

BLUE ORCHIDS

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Record: "Blue Orchids" - Windsor 7631
Position: Open, facing LOD, inside hands joined
Footwork: Opposite throughout, directions for M

Meas.

- 1- 4 STEP, TOUCH, -; STEP, FLARE, -; BACK, -, CLOSE; BACK, TOUCH, -;
Fwd on L, touch R toe and hold; Fwd on R, swing L ft fwd and to side in two counts; Step back on L, hold one ct and close R to L; Quickly step fwd again on L, touch R toe to L instep and hold one ct.
- 5- 8 STEP, FLARE, -; BACK, -, CLOSE; BACK, TOUCH, -; STEP/FACE, TOUCH, -;
Repeat action meas 2, 3, 4; Then, step fwd on R turning to face partner, M's back to COH. Let turning motion continue in closed pos as M moves with back to LOD.
- 9-12 WALTZ; WALTZ; WALTZ; WALTZ;
Lead with L ft bwd LOD and in closed pos do 4 RF turning waltz measures, making 1 3/4 revolutions.
- 13-16 WALTZ BAL L; WALTZ BAL R; TWIRL, 2, 3; FWD, TOUCH, -;
Facing partner, M's back to COH, step apart from closed pos to take both hands, step L to side, step R behind L, step back on L; Step R to side, step L behind R, step back on R; M now steps LRL as W makes RF twirl under her R and M's L arm; Changing hands, take inside hands to face LOD and step fwd LOD on R to touch L toe to R instep and hold one ct.
- 17-24 Repeat Meas 1-8, and end facing LOD with wt on inside ft, open position.
- 25-28 WALTZ FWD; W AROUND; WALTZ RF; OPEN;
Start on L ft and waltz fwd LOD; As W shortens her steps, M moves in front of W turning his back to LOD stepping RLR; Start with L ft bwd lead do one RF turning waltz in closed pos; Stepping RLR and moving LOD, partners open out taking regular open position.
- 29-32 WALTZ FWD; W AROUND; WALTZ LF; WALTZ LF;
In open pos, move fwd LOD; As M shortens his steps, W moves around in front of M with her back LOD to take closed pos; With L ft fwd lead in closed pos, do two meas LF waltz turn to end with M in C to open facing LOD.
- ENDING: On retarded last measure, step away from partner, and, as M bows, W will curtsy, M's R and W's L hand joined.