

Kariotikos “Simbetherá (Mother-in-law)”

Dance : Greek, from island of Ikaria.

About the Dance: The (I)kariotikos dance, which is a variant of Issos, is the key local dance enjoyed at Ikaria’s festivities and parties. The old version of this dance was formerly danced with a crossed hand hold, but nowadays Kariotikos is usually danced with a shoulder hold. The version we dance to this song is the basic, simple version of Kariotikos. The dance starts with a “sta tria” step combination.

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About the Music : From the CD “Ikaria Methexis”. Track title “Simbetherá”.

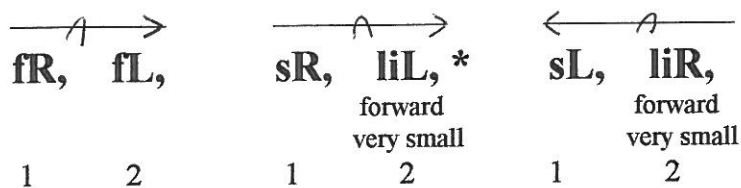
Formation : Open circle or line. Face R of centre to start.

Arms : Basket-weave hold. (Cross hold).

Introduction : Start with musical phrase.

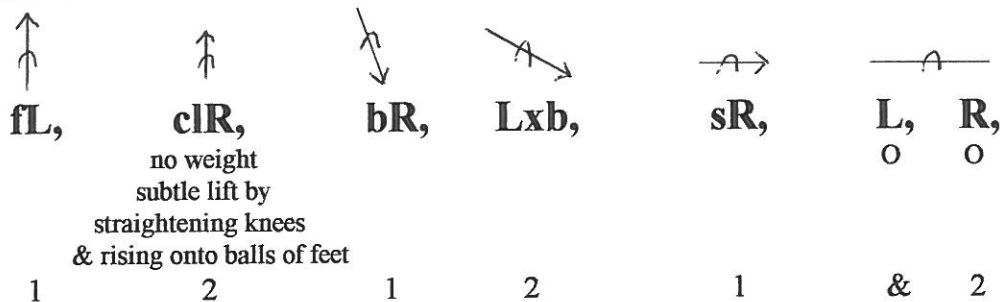
Pattern : Repeat A until leader calls change to do B.

A) STA TRIA steps



Repeat A) until leader calls change, which occurs after *

B)



Repeat B) until end

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Mother-in-law

This earth that we walk on, we’ll all enter it one day.

This grassy earth eats maidens and youths.

Oh I wish my mother-in-law would go to the mountain and the air.

Oh bad luck mother-in-law, you didn’t come on Monday,

Only you came on Saturday when everything was in a mess.

Swing it to, swing it fro, swing your skirt to billow.

Swing it to look pretty and give spice to the dance.

(approx. partial English translation)