

PYRGOUSIKOS
(Chios, Greece)

This is a wedding dance for three from Pyrgi on the Aegean Island of Chios. It is danced by the bride and groom plus one other person, generally a relative or close friend of the bride.

Pronunciation: peer-GOO-see-kohs

Source: Elefteris Drandakis, Margarethe Mahkorn.

Record: Garlic Press Cassette 001 A/1 2/4 meter

Formation: Group of 3, generally 1M and 2W, but may also be 2M and 1W, scattered freely about the dance space. M stands to R of W with a handkerchief in his L hand (hand held about shldr level, elbow bent). R W holds handkerchief with R hand. W inside hands are joined, elbow bent, and shldr to shldr.

Meas

Pattern

Basic Step

- 1 Facing ctr and moving fwd, step R ft fwd (ct 1); step L ft beside R (ct &); step R ft fwd (ct 2).
 2 Step L ft fwd (ct 1); step R ft beside L (ct &); step L ft fwd (ct 2).
 3-4 Moving bkwd and to R, repeat meas 1-2 (opp direction).

Note: During Basic step, dancers progress CCW around dance space.

Variation

- 1-2 Using Basic step in place, M turns W (together) CCW under handkerchief either 1 time slowly with 2 two-steps, or 2 times quickly with 2 two-steps.
 3-4 M turns under handkerchief either CCW or CW, once or twice.

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