

Yagi Bushi

Japanese

There are a few Yagi Bushi dances. I have seen another dance called Yagi Bushi or 'sTowel" Dance which is more complex, also an Obon Odori. The Obon festivals are the festivals of the ancestors celebrated all over Japan and in Buddhist temples all over the world in July and August. There are many Obon Odori (Obon Dances). The Obon festival is where the tradition of paper lanterns sent out on the water comes from, to assist the souls which had come to earth return to "heaven".

Music is in 4/4 and the music can be found in many places today.

Formation: Circle of solo dancers facing CCW (LOD). Have a hand towel around your neck.

Style: The style is affected by the traditional kimono. Women danced with their toes slightly turned inward and the steps are small. All movements are controlled and graceful.

Meas.	Movements
1	Step on R foot across in front of L(1), Step back on the L (2), step on R beside the L(3) hold 4. As you step across clap (1 &) low in front on R foot, step back on the L(2), clap (3) as you step on R
2	Repeat Measure 1 opposite footwork with clapping
3	Repeat Measure 1 (R foot leading) with clapping
4	Repeat the footwork of measure 1 (R foot leading). Hold the the right edge of the towel with the R hand swing the towel down across on (1), use the L hand to catch the other end of the towel (2), pull the R hand up and hold the L hand down on the bottom, hold on 4
5	Take 3 steps forward, L, R, L, hold 4. Your hands alternate up and down 1-2-3 holding the two ends of the towel
6	Take 3 steps back (closing feet together on 3) as you twirl the towel and hook it behind your head on (3) hold 4.

Repeat the dance from the beginning.