Plataniotiko Nero – Πλατανιώτικο Νέρο
(Greece, Samos)

Plataniotiko Nero (plah-tah-nee-OH-tee-koo neh-ROH), “Water from Platanos,” is a traditional island Syrtos or Ballos style dance from the Aegean island of Samos. The name of the dance comes from a famous song on the island bearing the same name, “Το Πλατανιώτικο Νερό.” Platanos is a village on Samos named after the plane or sycamore tree. The dance is also known as Syrtos from Samos. Presented by Lilian Vlandi at the 2013 Stockton Folk Dance Camp, at University of the Pacific. Steve Kotansky presented a similar version of this dance at the 1986 Stockton Folk Dance Camp.

Music: 2/4 meter CD: Timeless Sounds from the Greek Seas, Tracks 3, 4 Video: 2013 Stockton Folk Dance Camp, DVD. Stockton Folk Dance Camp videos can be viewed in the library at UOP, or by contacting a camp participant who purchased it.

Formation: Open circle with leader on R, arms in W-pos.

Steps and Styling: The steps are danced in typical island Syrtos style, with soft, wave-like down-and-up movement, sinking slightly on each beat and rising slightly on the off-beat (ct &).

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<td>No action. Start one count before the singing.</td>
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<td>Facing ctr, moving R: step R slightly to the R (ct 1); step L behind R (ct 2); step R to R (ct &amp;).</td>
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<td>Step L behind R (ct 1); step R to R (ct 2); slide L next to R (ct &amp;).</td>
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<td>Step R to R (ct 1); step L in front of R (ct 2); step R to R (ct &amp;).</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Step L in front of R (ct 1); step R next to L (ct 2); step L in place (ct &amp;).</td>
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Sequence: Dance repeats until the end of the music.

Variants of the basic figure exist. In one common variation, the R leg brushes in front on meas. 4, ct 2, as seen in this video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVN7TIP-6mQ0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVN7TIP-6mQ0).

We thank Lilian Vlandi for providing valuable input.
Greek Lyrics: Translation:

**Plantaniotiko Nero**

Nacha nero ap to platano (x2) I wish I had water from Platanos (x2)
krazi ap ti kolona (x2) Wine from Kolona* (x2)
Nacha ke tin agapi mou (x2) I wish I had my love (x2)
na ti filo sto stoma To kiss her on the mouth
krazi ap ti kolona Wine from Kolona

To plataniotiko nero (x2) The water of Platanos (x2)
in tou xorioi kamari (x2) Is the village's pride (x2)
ki opios perasi ke to pii (x2) And whoever passes and drinks from it(x2)
xaanageniete pali Is being reborn
in tou chorou kamari Is the village's pride

**Samiotiko glyko krais (x2)**

tha pio gia na methiso (x2) Sweet wine of Samos (x2)
stin xenitia pou vriskome (x2) I will drink until I'm drunk (x2)
na mi se lisoniso So that in the foreign lands where I find myself (x2)
tha pio gia na methiso I will not forget you

* Kolona is the site of an ancient temple on the island of Aegina, Greece.

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**NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND**


*By Beverly Barr*

We are back at the wonderful place we were for the last two New Year's Weekends and the outstanding Folk Dance Workshop weekend every October. This is the third consecutive year for the New Year's Weekend. We plan to make it an annual event.

We wish everyone a wonderful New Year and look forward to our third New Year's Camp Hess Kramer Weekend. We also look forward to being together with the attendees who enjoyed the last two New Year’s weekends and hope that a lot of folk dancers, contra dancers, any and all dancers, musicians, singers, hikers, joke tellers, story tellers, board board game enthusiasts, puzzle experts, exercisers, and if I missed you, we want you too. We hope lots of you come. The last two year’s attendees said they want another New Year's Weekend Camp. It's here and we are ready for another great time.

Flexible stay will be available, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday nights, going home on Wednesday afternoon (New Years Day). The weekend includes: 4 days, 3 nights lodging, 9 outstanding meals or 3 days, 2 nights lodging, 6 outstanding meals, endless snacks, lots of choices, some dance teaching, lots of dancing, evening dance parties, musicians jamming, and or playing dance music, singing, bring your favorite board games to share with those interested, and if you can find the time, hiking, beach strolling and other outdoor activities. Maybe you have a talent or a game or a joke or a dance you can share.

A huge New Year’s Eve party with a Happy Hour, outstanding dinner, music, dancing, ice cream social, midnight New Year’s champagne toast. An exciting, yet relaxing weekend enjoying new friends and surprises.

Children are welcome. Arrangements can be made for children to stay in the same room or adjoining room with their parents or grandparents. We have had wonderful experiences with the children who have attended in the past. They have a great time doing their own things together.

There are 4 levels of accommodations, priced accordingly.

A flyer with all of the information on prices and accommodations is in this issue of Let’s Dance and the Folk Dance Scene. We look forward to spending the New Year’s Weekend with you.

To receive flyers now or any other information and to request the accommodation of your choice, Contact Beverly & Irwin Barr (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659 or dancingbarrs@yahoo.com