

# “Santa Claus’ Party” – Opening Stretch

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**Set-up:** Put small tree in the center of the room and have the dancer sit around it, legs stretched out straight in front of them, hands by sides.

**Wait: 8cts**

## **PART A:**

- 8cts: Marches
- 8cts: Put right hand out (platter) 2cts, put left hand out (platter) 2cts, roll arms (2cts), open both arms to audience (2cts)
- 16cts: Arms up to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts), stretch over legs (4cts), recover to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts), open arms to 2<sup>nd</sup> (4cts)

## **PART C:**

- 8cts: Right arm to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts), Left arm to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts)
- 8cts: Open arms to 2<sup>nd</sup> (4cts), Cross arms on chest (2cts), open arms to audience (2cts)
- 8cts: pull feet in for butterfly stretch/grab feet (4cts), take body over feet (4cts), bring arms to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts), set right arm down on thigh (2cts), set left arm down on thigh (2cts)

## **PART D:**

- 8cts: Open right arm/leg to 2<sup>nd</sup> (4cts), Open left arm/leg to 2<sup>nd</sup> (4cts)
- 8cts: Arms up to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4ct), Lean forward between legs (4cts)
- 8cts: Hold stretch position
- 8cts: Bring arms to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts), open arms to 2<sup>nd</sup> (4cts)

**REPEAT PART A: Beginning Marches will walk back in to parallel position**

## **PART E: Instrumental Break**

- 8cts: Swing legs around to stomach position (4cts), sit back into “child’s pose” (4cts)
- 8cts: Tuck toes underneath/rise to standing position/hands on hips
- 8cts: Touch right foot side (2cts), cross right foot in front of left (2cts), 4ct chasse left
- 8cts: Touch left foot side (2cts), cross right foot in front of left (2cts), 4ct chasse left

## **½ PART C & ENDING:**

- 8cts: Right arm to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts) Left arm to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts)
- 8cts: Open arms to 2<sup>nd</sup> (4cts), Cross arms on chest (2cts), open arms to audience (2cts)
- 8cts: March in a circle
- 4cts: Arms to 3<sup>rd</sup>/reach over and touch toes
- 4cts: Rise bringing arms to high “V”
- 8cts: 4 Skips forward toward tree, 4 Skips away from tree
- 7cts: Turn in a circle on demi-pointe/arms to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4cts), Lower to knee (2cts), arms rise to High “V” (1ct)