

Flashmob Irish Dancing

**Saturday, 15th September 2012, 3 p.m., during “Wiesbaden tanzt”
We’ll be dancing in Wiesbaden, Berlin, Giessen...
... and wherever you join us!**



Choreography:

A Capella Hardshoe “Jig & Reel” (approx. 2 min 30 sec)

You can get the choreography in written form from Natalie@fiddle-and-feet.de or as a download from www.fiddle-and-feet.de. You’ll also find a teaching video of the choreography on the YouTube channel FidFeet – there is a link to our video channel at www.fiddle-and-feet.de.

Parts 1-4 are the teaching video, part 5 shows you the finished object.

Workshops to teach you the flashmob choreography:

- Sat/Sun, 11th-12th August 2012:
Tanzschule Traumtänzer, Flughafen Tempelhof, Columbiadamm 8-10, 12101 Berlin
Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-12 noon
Flashmob workshop for all levels, plus intermediate workshop with Natalie Westerdale and Reiko Wildgrube. More information: reiko@celticolours.de
- Saturday, 8th September 2012:
2pm-4pm, Fiddle & Feet School of Dancing, Winkeler Straße 6, D-65197 Wiesbaden
Information and registration: Natalie Westerdale, Natalie@fiddle-and-feet.de

Now how does this work?

The idea was born from our first Irish dancing flashmob within the framework of “Wiesbaden tanzt 2011” – a lot of Irish dancers came to join us in Wiesbaden and went in small groups on a tour through the city centre of Wiesbaden. We danced just about everywhere: in the Kurhaus, in the parks, in shopping centres, in the pedestrian area, on traffic islands... and then met again for the finale at the “Wiesbaden tanzt” open stage. For the finale we had some of our dancers on stage, and the rest of us mixed in with the audience... While we were dancing on stage, feet were literally moving everywhere – we had great fun!

And then there were those dancers in Berlin who thought Wiesbaden was a bit far to travel... “We’ll dance the finale with you at Berlin Alexanderplatz, and we’ll dance a céilí afterwards!” We even counted in both groups simultaneously on our mobile phones ... And that was the starting point for the flashmob idea for 2012: How many Irish dancers can we get to join us with this choreography? How many cities can we get dancing together for “Wiesbaden tanzt 2012” on the 15th September at 3 p.m.?

Wiesbaden dances – Dance with us!



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How to join in:

All dancers and groups of dancers who want to join us on the 15th September, please let us know in advance that you are planning to do so. Write an e-mail to Natalie@fiddle-and-feet.de, and I'll keep you informed about all the details. Who knows – other dancers in your area might want to join you, if we let them know who's organising the flashmob in your city! So far we have flashmob groups in the following cities:

Wiesbaden: Fiddle & Feet School of Dancing, Natalie@fiddle-and-feet.de

Meeting point: Saturday 15th September 2012, 12.30pm at the Mauritiusplatz, Wiesbaden

Berlin: CeltiColours and Voices, reiko@celticolours.de

Meeting point: Saturday 15th September 2012, 2 pm, Alexanderplatz (global clock), Berlin

Giessen: Tanzstudio A, Katja, k.lein@gmx.de

Meeting point: Saturday 15th September 2012, 2.30 pm at the Brandplatz, Giessen

Bremen: Mathias Weber, irish-dance-school-bremen@gmx.de

Meeting / Action: Sat., 15th September 2012 at 2 pm (Bremer main train station), 2.30 pm (Ansgari-Kirchhof), 3 pm (in front of Bremen city hall, at the Bremer Roland)

Cottbus: Manuela Frenzel, manuelafrenzel@arcor.de

Meeting point: To be announced

Rahden: Silvia Kunter, silvia.kunter@gmx.net

Meeting point: Sat, 15th Sept. 2012, 2.30pm, at Gemeindehaus of St. Johanniskirche, Rahden

Lübeck: Petra Mantau, petra-mantau@t-online.de

Meeting point: Sat., 15th Sept. 2012, 1 pm, Tanzhaus, Fackenburger Allee 78a, 23554 Lübeck

Bonn: Details TBA

Pforzheim: Sandra Kaufmann, tanz.sasti@googlemail.com

Meeting point: Saturday 15th September 2012, 1 pm at the Rathausplatz (C&A), Pforzheim

Tiefenort: Steffi Gunkel, steffi@gunkel-online.de

Meeting point: Saturday 15th September 2012, 2.30 pm at the stage in Tiefenort (Werratalfest)

Step out on 15 September 2012 at 15:00! The dancers here in Wiesbaden meet at the small stage on Mauritiusplatz at 12.30 and dance the choreography together for the first time. Then we split up into small groups of approx. 5 – 9 dancers and walk around the town, following a variety of routes and dancing *a capella* in any number of locations that tickle our fancy (the bridge over Schwalbacherstraße in the Luisenforum shopping centre, Luisenplatz, Warmer Damm, Reisingeranlagen, the main railway station, Adolfsallee, Liliencarré shopping centre, Platz der Deutschen Einheit, Kranzplatz, Kochbrunnen, Kureck, Kurpark, theatre colonnade, ...). This should be a short, intense and eye-catching performance for onlookers and passers-by before the group moves on to the next location.

For the grand finale we all meet up at the main stage in Mauritiusplatz shortly before 3 p.m. The flashmob choreography is part of the programme for the Fiddle & Feet School of Dancing and will not just be performed up on the stage but also among the members of the audience – bringing the whole of Mauritiusplatz to boiling point!

At the same time as our finale, dancers in all the other cities will join in with the climax of the event as well (either we will countdown to a synchronised start at 3 p.m. – or we will be in contact with the other cities by phone. We will see what is realistically feasible).

Whether you also do a tour through your city's centre, add a céilí into the bargain or organise other events around the flashmob only depends on your imagination and organisational skills. Seize the day... and let's make it a great event for Irish dancing and our own Irish dancing groups!

And afterwards we put our videos up on YouTube and have a look at what all the others have achieved with it. I am looking forward to it already!

Join in – may the party be big!

Best of luck
Natalie