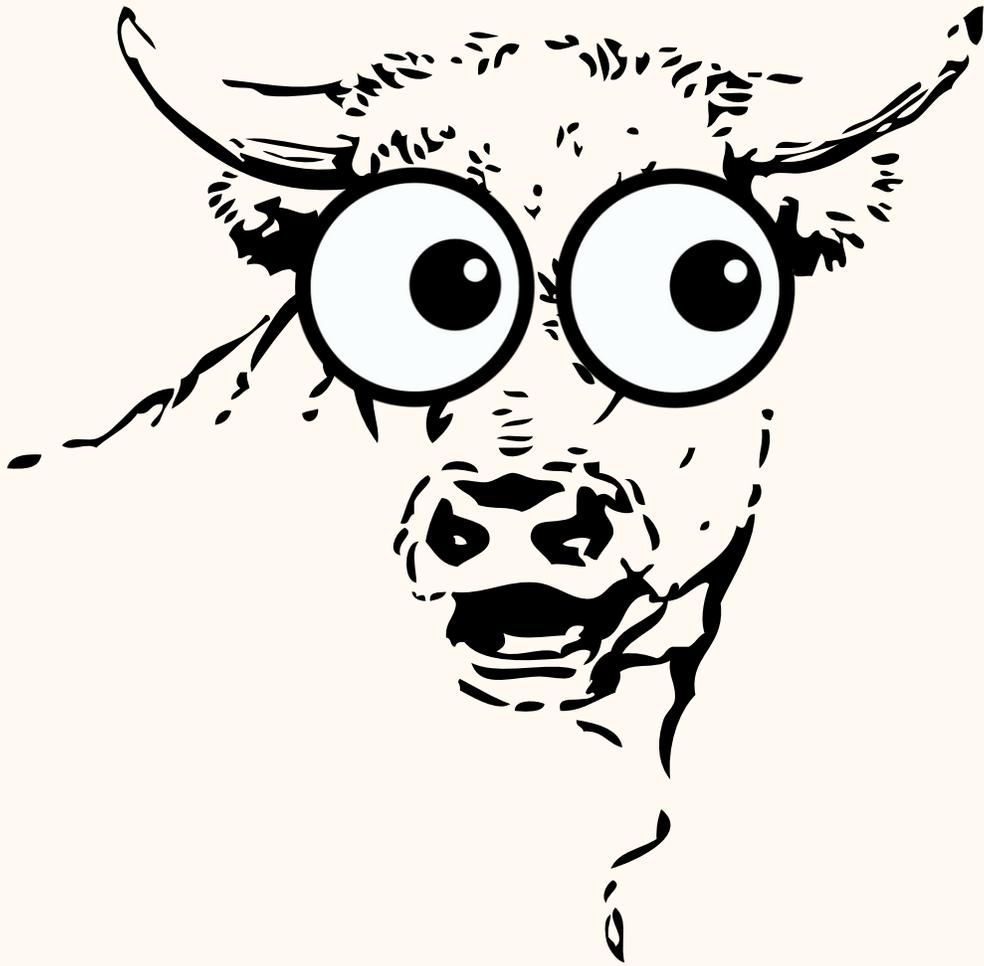


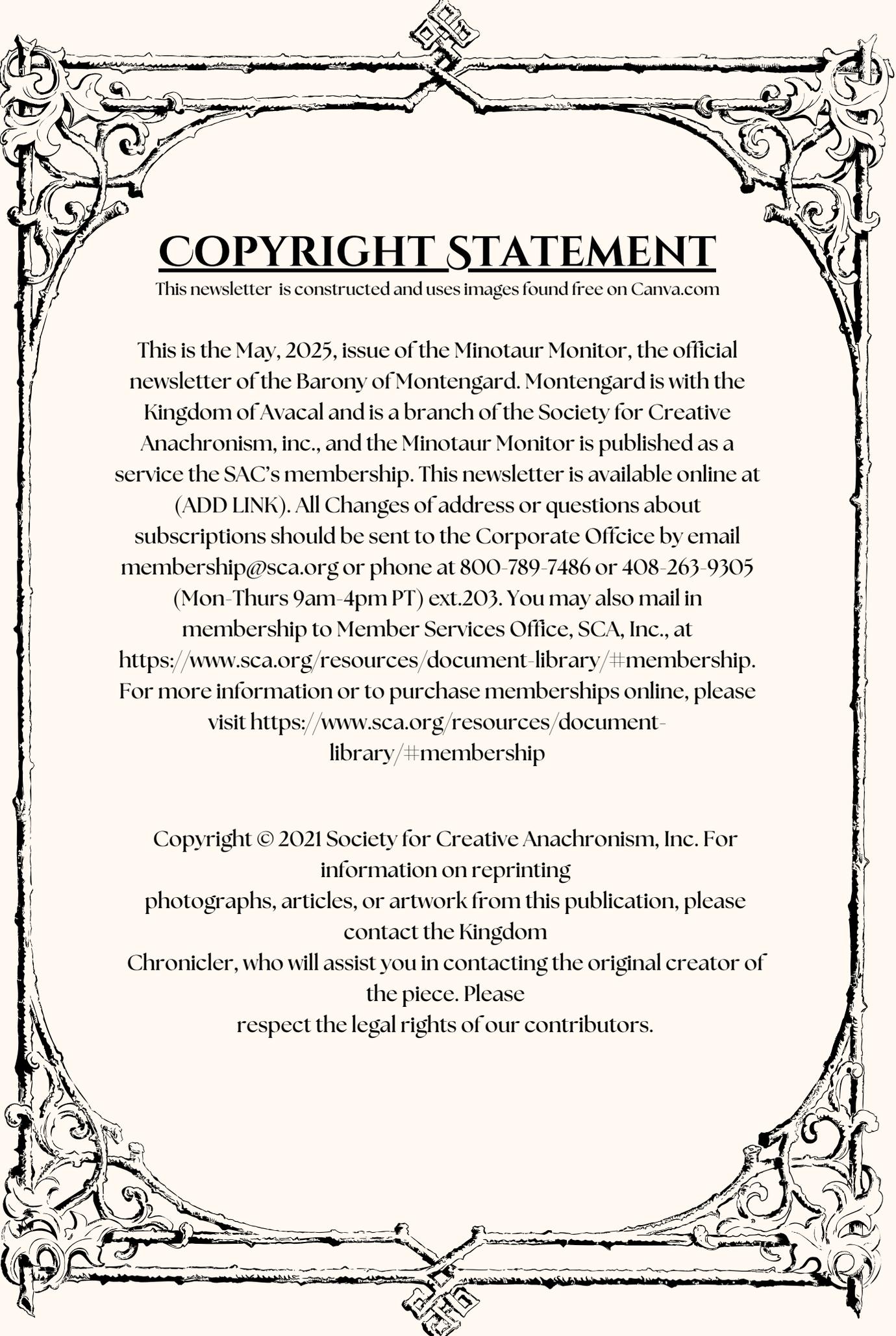
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# FROM THE CHRONICLERS DESK

Dear Readers,

Thank you for all the support and positive comments regarding our last release! We have some exciting features and extremely important event information within this edition, so enjoy the June newsletter! As always, don't be scared to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter!

As with last time, we would love to see your talents and be able to publish them in our newsletter! You have full creative freedom!

We would also love to see some of the photos you take at events and be able to feature them here. You can send it all to us via the chronicler email - [chronicler@montengarde.org](mailto:chronicler@montengarde.org)

With Love,  
Aurora di Mare



# MONTHLY FESTIVITIES

## MONTHLY TAVERN NIGHT

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 7 pm - 10pm

The Rehabilitation Society of Calgary, 711 St NE, Calgary, AB T2E 4Z2, Canada

Cost: by donation to cover hall rental fees

A social evening with friends featuring a mix of dancing, medieval gaming, and arts & sciences and a great place to get to know your local group! Beverages and sometimes food are provided for a nominal cost. Dishware is not provided, please remember to bring your own.

Tavern is a "in garb" event but if you are without garb then have no fear! There is often loaner clothes courtesy of the Gold Key!

Class: Event Scheduling

## ARTS AND SCIENCE ROUNDTABLE AND SOCIAL

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 | 7pm - 10pm

## MARTIAL PRACTICE

Every Thursday from 6:30pm - 9pm

## ARCHERY PRACTICE

Every Friday from 6:30pm-9:30

## MONTENGARDE COUNCIL

Every Third Wednesday of the month  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 | 7pm - 9pm (often shorter) Via Discord

<https://discord.gg/tVxBZmnvE5>



# THE UP AND COMING!

DEMO - AARD CON Jun 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

Renfrew Community Association, 811 Radford Rd NE,  
Calgary, AB T2E 0R7, Canada



AärdCON, is a fantasy gathering to immerse yourself in the realms of Tabletop role-Playing Games (TTRPGs), Dungeons & Dragons and fantasy art/media

This Local gaming convention is new ground for us! It will be a great opportunity to show off our arts, sciences, fighters and more! Check out the Barony of Montengarde for further information!



AardCON is an RPG / fantasy conference open to adventurers of all ages, races, classes, shapes and sizes!

Informative Panels, Hands-On Work Shops, Free TTRPG Gaming, Mini Painting Competition, Podcast Recording, Incredible Vendors !

Come Dressed In Your Best Cosplay to Win Great Prizes!

\$10 at the door - kids 11 and under free!

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# THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR!

## DEMO - SUMMER SKIRMISH August 16-17 2025

The Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Trl SW,  
Calgary AB T2T 6E8, Canada

Join us in the sunny month of August at the Summer Skirmish! Almost 2000 years of warfare comes to life in a weekend of scripted battles re-enactments and demonstrations.

### One Day Pass (Sat or Sun)

- Adult: \$17
- Seniors and Youth (4-17): \$7
- Families (up to 2 Adults & 5 Youth): \$40
- Children (4 and under): Free

### Weekend Pass

- Adults: \$25
- Seniors and Youth (4-17): \$10
- Families (up to 2 Adults & 5 youth): \$60
- Children (4 and under): Free

### Re-Enactors at this event:

- First Special Service Force Living History Association
- 10th Battalion CEF Commemorative Association
- Alberta World War Living History Association
- Society for Creative Anachronisms, Calgary
- The Yankee Valley Historical Society
- Society for Tilt and Lance Cavalry
- The Old 78th Fraser Highlanders
- Strathcona's Mounted Troop
- Alberta 18th century group
- Dragon's Own
- Ulfraedi



# THE 2025 BIG EVENT

AVACAL 10 YEAR CELEBRATION June 27<sup>th</sup> 12pm - July 6<sup>th</sup> 12pm

Near Marsden, SK – No street address available

52°52'47.7"N 109°54'55.5"W

Join in this historic event with some of the greatest battles ever fought. Many activities await to tantalize your senses; Heavy and Light war scenarios, Heavy and Light tournaments, Archery and Throwing Weapons galore, Bardic activities, TUA classes, Arts and Sciences, Youth and Family activities, Merchant's Row and more. Come join us!

Site fees:

- Adult - \$110
- Adult Member Discount - \$100
- Youth & Children (under 17 years) - Free
- Merchant Registration - No additional Fees



**Duke Sir Sean Kirkpatrick**  
Tarragon - KSCA, OP  
Artemisia

A Knight of the Society since AS XXII, Duke Sir Sean is considered one of the SCA's top trainers in the psychology and physiology of heavy combat. Join him at Avacal's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration to learn from one of the best of the best!

July 2nd - July 6th 2025



**Countess Gwenhwyvar**  
verch Owen ap Morgan  
OL, KSCA, OP  
Northshield

Join Northshield's Countess Gwenhwyvar in classes on pewter casting and silk painting at Avacal's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

June 30th- July 6th 2025



Check out everything this event has to offer on the Quad War Website!

<https://quadwar.avacal.org/registration/>

# THE 2025 BIG EVENT

## SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

### It's in the middle of nowhere.....

The nearest off-site restaurant, the Prairie Diner, can be found in the tiny town of Marsden, SK (approximately 8 minutes from the site). It is located on main street, and is a standard, small town grill that features everything from poutine to steak, Western and stir fry options, with daily specials. It is open daily from 10:00 – 19:00.

You can build on the site, but you must follow strict rules that can be found on the website under the section “2025 Building on Site”

Tyger's Rest is thrilled to offer a 10 day meal plan for the Quad war event. The menu will be posted closer to the event so that they have the best pricing options. 10 days of breakfast and supper, \$25 per day per person, limited space as we would like to take classes and enjoy the event as well.

### When Driving:

- From the West – Wainright, Alberta: Travel East on Highway 14 AB, this becomes Highway 40 SK at the border. Proceed 8km past the border and turn North (left) on Artlan Road (this is opposite of Suffern Lake turn off #680). Travel 4.6km north and turn West (left) on to field road.
- From the East – Battleford, Saskatchewan: Travel West on Highway 40 SK to Marsden, SK. Continue 5km past Marsden and turn North (right) on Artlan Road (this is opposite of Suffern Lake turn off #680). Travel 4.6km north and turn West (left) on to field road.

Check out everything this event has to offer on the Quad War Website!

<https://quadwar.avacal.org/registration/>

# THE 2025 BIG EVENT

## SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

### About the Location:

TE Alfheim & Adeline (Stew & Gail Hiar) privately own this amazing land location. All of the buildings and structures have been developed and are privately owned by the owners or the many individuals within our fair kingdom. Walk around and enjoy all there is to see. Please be mindful and leave things just as nice as or better than you found it.

The castle is in need of some repairs. Any individuals under 18 must be accompanied by adults.

### Water:

Please bring your own drinking water for the event!

There is a well on site, drilled in 2022. However, we cannot regularly test the water quality. Thus, we are advertising it as not potable. Water is available at the well house near the dwarf encampment & the shower house for washing. Again, we are not recommending you drink it.

Local Marsden water can be collected at the water plant in town. Although it is potable, it is not that pleasant with its high mineral content. Water can be purchased in large containers in Marsden at the convenience store.

## IMPORTANT!

You can now register on the Quad War Website!!

This registration is to help the event team be prepared. Additionally, There is also a volunteer sign up sheet on the website, you should find yourself with some time to spare and desire to help out

Check out everything this event has to offer on the Quad War Website!

<https://quadwar.avacal.org/registration/>

# RECENT TUA AWARDS!

## Morning Court:

Sable Flame - Elina of York  
Red Helm - Emmett ap Malabar  
Sable Axe - Astrid Arnsbjornsdottir  
Vigil for Admittance to the Order of the Laurel -  
Arnsbjorn

## Afternoon Court:

Winged Lynx - Taran Medvedev  
Argent Flame - Hero the Responsible  
Sable Flame - Jora Robertsdottir  
AA - Svalla of Sandesend  
Champion of A&S - Susan of Myrgan Wood  
Bardic Champion - Dolce Adalina Machiavelli  
Elder - Milpryþ Weaver  
Elder - Arjun Singh  
Iron Quill - Hero the Responsible

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# WORDS TO FIND!

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AISHA	ARROW	ASTRID
BENALTO	CHAMPION	CORONATION
COURT	DUCHESS	DUKE
GRYPHON	HROGON	IRON ARROW
IRON MAUL	KING	KINGDOM
QUEEN	SWORD	VIK VIKINGSSON

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# DANCE OF THE MONTH

This month we have the pleasure of checking out a dance from the amazing Thorvald. You can find him teaching these historical dances at the monthly tavern nights.

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## Terms:

DL - Double Left: Take 2 steps to your left (while facing forward) most often ending with both feet together

DR - Double Right: Same as above but the other direction

SL - Single Left: Take one step to your right while facing forward

SR - Single Right: Take one step to your right while facing forward

Siding: Walking 3 steps towards your shoulder's line up. Maintain eye contact throughout. Siding L means you walk to your left and almost touch right shoulders, and vice versa.

Arming: Cupping the elbow of your partner and walking around them. This can be fast or slow. Arming R means cupping right Arms and Arming L means left.

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## The Maltese Bransle

We should note a bit of history regarding this dance. These instructions have been through a lot before making it to our newsletter. This particular dance is from the book Orchesography by Thoinot Arbeau, it was Translated by Mary Stewart Evans. However Prior to this it would have originated from peasantry cultures before being adopted by higher royalty. Thus, the exact date of dances such as these are somewhat unknown. In this case the Maltese Bransle is dated to around 1589 but because it was used prior before being adopted, the actual age is definitely earlier but nonetheless somewhat unknown

The following steps are also from Thorvald's personal notes, thus they may differ slightly from the original text source (they are also being passed through my hands and thus will be transferred differently)

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Here is a link to the music for this months dance:  
[https://youtu.be/RaepGOWRn7M?si=AAM\\_hZ9Pkd\\_QVvpg](https://youtu.be/RaepGOWRn7M?si=AAM_hZ9Pkd_QVvpg)

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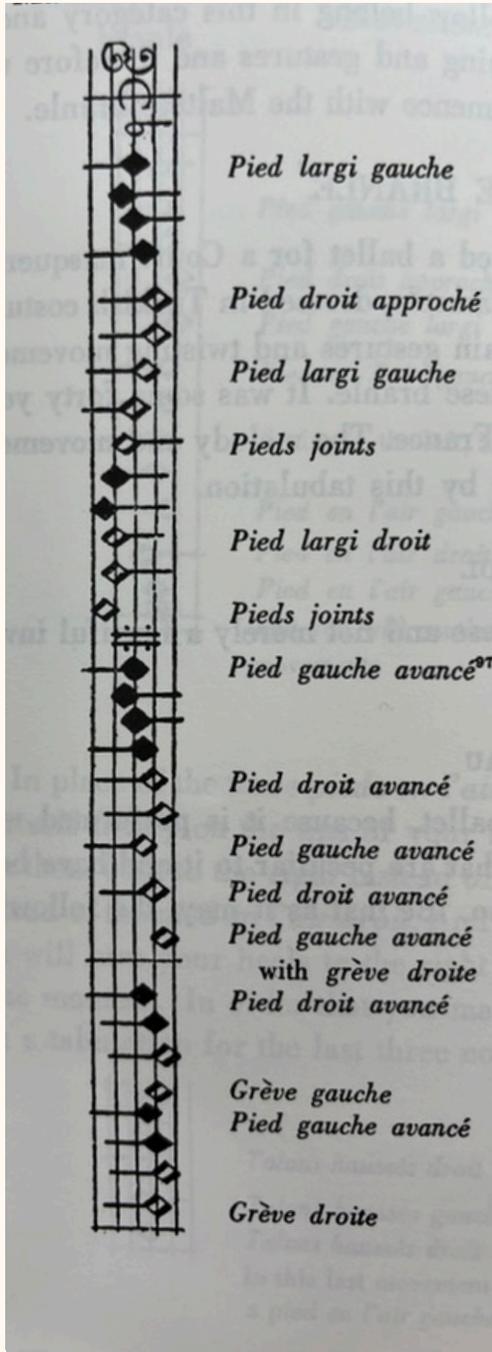
Grab some friends and get jiggy with it!

Here is a link to a youtube video of what the dance should look like incase of confusion (courtesy of Christine Violet of Malagentia, in the East Kingdom)

[https://youtu.be/tOjYAigXOQQ?si=OEw3os60IlBKgp\\_q](https://youtu.be/tOjYAigXOQQ?si=OEw3os60IlBKgp_q)



Start in a circle holding hands with as many as you wish



*Pied largi gauche*

*Pied droit approché*

*Pied largi gauche*

*Pieds joints*

*Pied largi droit*

*Pieds joints*

*Pied gauche avancé<sup>91</sup>*

*Pied droit avancé*

*Pied gauche avancé*

*Pied droit avancé*

*Pied gauche avancé*

*with grève droite*

*Pied droit avancé*

*Grève gauche*

*Pied gauche avancé*

*Grève droite*

## Section 1

Double left, Double right x2 (holding hands)

## Section 2

Let go of your friends hands

Take a step, putting your left foot and hip into the circle, snap fingers above head

Take another step, putting in your right foot and hip into the circle, snap finger above head

Take a step, putting your left foot and hip into the circle, snap fingers above head

Stop and clap hands three times around head level

## Section 3

Step out of the circle, taking your right foot and hip out, snap fingers above head

Step out of the circle, taking your left foot and hip out, snap fingers above head

Step out of the circle, taking your right foot and hip out, snap fingers above head

Stop and clap hands three times around head level

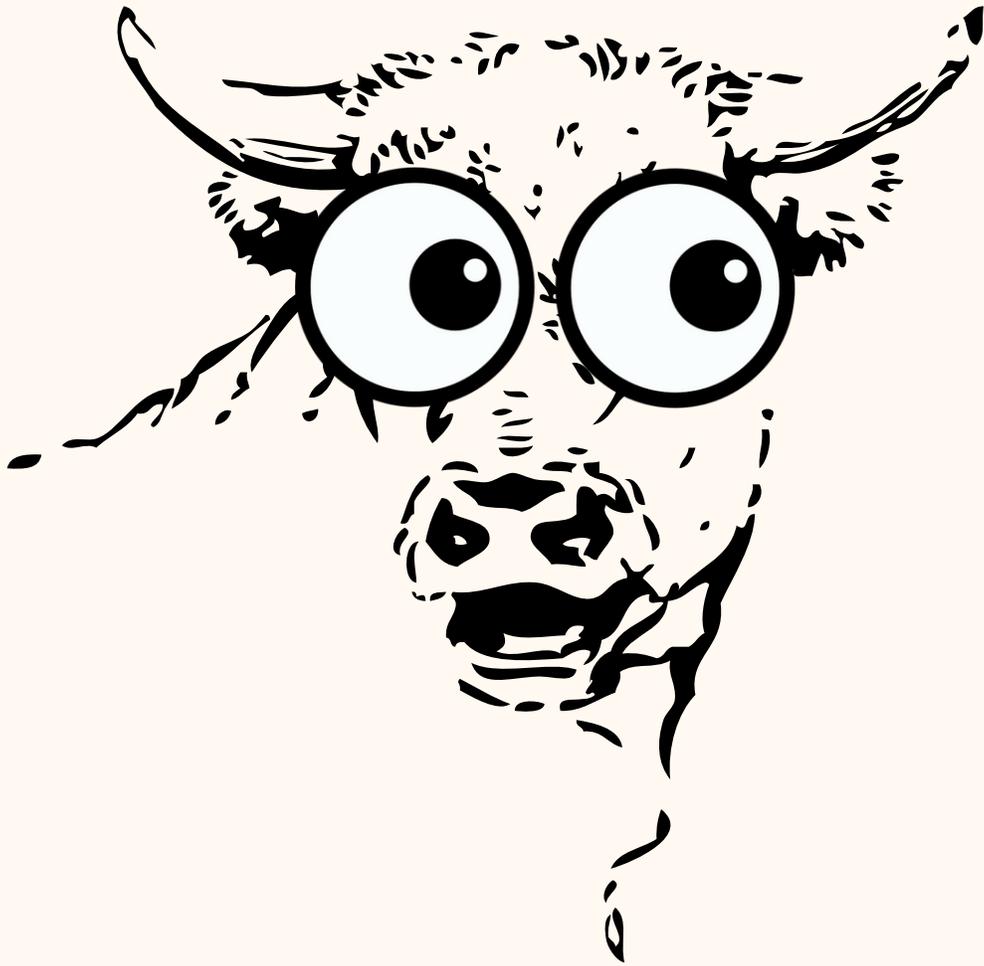
## Section 4

Finish with three little steps to the left and you should finish facing inwards with your feet facing your other dancing partners.

Repeat from the Beginning!

Note that the song will get faster as it goes on so stay on your toes

THANKS AGAIN  
FOR READING!



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