

Bonavista

Georgina Finlay, All Around the Circle

A 40 bar Reel for four couples in a four-couple longwise set.

Music: RSCDS Bk 46 # 1024.08

- 1-4 1st and 4th couples dance a petronella turn into the middle and set to partners. 2nd couple step up and 3rd couple step down on bars 3-4.
- 5-8 1st and 4th couples turn partners LH one and a quarter round to finish:
1st couple between 2nd couple, facing opposite sides.
4th couple between 3rd couple, facing opposite sides.
- 9-24 1st and 2nd couples, 3rd and 4th couples, dance a Celtic Reel (see Note below) to finish with 1st couple between 2nd couple, facing down, and 4th couple between 3rd couple, facing up.
- 25-32 1st and 4th couples, joining nearer hands with partner, set twice. 1st and 4th couples dance half rights and lefts to finish facing out on own sides. The order is now 2,4,1,3.
- 33-36 1st man, followed by 4th man, dances down behind 3rd man and up to between 3rd couple, while 4th woman, followed by 1st woman, dances up behind 2nd woman and down between 2nd couple.
- 37-40 1st and 4th couples dance LH across three quarters round to finish on own sides. The order is now 2, 4, 1, 3.

Repeat from new positions.

The Celtic Reel was devised by Barry Skelton, New Zealand. In this dance, 1st couple give LH on bars 15-16, 2nd couple give LH bars 11-12.

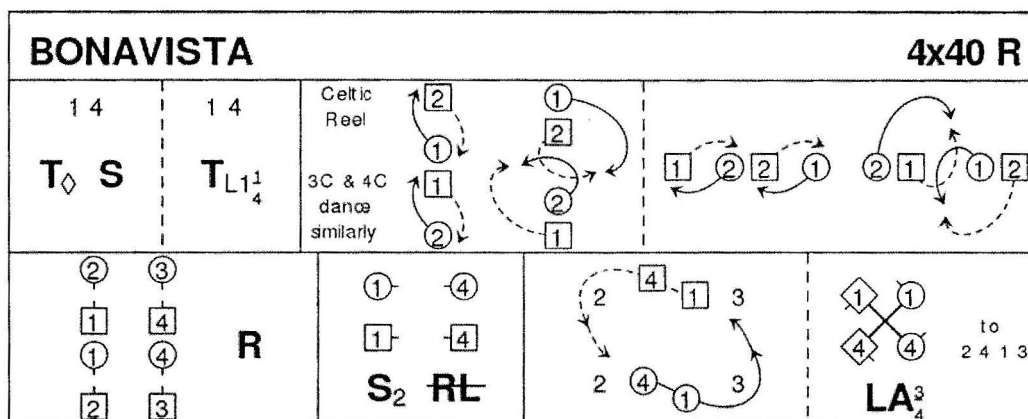
- 9-10 1st couple pass R shoulders with 2nd couple.
- 11-12 1st couple dance to the right to the centre of the set.
- 13-14 1st couple pass R shoulders with 2nd couple.
- 15-16 1st couple turn LH, three quarters round.

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- 9-10 2nd couple pass R shoulders with 1st couple.
- 11-12 2nd couple turn LH, three quarters round.
- 13-14 2nd couple pass R shoulders with 1st couple.
- 15-16 2nd couple dance to the right to the centre of the set.

17-24 Repeat bars 9-16.

Note you only turn your partners, and you only pass R shoulders with your opposite dancer. Need straight lines across or up and down every two bars.



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4C/4C longwise set

Bonavista, a fishing town, derives its name from the Italian phrase "Buono vista", meaning "O Happy Sight", as supposedly exclaimed by explorer Giovanni Caboto in 1497, when he first sighted the area.