## **Madison Square**

## Four-couple strathspey in a square set

- 1-2 1st and 3rd couples advance toward each other as 2nd and 4th couples dance to corners' position and take nearer hands with opposite.
- 3-4 1st and 3rd couples take nearer hands with opposites and lead to second and fourth position as 2nd and 4th couples advance to partner.
- 5-6 1st and 3rd couples dance to original places as 2nd and 4th couples dance with nearer hands to original places.
- 7-8 All turn partner once around with both hands.
- 9-16 Repeat bars 1-8 with 2nd and 4th couples advancing to begin as the 1st and 3rd couples dance to corners' position.
- 17-18 All face in and set holding nearer hand with partner.
- 19-22 All four women dance right hands across back to original place, while all four men dance counterclockwise halfway around the set.
- 23-24 All turn opposite once around with both hands.
- 25-32 Repeat bars 17-24 with men dancing back to home and all turn partner once around with both hands.
- 33-34 Repeat bars 1-2.
- 35-36 All set with 1st and 3rd couples passing each other as a couple by the left shoulder to finish back-to-back with opposite.

- 37-40 Parallel half reel of four; at the end 1st and 3rd couples, instead of passing left shoulder with opposite, meet them and lead out with nearer hands to second and fourth places, woman on the left side, man on the right side (wrong side).
- 41-48 Repeat bars 33-40, with 2nd and 4th couples, but instead of passing left shoulder with partner, meet them and lead out with nearer hands joined. All finish in original places.
- 49-52 All turn partner once around with both hands, and set facing into set.
- 53-56 Eight hands round to the left halfway.
- 57-60 Grand chain, one bar per hand, giving right hand to partner to begin.
- 61-64 All turn partner by right hand one-and-threequarters, ending with women back-to back in the middle.

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