

SOUTHLAND SWING

Jack & Irene Boyer

Music: Blues 4/4; Counting 1-2-3-4
Tempo: 88 beats per minute
Position: Side "B" and Reverse Side "B" on steps #10 and #11, using thumb pivot grip or Solo
Pattern: Set
Axis: 45-90 degrees

OPENING

The dance starts on count 1 of a measure of music. The first step skated must be step #1 or #5. The opening steps must be either 8 or 16 beats of music in duration.

DANCE NOTES

Steps #1 through #4 comprise one straightaway sequence of this dance. On some skating surfaces it may be necessary to use more than one straightaway sequence. The take-offs for these steps must be made in the "parallel and" position.

The take-off for step #1 must originate from behind the heel of the tracing skate.

Steps #5 through #14 comprise the corner steps of this dance.

Steps #6 and #7, #9 and #10 are open held mohawk turns. Step #7 is executed heel-to-heel. The take-off for step #10 must originate from behind the heel of the tracing skate.

Step #6 (XB-RIF) and step #9 (XF-LIB) are crossed chassé steps. The take-offs for each of these steps must be crossed-foot, crossed-tracing, close and parallel. The aim is out so that the arc of the pattern will not be disturbed.

At the end of step #6 the woman deepens her edge to cross tracing with the man before executing step #7.

During steps #9 - #10 and #12 - #13 each skater rotates around his/her own axis.

Steps #12 and #13 comprise an open dropped mohawk turn.

At the end of step #14 the man deepens his edge to cross tracing with the woman before executing step #1. It is incorrect to be in Tandem "C" position during step #14. There should be no deviation in body lean when stepping from step #14 to step #1.

The baseline of this dance only applies to the center lobe. The third count of step #4 begins at the top of the center lobe. Step #12 begins at the top of the continuous barrier lobe.