

SUBJECT: GREAT RESPONSE FOR BEGINNER DANCES!**FROM: CAROLYN ROBINSON**

Some oldies are in there and a couple of mine which shocked me big time!!! They are listed by Dance Title, Level, Choreographer(s):

BEGINNER

ABieber, Absolute Beginner, Ross Brown
Ah Si!, Ultra Beginner, Rita Masur
Ain't She Sweet, Ultra Beginner, Lynne Martino
All About Tonight, Beginner, Dan Albro
Angelina's Contra Dance, Beginner, Jackie Lincoln
Arizona Strut, Intermediate, Unknown (remember when Intermediate was like today's high beginner??? That's why I included this one!)
Baby Doll Waltz, Beginner, Jackie Lincoln
Baby Likes To Rock It, Beginner, Hillbilly Rick
Back It Up, Beginner, Janis Graves & Lindy Bowers
Belle Stomp, The; Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Big Girls Boogie, Beginner, Mavis Broom
BMT Rumba, Beginner, Forty Arroyo
Boogie Walkin', Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Boom Chica Boom, Ultra Beginner, Debbie Small
Brazil, Beginner, Frank Trace
Broken Stones, Beginner, Dee Musk
Bullfrog, Beginner, Stompin' Sue & The Other Ones
Bust A Move, Beginner, Jo & John Kinser
C'est La Vie, Beginner, Michael Seurer
C'Mon, Beginner, Judy Goutierrez
Charleston Boogie, Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Cheeseburger, Beginner Circle, Sheila Bernstein (wish I'd had this one for the kids!)
Chocolate City Hustle, Beginner, Unknown
Come Dance With Me, Beginner, Jo Thompson
Come On and Tango, Beginner, Juliet Lam
Country As Can Be, Beginner, Suzanne Wilson
Country Rock N' Roll, Beginner, Sandi Larkins
Covered In Kisses, Beginner, Michele Burton & Michael Barr
Cowboy Charleston, Beginner, Unknown
Crazy Stomp, Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Cumbia Semana, Beginner, Ira Weisburd
Cut A Rug, Ultra Beginner, Jo & Rita Thompson
Dancin' Fool, Beginner, Ira Weisburd
D.H.S.S., Beginner, Gaye Teather
Double S, Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Down Under Shuffle, Beginner, Warren Fleming
Eee Zee Boogie, Beginner, Kathy Brown
Eye Candy, Beginner, Gerard Murphy
EZ Cha Cha, Beginner, Winnie Yu
Farm Yard Dance, Beginner, Lindy Bowers
Feel The Cha, Beginner, Amy Christian-Sohn
Fire Burning, Beginner, Amy Christian-Sohn
Flying Eights (aka Yankee Shuffle), Beginner, Unknown
Get Your Kicks, Beginner, Ivonne Verhagen
Good Time, Beginner, Jenny Cain
Happy Radio, Beginner, Frank Trace
How Long, Beginner, Jo Thompson Szymanski
I Like My Cowboys Dirty, Beginner, Lindy Bowers, Janis Graves & Sue Ann Ehmann
I Love A Rainy Night, Beginner, Iris Mooney
In Time, Beginner, Cherie Johnson
JB Strut - Children's Version, Ultra Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Let's Chill, Ultra Beginner, Vivienne Scott
Life In The Fast Lane, Beginner, Cherie Johnson
Like It Rough, Beginner, Lawrence Allen
Little Bluff, Beginner, Robbie McGowan Hickie

Little Miss Kiss, Beginner, Sue Ann Ehmann - I think this one would be great for later beginner classes!
Little Rhumba, Beginner, Donna Laurin
Locomotion, The, Beginner, Jo & Rita Thompson
Lola, Beginner, Ira Weisburd
Looser Still, Beginner, Robert Lindsay & Patricia E. & Lizzie Stott
Love Train, Beg/Int, Trish Bain (I thought this would still be a good one for a beg class-about 4 weeks into the class)
Made In Japan, Beginner, Jan Wyllie
Magic Moon, Beginner, Robbie McGowan Hickie
Mala, Easy Beginner, Ira Weisburd
Mamma Maria, Ultra Beginner, Frank Trace
Mongoose Twist, Beginner, Cherie Johnson & Jo Siebler
Move On the Floor, Beginner, Patti Bullock
My Girl Sally, Beginner, Audrey Watson
Please Be Gentle, Beginner, Forty Arroyo
Primo Waltz, Beginner, Kathy Chang & Sue Hsu
Pure Movies, Beginner, Michele Perron
Put A Little Love (In Your Heart), Beg/Int, Alice Beaton
Puttin' The Hammer Down, Ultra Beginner, Lindy Bowers
Ragtops & Roadsters, Beginner, Norma Jean Fuller & Carolyn Robinson
Redneck Rock N Roll, Beginner, Lindy Bowers & Karen Ritchie
Sally Shuffle, Beginner, Rita Ensminger
Seduced, Beginner, Ira Weisburd
Senorita Shuffle, Beginner, Jackie Lincoln
Shake Senora, Beg/Int, Glynn Rodgers
Sideways, Beginner, Kathryn Sloan and Jackie McIlrick
Soakin' Wet, Beginner, Larry Bass
Somewhere Tonight, Beginner, June Wilson
Southern Voice, Beginner, Gwen Walker
Stealing The Best, Beginner, Rosie Multari
Sweet Heaven, Beginner, Ira Weisburd
Tap & Go, Ultra Beginner, Rosie Multari
Tennessee Waltz Surprise, Beginner, Andy Chumbley
This & That, Beginner, Gary Lafferty
Under The Sun, Beginner, Kathy Chang & Sue Hsu
Waltz & Smile, Beginner, Shaz Walton
Watermelon Crawl, Beg/Int, Sue Lipscomb (use to feel like a beg/int but today the beginners catch this one quick!)
Wednesday's Waltz, Beginner, Jackie Lincoln
Where I Belong, Beginner, Maggie Gallagher
You Stopped My Heart, Beginner, Lindy Bowers & Janis Graves
Zjozzys Funk!, Beginner, Petra V D Velden

IMPROVER

Baby Dream, Beg/Int, Teresa Lawrence & Vera Fisher
Baby You've Got It, Beg/Int, Peter Metelnick & Alison Biggs
Black Magic, High Beginner, Amy Christian-Sohn - Brand New
Chica Boom Boom, Beg/Int, Vikki Morris
Crazy Foot Mambo, Beg/Int, Paul McAdam
Cumbia Amore, Beg/Int, Ira Weisburd
Dancing In the Dark, Beg/Int, Jo Thompson
Flip, Flop & Fly, Beg/Int, Frank Trace
Foolish Change, Beg/Improver, Jackie Lincoln
Gleehab, Improver, Gary Lafferty
Hallelujah, Improver, Alison Johnstone
Handyman, Beg/Int, Robbie McGowan Hickie
He Drinks Tequila by Kevin Staley
Hard Hats And Hammers, Beg/Int, Kathy Verkamp
Hello Dolly, Beg/Int, Lorraine Kurtela
Hippy Dippy Mambo, Beg/Int, Sue Ann Ehmann
Honky Tonk'r, Improver, Kathy Brown
Hustle Bustle, Beg/Int, Betty Clarke
If You're Lookin' For Me, Improver, Marie Crater

JB Strut - Adult Version, Int., Cherie Johnson
Jo N Jo Tango, Beg/Int, Jo Thompson Szymanski & Rita Jo Thompson
Knee Walk, Beg/Int, Rita Ensminger
Linda Eh, Beg/Int, Ira Weisburd
Little Darlin' Rumba, No Level Mentioned, Jackie Lincoln
Louisiana Swing, Intermediate, Kate Sala & Robbie McGowan Hickie
Love 2 Cha Cha, Intermediate, David Sinfield
Mardi-Gras Mambo, No Level Mentioned, Chris Hodgson
Margadaiquiri, Adv.Beg., Kathryn Sloan & Kelvin Dale
Ooo Aah, Beg/Int, Sal Gonzalez
Put A Little Love (In Your Heart), Beg/Int, Alice Beaton
Quittin' Time Boogie, Beg/Int, Larry Bass
Rose Garden, Intermediate, Jo Thompson
Senorita, Beginner, Craig Bennett (this one seemed to be more on the improver level for my students)
Shake Senora, Beg/Int, Glynn Rodgers
Skinny Dippin', Improver, Carolyn Robinson
Swingin' Rimes, Adv. Beg., A.J. and Scott Herbert
Thanks A Lot, Beg/Int, Helen Conroy Noonan
Toes, Improver, Rachael McEnaney

NOTE FROM CAROLYN ROBINSON

First I want to thank the following instructors/dancers/choreographers who took the time to send me suggestions! Judy & Shelly Goutierrez, Michelle Burton, Kathy Verkamp, Lindy Bowers, Ira Weisburd, Sandy Trampin, Patti Bullock, Wendy in Indiana, Marie Carter, Kathryn (Happy Kaf), Rita Ensminger, Cherie Johnson, Jackie Lincoln, Nancy Rosera, Cherie Johnson, Aline Goodman, Mishi Ziminski and Andy Chumbley. I hope I didn't forget someone, and if I did, I apologize.

I really would like to have a weekly survey of Beginner Only Favorites for instructors and dancers. Not that I want to put more work on Carol, but if everyone sent me their favorite BEGINNER level dances I would be happy to submit them to Carol's newsletter. Something to think about....especially after the response I received from people asking me to share the list!

The response was fantastic and as promised here is the list of all the dances submitted. I went through every dance and although I wanted to try doing a walk through of each, there wasn't time if I wanted to get this posted by Friday. However, I did read through the dances and the "real" beginner dances (in my opinion) I'm listing under Beginner. Then I made a list for Improver (high beg - beg/int). Don't know if this is correct or not, but would appreciate feedback on how to determine the level of some of these dances. Especially for folks who are teaching seniors or people who have NEVER taken a dance lesson in their life!

Again these are just my opinions when it comes to trying to choose a true beginner dance for a beginner class. Some classes move faster than others and these improver dances were submitted as class favorites...so I put these on the list. Also, Michele Burton gave me very helpful insight on how to make sure your beginners learn ALL of the BASIC line dance steps. She has created a spreadsheet which is really awesome and I plan to use for my next sessions this fall. You may want to email Michele and ask her about her beginner dance spreadsheet.

Thanks again for all the great emails offering dance suggestions. If you sent me a dance title and I didn't mention it, it may be because I couldn't find it. So please address any dances I left off.

I tell you guys one thing....this sure helped me to appreciate Carol's hard work with the surveys each week. This took some TIME!!!! So kudos to Carol for her commitment of giving us the survey every week along with listing newly submitted dances to help us with choosing the dances to teach!

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