

OFF WITH THE MASK



Set dance for three couples.

Play AAB Three times. Note 13 bar A and 16 bar B.

A1 1-8 1st couple cast off as the 2nd couple move up. Then the 1st couple cross and the 1st woman dances round the 3rd man into a line of three facing up WHILE the 1st man dances round the 2nd woman into a line of three facing down. Lines go forward to meet. 9-13 2nd and 3rd couples fall back to the ends of the set as the 1st couple turn two hands three quarters round in the middle of the set and face up. 1st couple then lead up through the 2nd couple and cast into 2nd place.

A2 1-8 2nd couple cast off as the 1st couple move up. Then the 2nd couple cross and the 2nd woman dance round the 3rd man into a line of three facing up WHILE the 2nd man dances round the 1st woman into a line of three facing down. Lines go forward to meet. 9-13 1st and 3rd couples fall back to the ends of the set as the 2nd couple turn two hands three quarters round in the middle of the set and face up. 2nd couple then lead up through the 1st couple and cast into middle place. All are now in their original places.

B 1-4 1st man change places with the 2nd woman passing left shoulders then the 1st woman change places with the 2nd man passing right shoulders. 5-8 All back to back with partners (right shoulders). 9-16 2nd couple (from first place) lead down the set improper, cross over below the 3rd couple and cast up to the first place. 1st couple follow the 2nd couple, cross over below the 3rd couple and cast up into second place then lead to the bottom as the 3rd couple cast up.

Set is now 2 - 3 - 1 all proper. Repeat twice to return the set to its original position.

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