

## **Stella Di Maggio**

Tessin, Switzerland

A dance from Tessin (Ticino), the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland. It is connected to the pan-European Maypole tradition. The dance described below is just the circle formation version to which there can be a figure for couples added.

**Source:** Francis Feybli, Zürich

**Translation:** The star of May

**Formation:** Closed mixed circle. Hands in V pos. Face R of ctr, wt on L ft

**Style:** Light steps

**Meter:** 2/4

**Introduction:** 15 meas of instrumental. Start with song.

### Meas **Basic circle figure**

- 1 Facing LOD, step fwd on R (1) step fwd on L (2)
- 2 Repeat meas 1
- 3 Two-step beginning with R, R-L-R (1 & 2)
- 4 Two-step beginning with L, L-R-L (1 & 2)
- 5 Repeat meas 1
- 6-7 Repeat meas 3-4
- 8 Step fwd on R (1), step fwd on L (2)
- 9 Step on R (1), close L to R, without weight, turning to face RLOD (2)
- 10-11 Repeat meas 8-9 with opp dir & ftwrk, turning to face ctr at end
- 12 Moving twds ctr and starting to raise straight arms, step fwd on R (1), step fwd on L (2)
- 13 Step fwd on R (1), touch L beside R (2), ending with everyone's arms forming a star
- 14 Lowering arms slowly, step bkwd on L (1), step bkwd on R (2)
- 15 Step bkwd on L (1), stamp R lightly beside L (2)

Repeat dance from beginning to end of music