

Klukkendanz



In Spain, it's the flamenco; in France, it's the bourrée; in Russia, the Stolichnaya; in England, the Cotswold promenade. And in Germany, the slightly loopy Guckenheimer-Sauerkraut is the official national dance. Each requires its dancers to be in tip-top physical shape, to have at least a vague idea of what rhythm is, and to look good in latex costumes. But only one national dance – that of the Principality of San Maraschino – demands that its performers possess genuinely fowl temperaments, because the klukkendanz (chicken dance) starts fast and never lets up till the bird around which the dance revolves is completely plucked, roasted, gravied, and served.