

Strathspey for a Perfect Day

Dance for 4 couples in a 4-couple longwise set

4x32 bar Strathspey

This dance starts with two chords. On the second chord, 3rd and 4th couples cross over to the opposite sides.

- 1-4 1st and 2nd couples, and 3rd and 4th couples set and link.
- 5-8 All dance clockwise half-way round the set in a chase. Finish in the order 3,4,1,2.
- 9-16 All dance a reel of four on the sidelines.
- 17-18 Facing alternately down and up on the sidelines, all set.
- 19-20 All set to partners across the set.
- 21-22 4th and 1st couples dance right hands across half way.
- 23-24 1st and 4th couples turn partners once round by the right hand. Finish in promenade hold facing first corner positions (1st couple facing 3rd man and 4th couple facing 2nd man).
- 25-28 1st and 4th couples in promenade hold dance a diagonal reel of four with 3rd and 2nd men. Pass left shoulders to face second corner positions (4th couple facing 3rd woman and 1st couple facing 2nd woman).
- 29-32 4th and 1st couples in promenade hold dance a diagonal reel of four with 3rd and 2nd women. Finish with 1st couple side by side on the men's side, and 4th couple side by side on the women's side.
- 33-36 1st and 4th couples set and petronella in tandem to finish 4s above 1s in the middle of the dance facing each other.
- 37-40 4th and 1st couples set and link.

Finish in the order 2, 4, 1, 3, 1st and 3rd couples on the opposite side of the dance, ready to start again.

For Diane Breslin on the occasion of her marriage to Avi Chatterjee in Edinburgh on the 7th of June 2008. With much love and best wishes from Ian Brockbank and the members of the dem class.

Sandy Nixon played for the evening dance which formed part of the reception at Oxenfoord Castle, and he wrote a tune to accompany the dance. Although there wasn't the opportunity to dance the dance, Sandy incorporated the new tune into his set for "Gang the Same Gate".

Tune: Diane Breslin's Strathspey

(Sandy Nixon, June 2008)

(cc) Ian Brockbank, June 2008

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Strathspey

Sandy Nixon

$\text{♩} = 112$

The image displays a musical score for a strathspey. It consists of seven staves of music, all written in treble clef. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is indicated as quarter note = 112. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.