Allemande Right

Background:

There are many possible origins for the name Allemande. In French, the words à la main mean by the hand. Cowboy callers used to say, All the men left, which was shortened to Allemande Left. During the Renaissance in the 16th century, there was a lively German dance called the Allemande that was full of turns. It is likely that our Allemande Left and Allemande Right simply mean to turn, just as people used to do in the old Allemande dance.

In its most basic form, an Allemande Right is simply a turn of the arms to the right plus a step thru as the dancers move toward their next interaction with another dancer.

Timing

Half Arm Turn: 4-6; Three-Quarter Arm Turn: 6-8; Full Arm Turn: 8

Starting formation

Only:
Eight Chain Thru, Right-Hand Ocean Waves, Right and Left Grand Circle, Alamo Ring, Trade By plus Ends face each other.

Dance action

Dancers holding right arms or facing dancers, dance an Allemande Right with a turn around the right arm, usually a half turn, then drop down hands. Step Thru to end up back-to-back.

The right arm turn is at least 180 degrees, until four dancers are facing in the direction of the promenade and four dancers are facing away from the promenade. Step Thru. This forward step is part of the figure and must always be taken.

Ending formation

Right and Left Grand Circle.

Generally, the men are facing Wrong Way Promenade, and the women are facing promenade direction. Even though the Allemande Right figure may not result in the dancers ending up in exactly this formation, the next call will usually be given as if this were the final formation.

Styling

Forearm hand position

Comment

Der Allemande Right ähnelt dem Allemande Left, aber es wird die rechte Hand benutzt. Der Call kann entweder mit dem Partner oder mit dem Corner ausgeführt werden. Der

Caller kann angeben, mit wem der Call ausgeführt werden soll - zum Beispiel Allemande Right Your Partner -.

Allemande Right ist ein Call aus alten Zeiten, der im modernen westlichen Square Dance nur noch selten verwendet wird. Heutzutage sagen Caller gewöhnlich Turn the Partner by the Right.