

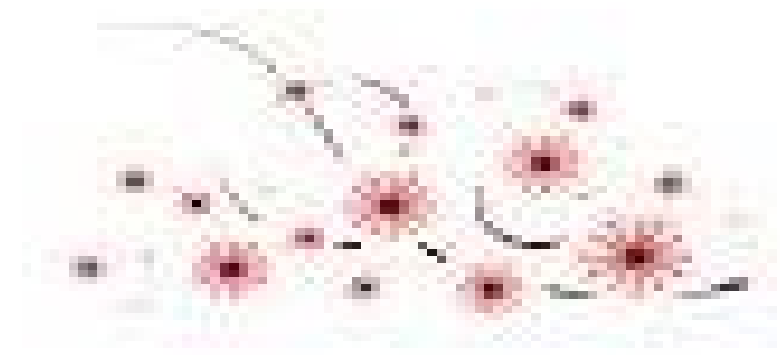
Para-para dance



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What is it?

It is a popular Japanese choreography usually danced in groups, everyone makes movements at the same time.

This dance exists from 1980, when in Europe appeared the Italo disco (electronic music), disco music and music from Japan, but it didn't become very popular outside Japan until 1990.

History



The origin of this dance come from the end of 1970. As the teenagers could not come into discotheques, they started dancing outside around a radio with a particular style which consisted on arms and hands' movements.

Later, it took the name of Para-para due to the people's hum with the song "Take on me" from the norwegian group a-ha (paraparapapa).

Para-para dance is singular for its movements according to the song's beat while the feet set the music's rhythm moving from one side to the other or without moving.



Characteristics

Every song has a different choreography and a constant fast rhythm, there are three types of Para-para depending on the music:

- Basic: many arms movements, the easiest.
- Techpara: more difficult and fast. (Techno-Rave music)
- Trapara: is the combination of both. (Trance music)

Parts in which the song is divided



Para-para songs is divided in three parts:

-Intro: the beginning and the end of a song. It usually ends with the rhythm of the beginning.

-Melo: they're the strophes of the song.

-Sabi: The chorus of the song. Each part has different kinds of choreographies except for the melo which has two different versions.



Para-para in Spain

- In 2005 and 2006, the first initial circles of Para-para in Spain started to dance on Barcelona streets. For example Hysterical and Gyaru groups.

- In 2004 the first Para-para competition was in Madrid's expomanga. Nowadays, this expomanga makes different kinds of para-para workshops and competitions with the collaboration of Hyper techno aqua group.



- In 2007, the Sunshine Paradise tribe filmed a reportage about this type of dance. Thanks to this, the numbers of fans increased and new para-para groups like Nakoto team and Cherry girls, were created.



Para-para in videogames

In 2000, Para-para dance appeared in videogames. They have a platform with sensors that can detect your movements while you're dancing. For example Para-para Paradise by Konami for play station.



Para-para video

To watch it, click on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9i3VCVHzTAY>.

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