



What is SQUARE DANCE?

Square Dance is a sociable form of the American Folklore. With lively western music or even pop music groups of eight dancers, four couples, dance different dance figures with each other. The figures are given by a Caller and no one is required to learn a complete dance by memory. With the uncomplicated music it is possible for even non-dancers to take part without problems.

Where does SQUARE DANCE come from?

Square Dance comes from a variety of European dances, but with emphasis on the French Quadrille and the English Morris and Contra dances. During the settlement of North America the settlers each spread their own dances and included figures from other dances, which created a one of a kind mixture. Around 1930 the almost forgotten dance, Square Dance, was rediscovered. Later a group of callers decided to put together and standardize the available figures. This is the basis for the modern American Square Dance today. At the end of the 2nd World War the American soldiers brought Square Dancing to Germany and Europe.



Modern American SQUARE DANCE today

Due to all of the figures being the same all over the world anyone who learns Square Dance can also dance anywhere in the world. Whether with or without partner everyone is welcomed into the circle of friends and where everyone is greeted with friendship. There is no hierarchy, titles are left at home. There is no competition, only the fun of being together with music and dance. Square Dancers visit each other at each other's club nights and organize regional, national and international dances functions. At the annual Jamborees of the Club and Caller Associations between 1000 and 2000 dancers get together for a weekend.

SQUARE DANCE in Darmstadt und Frankfurt

Der Darmstompers SDC e.V. is the Square Dance Club in Darmstadt and dances since 1959. The club in Frankfurt is the Beaux and Belles SDC e.V., the oldest club in Germany, founded in 1954. The club evenings in Darmstadt are every Monday at 20.00 in the Bürgerhaus „Zum Goldenen Löwen“ in Arheilgen and in Frankfurt every Friday at 20.00 in the „Bürgerhaus Haus Ronneburg“. Visiting dancers and observers are always welcome. Anyone interested can take one of our classes, normally starting in September. For exact dates and times contact one of our contacts. After completion of the class, the graduation, the entire Square Dance world stands wide open to the new dancer.

We also conduct demonstration dances at, for example, parties and events of all sorts, inside as well as outside. Ask us at one of our club evenings or one of our contact addresses for details.



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