

Clansman Sword Dance

(Time 4/4 Strathspey)

An extension of the Gillie-Callum. A dance for four dancers, over 2 sets of swords. It commences with Strathspey tempo, with dancers carrying the swords, which are eventually placed on the floor. Eight steps are then executed, in, over and around the sword. The early Romans recorded the inhabitants of what is now called Scotland dancing strange figures around each other with swords. Maybe this dance is a forerunner of the Broadwords.