Tripudio Oculus



Common maladies of the human eye include astigmatism, conjunctivitis, glaucoma, myopia, retinitis, and getting punched in it. Among the lesser known ocular ailments are blepharoptosis, aniridia, exophthalmos, and Biswick's surprise. But the rarest of eyeball disorders is almost certainly tripudio oculus, or "dancing eye." This peculiar illness is characterized by a sight organ that pops completely out of its socket and moves about in a kind of ophthalmic "dance" whenever certain musical stimuli, such as mambos, are present. There is no known cure, though 35 percent of sufferers who undergo talk radio broadcast therapy (TRBT) report noticeably fewer attacks. Too much TRBT, however, typically leads to amblyopia, or "lazy eye."