

Jurelul

Maramureş, North Carpathian Mountains, Romania

Jurelul is a dance recently introduced in the Romanian repertoire. It comes from Ukraine via the region of Maramureş. This is a dance from the mountains. The style of the steps look like *Brâul*: sharp, quick and energetic.

Formation: mixed circle, handhold in V position

Pronunciation: zhoo-REH-lool

Style: sharp, quick and energetic

Meter: 4/4

Meas **Figure 1** (facing centre, zig zag to right)

- 1 Facing diag to R and bending slightly fwd, step on R fwd, swinging arms fwd while keeping arms straight (ct 1), step on L fwd, swinging arms bkwd (ct 2), step on R fwd swinging arms fwd (ct 3), lift R heel, raising L ft close to R leg (ct 4)
- 2 Standing straight up, facing diag to L, step on L bkwd, swinging arms bkwd (ct 1), step on R bkwd, swinging arms fwd (ct 2), step on L bkwd, swinging arms bkwd (ct 3), lift L heel, raising R ft close to L leg (ct 4)
- 3-8 Repeat meas 1-2, three more times (4 total)

Meas **Figure 2** (facing and moving LOD)

- 1 With slightly swaying hips, step on R fwd (ct 1), scuff with L heel (ct &), step on L fwd (ct 2), scuff with R heel (ct &), step on R fwd (ct 3), land on both feet fwd and shout "Hey!" (ct 4)
- 2 Repeat meas 1
- 3 Step on R fwd (ct 1), scuff with L heel (ct &), step on L fwd (ct 2), scuff with R heel (ct &), step on R fwd (ct 3), scuff with L heel (ct &), step on L fwd (ct 4), scuff with R heel (ct &)
- 4 Step on R fwd (ct 1), scuff with L heel (ct &), step on L fwd (ct 2), jump on both feet fwd and shout "Hey!" (ct 3), land on both feet fwd and shout "Hey!" (ct 4)
- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4

Meas **Figure 3** (facing centre)

- 1 Step on R to R (ct 1), step L next to R (ct 2), step on R to R, raise L in front (ct 3), stamp L without touching the ground (ct 4)
- 2 Repeat meas 1, reversing ftwk and direction
- 3-8 Repeat meas 1-2, three more times (4 total)

Dance Pattern

F1 + F2 + F3 +
F1 + F2 + F3 +
F1 + F2 + F2