. CROSS TURN

- 1 Same as Meas 1, Cross Back above.
- 2 Same as Meas 2, Cross Back above except execute two half-turns on cts 6b. and 7 to complete one full turn.

C. BOX

- 1 Same as Meas 1, Basic above.
- 2 Step R across L behind L (1): Cross & step L behind R (2), Step R to R next to L (&); Step L across & in front of R (3): Cts 4, & same as Basic above.

D. RUN "TREXIMO"

- 1 Brush & swing L fwd (1); Step L across & behind R (2), Step R to r (&): Pivoting to face slightly R of ctr, step L fwd LOD across & in front of R (3) Step R fwd (4), Step L fwd in front of R (&).
- 2 Step R fwd (1): Step L fwd next to R (2), Step R fwd (&): Step L fwd in front of R (3): Pivoting to face ctr, tap R next to or in front of L (4), Step R next to L (&).

Suggested Sequence: A 3x; B 2x; C 3x; B1 2x; A 2x; D 2x; B 1x, B1 1x; C 2x; D 1 1/2x i.e. 1-46 → R,L Serviko 1, 2

SERVIKOS (see notes for Hasapia or Hasaposervikos)