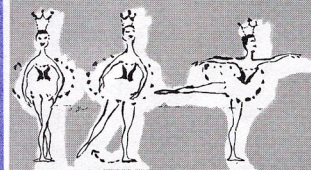
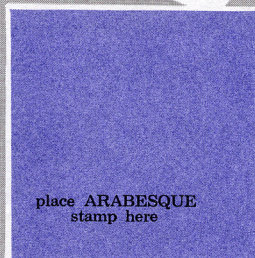




1. SWAN LAKE

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A ballet is a dance which tells a story. "Swan Lake" tells of a prince on a hunting trip who is about to aim his crossbow at a swan. The Swan Queen appears and begs him not to shoot. The Swan Queen is really a beautiful maiden transformed into a swan by a magician. The prince falls in love with her and they dance together.



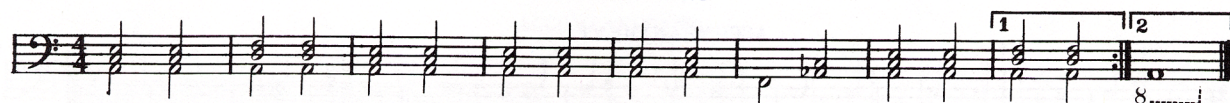
ARABESQUE (*ah-rah-BESK*) in dance means an Arabian design performed by the body. From basic position 5 (see title page for 5 basic positions) the back foot is carried back, toe is pointed, and knee is straight.

Maestoso

P. I. Tchaikowsky (1840-1893)



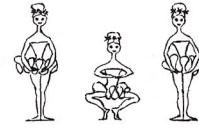
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15. COPPÉLIA



Coppélia (*Ko-PAIL-yah*) is a beautiful life-size mechanical doll. Swanilda, a village girl, is shocked when she discovers that her boy friend appears to be in love with Coppélia. Swanilda breaks into the doll factory and dresses in the doll's clothes. She winds up the other dolls and has them create a terrible rumpus. The confused boy friend is straightened out and everything ends happily.



GRAND PLIE (*grahn plee-AY*) means "big bend". In position 1 or any of the 5 positions, the knees bend out to the side as far as they will go. Heels rise off the floor as the dancer lowers herself.

Maestoso

Leo Delibes (1836-1891)



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