

SQUARE DANCE SHUT DOWN CONTINUES

Since the second week of March just about everyone in the world has been shut down due to Covid-19. The global economic impact caused by this shut down has been felt by almost everybody who has to work. How long will this shut down continue? No-one knows for certain but it is widely believed that most of the square dance world will remain closed through the end of the year.

The world-wide shut down has created some unique challenges in the square dance economy. For example, there are square dance halls that have no income to pay monthly rent. In at least one case, the hall operator has taken ride-share and food delivery jobs to make enough money to pay for the square dance hall rent. That is dedication to the dancers!

Another example is the square dance music industry. With no dances, there is no opportunity for the callers to use new music, so music sales are way off. It has been reported to this reviewer that sales are off by as much as ninety-five percent. For square dance music companies that pay musicians and studios for their music, it is money spent for product that can't be sold.

Dear readers, you can make it better. You would be surprised how even \$5 per week towards a square dance hall rental or purchasing a new piece of music could help. Square dancing after all, is not built on a single person paying for everybody, but everybody making a small contribution for the square dance activity they love.

On another note, you can find these Music Reviews as a free pdf download. Please visit buddyweaver.com and click on the "articles" link for reviews from January 2019 to present. Here are this month's new releases, more than expected during this shut down. Find me on facebook on the following pages: Buddy Weaver, Blue Star Square Dance Music, New Hi Hat Square Dance Music, and Rawhide Square Dance Music.

Singing Calls

NO MORE CLOUDY DAYS

Arrowhead Recordings 1144 by Charlie Robertson

Tempo: 126 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat. Easy to follow tune with leads clearly played by keyboard, guitar, and piano. The same instruments play lots of fill notes. A song from the Eagles played in country style. Middle of the energy scale. Tracks include music with and without lead/harmony

Heads Square Thru – Do Sa Do – Swing Thru – Boy Run – Bend the Line – Right & Left Thru – Flutterwheel – Slide Thru – Swing

MAKE ME SMILE

Arrowhead Recordings 1143 by Dean Singleton

Tempo: 126 Rhythm: Shuffle

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Good dance beat with an emphasis on bass. Clear leads played by guitar, keyboard, and piano. Easy to follow tune. Lots of fill notes from the same instruments. Music choices included are lower key, higher key and even higher. A tune by Chicago played in country style. Could be a rocker depending on the caller.

Heads Promenade Halfway – Extend – Swing Thru – Boy Run – Half Tag – Scoot Back – Boy Run – Slide Thru - Swing

HONKY TONK WOMAN

Gold Wing Records 188 by Darin Keith
Tempo: 126 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat. Music is mostly chords with leads playing the tune in some areas. Callers will have to know the song. Instrumentally exciting with music from driving electric guitars and keyboard. A Rolling Stones classic that should be a crowd pleaser. Tracks include music with and without lead/background vocals.

Heads Square Thru – Swing Thru – Spin the Top - Right & Left Thru – Square Thru Three - Swing

ELUSIVE BUTTERFLY

Fine Tunes Records 209 by Phil Farmer
Tempo: 124 Rhythm: Boom-Chuck

Good dance beat. Clear leads bring the tune out-front. A fast-moving arrangement with music from keyboard instruments, piano, and guitar. The Dolly Parton country song gets a country music treatment.

Heads Promenade Halfway – Touch a Quarter – Walk & Dodge - Swing Thru – Girls Circulate - Boy Trade – Boy Run – Couples Circulate – Ferris Wheel – Cntrs Square Thru Three – Swing

LOVING YOU IS A NATURAL HIGH

Rhythm International 948 by Nao Nittono
Tempo: 126 Rhythm: Boom-Chuck

Taken from the classic Rhythm vinyl record, now an Mp3. Danceable beat. Music from guitars, banjo, harmonica, steel, and keyboard. The classic Rhythm sound with musical drops for excitement. Easy to follow tune with strong leads. Lots of fills. Tracks include music with and without harmony.

Heads Promenade Halfway – Sides Square Thru – Right & Left Thru – Eight Chain Six - Swing

ALL MY LOVING

Sting Productions 21701 by Paul Bristow
Tempo: 128 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat. Strong leads playing the melody are guitar, mandolin, harmonica, and piano. Lots of fills from the same instruments. The classic Beatles tune is played in a relaxing country style. Adjust speed.

Heads Square Thru – Relay the Ducey – Explode the Wave – Bend the Line – Slide Thru – Swing

BE MY ANGEL

Sting Productions 21702 by Uli Schingen
Tempo: 128 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat. The melody is easy to follow with strong leads played by guitar, piano, and steel. The same musicians play lots of fills. A country song (Lionel Cartwright) that is played in country style. Middle of the energy chart but the way the caller has put the original lyrics to the figure is so clever that it adds a sparkle to the release. Give it a listen. Adjust speed.

Bow to your partner – Bow to your corner – Heads Square Thru – Right & Left Thru – Square Thru Three – Left Allemande – Grand Right & Left – Swing

SINCE I'VE BEEN LOVING YOU

Sting Productions 21712 by Thorsten Geppert
Tempo: 128 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat. Strong leads make the tune mistakable. Lots of fill notes. Music from guitar, saxophone, fiddle, piano, dobro, and steel. A country song done in a smooth country style. Mid-way up the energy scale with a key change on the close to add excitement. Adjust speed.

Heads Square Thru – Do Sa Do – Swing Thru – Boy Run – Ferris Wheel – Pass Thru – Touch a Quarter – Scoot Back – Swing

Rawhide Music has re-released the following titles. With the recent discovery of a second set of studio tapes, the producer has remixed the music, in many cases adding another track with strong melody playing.

COLD COLD HEART – RWH 1231

HEARTBREAK MOUNTAIN – RWH 1222

IF WE'RE NOT BACK IN LOVE BY MONDAY – RWH 1220

WAITING FOR LOVE TO BEGIN – RWH 1218

I'VE BEEN LOVED BY THE BEST – RWH 1216

HONKY TONK ATTITUDE – RWH 1214

I BELIEVE IN LOVE - RWH 1212

STREETS OF BAKERSFIELD – RWH 1208

WHY BABY WHY – RWH 1200

NAUGHTY LADY OF SHADY LANE – RWH 1198
ANOTHER CHANCE – RWH 1196
MOVE IT ON OVER – RWH 1194
MAKING BELIEVE – RWH 1188
REAL GOOD FEEL GOOD SONG – RWH 1183
FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE – RWH 1182
SIX DAYS ON THE ROAD – RWH 1180
BOYS ON SIXTEENTH AVENUE – RWH 1177
BABY'S GOT A HOLD ON ME – RWH 1172
HEROES AND FRIENDS – RWH 1170
BOURBON STREET PARADE – RWH 1161
IT'S JUST THE SUN – RWH 1160
ROCKY TOP – RWH 1154
CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER – RWH 1153
MISTER SANDMAN (MISTER SANTA) – RWH 1152
SANTA LOOKED A LOT LIKE DADDY – RWH 1149
AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' – RWH 1147
MANY A LONG AND LONESOME HIGHWAY – RWH 1144
SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME – RWH 1143
ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK – RWH 1120
I HEAR THAT SOUTHLAND CALLING ME – RWH 1112
HONKY TONK BLUES – RWH 1088
LOST IN LOVE – RWH 1081
DO WAH DIDDY – RWH 1061
FOND AFFECTION – RWH 1040
SILVER WINGS – RWH 1035
ENGINE NUMBER NINE – RWH 1031
FOUR IN THE MORNING – RWH 1027

HOEDOWNS

LONDON EXPRESS, Arrowhead Recordings 912

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Tempo: 124 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat that adds percussion halfway through every stanza. A contemporary sounding hoedown with music from keyboard instruments, piano, and guitar. Mostly chords played.

SKYFALL, Arrowhead Recordings 913

Tempo: 128 Rhythm: Shuffle

Good dance beat. Another contemporary sounding hoedown with music from keyboard, guitar, and piano. Lots of fill notes and musical drops. The tune is from the Bond movie of the same title. Tracks include music with and without background vocals. Give a listen to both tracks. Adjust speed.

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