## The Sphinx

| Count: | $128 \quad$ Wall: 2 | Level: Phrased Advanced |
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| Choreographer: | Simon Ward (AUS), Roy Hadisubroto (NL), Fiona Murray (IRE) \& Rebecca Lee |  |
|  | (MY) - October 2022 |  |
| Music: | Medellín (Offer Nissim Madame X In The Sphinx Mix) (2022 Remaster) - |  |
|  | Madonna \& Maluma : (Album: Finally Enough Love 50 Number Ones - 2022 |  |
|  | Remasters -iTunes \& Amazon) |  |

Sequence - A B A B Tag C C B A B B* (24 counts) C (last 16 counts) C B A (8 counts)<br>Part A - Cha Cha<br>[1-8] Cross/rock R, Recover L, Chasse R $1 / 4$ turn R, L fwd, Pivot $1 / 2$ R, $3 \times$ claps<br>1-2 Cross/rock R over L, Recover weight onto L (12:00)<br>3\&4 Step R to R side, Step L beside R, $1 / 4$ turn $R$ step $R$ forward (3:00)<br>5-6 Step $L$ forward, Pivot $1 / 2$ turn $R$ keeping weight on $L$ with $R$ knee popped forward (9:00)<br>7\&8 Hold position \& clap hands three times at shoulder height (9:00)<br>Styling: Turn head right towards 12:00 during claps<br>[9-16] Cross/rock R, Recover L \& sweep, $R$ sailor step, Cross/step L, R side, L sailor step $1 / 4$ turn $L$<br>1-2 Cross/rock right over L, Recover weight onto L sweeping R back (9:00)<br>3\&4 Step R behind L, Step L to L side, Recover weight onto R (9:00)<br>5-6 Cross/step $L$ over R, Step $R$ to $R$ side (9:00)<br>7\&8 Step L behind R, Step R beside L turning $1 / 4$ turn left, Step L slightly forward (6:00)

[17-32] Repeat counts 1-16 beginning at 6:00 finishing at 12:00

## Part B - Samba

[1-8] Samba full diamond $R$

| $1 \& 2 \&$ | Cross/step R over L, Step L slightly to L turning $1 / 8$ turn R, Step R back, Hitch $L$ knee (1:30) |
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| $3 \& 4 \&$ | Step $L$ behind R, Step R to R turning $1 / 4$ turn $R$, Step $L$ forward, Hitch R knee (4:30) |
| $5 \& 6 \&$ | Cross/step R over L, Step L slightly to $L$ turning $1 / 4$ turn $R$, Step R back, Hitch $L$ knee (7:30) |
| $7 \& 8$ | Step $L$ behind R, Step R to R turning $1 / 4$ turn $R$, Step $L$ forward $(10: 30)$ |

[9-16] $1 / 8$ turn $R$, $R$ botafogo, $L$ botafogo, $R$ volta full turn
1\&2 $\quad 1 / 8$ turn R \& Cross/step R over L, Rock/step L to L, Recover weight onto R (12:00)
$3 \& 4 \quad$ Cross/step L over R, Rock/step R to R, Recover weight onto L (12:00)
5\&6\& $\quad 1 / 4$ turn $R$ step $R$ forward, Lock/step left behind, $1 / 4$ turn $R$ step right forward, Lock/step left behind (6:00)
$7 \& 8 \quad 1 / 4$ turn R step R forward, Lock/step left behind, $1 / 4$ turn $R$ step right forward (12:00)
(counts 5-8 is right lock/step turning a full turn right, keep circle tight)
[17-24] L samba whisk, $R$ samba whisk, $L$ lock/step turning $1 / 4 L, 1 / 4 L$ \& shuffle $L$ fwd
$1 a 2$ Step L to L side, Rock/step R behind L, Recover weight onto L (12:00)
3a4 Step $R$ to $R$ side, Rock/step $L$ behind $R$, Recover weight onto $R$ (12:00)
5-6 $\quad 1 / 4$ turn $L$ step $L$ forward, Lock/step $R$ behind L (9:00)
$7 \& 8 \quad$ Turn a further $1 / 4$ turn $L$ and step $L$ forward, Step R beside $L$, Step $L$ forward (6:00)
[25-32] Rock R fwd, Recover L, R coaster step, L fwd, Pivot $1 / 2$ turn R, Shuffle R fwd
1-2 Rock/step R forward, Recover weight on L (6:00)
3\&4 Step R back, Step L beside R, Step R forward (6:00)
5-6 Step $L$ forward, Pivot $1 / 2$ turn $R$ taking weight onto $R(6: 00)$
7\&8 Step L forward, Step R beside L, Step L forward (6:00)
Part C - Bollywood/Funky
[1-8] Cross point, Side point, Cross point, Side point, R botafogo, L cross shuffle
1-4 Cross point $R$ over $L$, Point $R$ to $R$ side, Cross point $R$ over $L$, Point $R$ to $R$ side (12:00)
5\&6 Cross/step R over L, Rock/step L to L, Recover on R (12:00)
7\&8 Cross L over R, Step R to right side, Cross L over R (12:00)
Styling: $R$ arm is up at head level, $L$ arm is down at stomach level with both hands facing away from body (1)

In a clockwise circular motion bring $R$ arm down to stomach level \& L arm up to head level (2)

In a counter-clockwise circular motion bring $R$ arm up to head level \& $L$ arm down to stomach level (3) In a clockwise circular motion bring $R$ arm down to stomach level \& $L$ arm up to head level (4)
[9-16] Paddle $1 / 2$ turn, Side step, L rock back recover side, $R$ rock back recover side
1-4 Point $R$ to $R$ side, $1 / 4$ turn $L$ point $R$ to $R$ side, $1 / 4$ turn $L$ point $R$ to $R$ side, Step $R$ to $R$ side (6:00)
5\&6 Rock/step L back, Recover on R, Step L to $L$ side (6:00)
7\&8 Rock/step R back, Recover on L, Step R to R side (6:00)
Styling: On the paddle turn, $R$ arm is out to $R$ side, $L$ arm is up above head. Both hands twist as if opening a door knob with $R$ hand and screwing in a light bulb with $L$ (1-4). On the rock backs open the shoulders up as if a matador (5-8)
[17-24] $1 / 2$ turn Weave, Ball together, Knee pop, Lock step R fwd
$1 \& 2 \quad 1 / 8$ turn $L$ cross $L$ behind $R, 1 / 8$ turn $L$ step $R$ to $R$ side, Cross $L$ over $R$ (3:00)
\&3\&4 $\quad 1 / 8$ turn $L$ step $R$ to $R$ side, Cross $L$ behind $R, 1 / 8$ turn $L$ step $R$ to $R$ side, Cross $L$ over $R$ (12:00)
\&5\&6 $\quad 1 / 8$ turn $L$ step $R$ to $R$ side, Close $L$ next to $R$, Push both knees forward lifting both heels, both
knees straighten again while dropping both heels (10:30)
7\&8 Step R forward, Lock L behind R, Step R forward (10:30)
[25-32] $1 / 8$ turn $R$, $L$ scissor step, Reverse full turn $L, R$ toe heel step, $L$ toe heel step
$1 \& 2 \quad 1 / 8$ turn $R$ step $L$ to $L$ side, Close $R$ next to $L$, Cross $L$ over $R(12: 00)$
3-4 $\quad 1 / 4$ turn $L$ step $R$ back, $1 / 2$ turn $L$ step $L$ forward
$5 \& 6 \quad$ Turn a further $1 / 4$ turn $L$ and touch $R$ toe next to $L$, Touch $R$ heel in place, Step $R$ forward (12:00)
7\&8 Touch $L$ toe next to $R$, Touch $L$ heel in place, Step $L$ forward (12:00)
[33-40] R botafogo, L botafogo, Point Switch, Walk R fwd walk L fwd with shimmy/shake
1\&2 Cross/step R over L, Rock/step L to left, Recover on R (12:00)
3\&4 Cross/step L over R, Rock/step R to R, Recover on L (12:00)
5\&6\& Point $R$ to $R$ side, Close $R$ next to $L$, Point $L$ to $L$ side, Close $L$ next to $R(12: 00)$
7-8 Walk R forward, Walk L forward (12:00)
Styling: Shimmy shoulders/ shake body on walks forward
[41-48] Syncopated jumps forward \& back while making $1 / 2$ turn L, Out out Hold, Hip Roll
\&1\&2 Step R forward, Step $L$ forward, $1 / 4$ turn $L$ step R back, Step $L$ back (9:00)
\&3\&4 Step R forward, Step $L$ forward, $1 / 4$ turn $L$ step $R$ back, Step $L$ back (6:00)
\&5-6 Step R forward into R diagonal, Step L to L side, Hold (6:00)
7-8 Roll hips counter-clockwise (6:00)
Styling: Can use pelvis to push hips forward \& back while doing the syncopated jumps forward \& back. While doing the Hip roll raise $R$ arm in the air circling it counter-clockwise as if swinging lasso
[49-64] Repeat counts 33-48 beginning at 6:00 finishing at 12:00

## Tag - Facing 12 O'clock

$1 \quad$ Stomp R next to $L$ while turning body $1 / 8$ turn $L$ towards $10: 30$ weight stays on $L$
2-4 Begin taking both arms out to each side and continue raising them up above head ending with a wrist
roll inwards
*B-24 counts restarting into $C-16$ counts
After completing 24 counts of $B$ you will finish facing $6: 00$, you will then continue with the last 16 counts of C (counts 49-64) beginning at 6:00 and finishing facing 12:00 to start into $C$ again

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