

TOKYO POLKA

Line Dance by Richard Powers, created for his favorite dance group in Tokyo.



Music: The Savo Finnish tune *levan* (not *Levan*) *Polkka*, meaning *Eva's Polka*, is also known as *Loituma's Polka*, from the vocal group *Loituma* who recorded it in 1995. The version remixed by *Beatnick* in 2011 has a stronger polka beat. The Japanese version of that tune, by *Hatsune Miku*, is even better for *Tokyo Polka*.

Meas

- 1 Place L heel forward to diagonal L; close L back to R, placing L toe to floor.
- 2 Polka step to forward diagonal L, which is simply side-close-side, without a hop, in this dance.
- 3 Place R heel forward to diagonal R; close R back to L, placing R toe to floor.
- 4 Polka step to forward diagonal R.

- 5 Cross L over R, slightly rotating CW, arms may cross over with feet; replace back L CCW.
- 6-7 2 polka steps turning 360° CCW, traveling back around toward the left, to original place.
- 8 Facing the top, rock back L; replace forward R.

- 9 Facing the top, cross L over R; replace back R.
- 10 Polka step toward L side.
- 11 Cross R over L; replace back L.
- 12 Polka step toward R side.

- 13 Polka step L traveling forward, twisting body CW to throw L shoulder forward.
- 14 Polka step R traveling forward, twisting body CCW to throw R shoulder forward.
- 15 Twist CW and step side L toward top of hall; replace weight back on R.
- 16 Rotate CW 3/8 and step side L again; replace weight back on R, completing a 3/4 turn.
Richard's Stanford students add a stamp into both feet on the final count.

End facing to face the wall that was originally to the left. Repeat the pattern facing this wall.