

# Jocul Chişinăului

Moldova

This dance is a traditional Moldavian dance where the dancers hold hands in a circle. Jocul Chişinăului is popular in the central region of Moldova. Chişinău is a capital of Moldova. The Moldavians usually dance it during wedding celebrations, festivals, national celebrations. This dance was choreographed by George and Irina Arabagi.

Pronunciation: ZHOH-kul keeh-sheeh-NAHU-lui

Music: 2/4 meter *Ukrainian and Moldavian Dance Workshop, Track 9*

Formation: Mixed circle facing ctr arms in W- pos.

Steps & Styling: Triple Step with Stamp: three runs in place R, L, R (cts 1, &, 2); stamp with L heel without wt (ct &). This can be done with opp ftwk. All step are done with arms moving slightly up and down in W-pos.

Meas.            2/4                            Pattern

16            INTRODUCTION. No action.

## FIGURE I

- 1            Step R diag fwd to R (ct 1); step L diag fwd to R (ct 2).
- 2            Three steps R, L, R diag fwd to R (cts 1, &, 2).
- 3            Step L across R, lowering arms to V-pos, keeping body upright (ct 1); step R back (ct 2).
- 4            Three steps in place L, R, L, raising arms to W-pos (cts 1, &, 2).
- 5-16        Repeat meas 1-4 three times.

## FIGURE II

- 1            Facing ctr, step R to R (ct.1); touch L heel slightly to L (ct 2); turning body slightly to L.
- 2            Repeat meas 1 with opp ftwk.
- 3            Facing ctr, step R to R (ct 1); step L next to R(ct 2).
- 4            Repeat meas 3.
- 5-7        Three Triple Steps with Stamps starting with R.
- 8            Three runs in place L, R, L.
- 9-16        Repeat meas 1-8.

Sequence: Fig I, Fig II a total of three times.

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