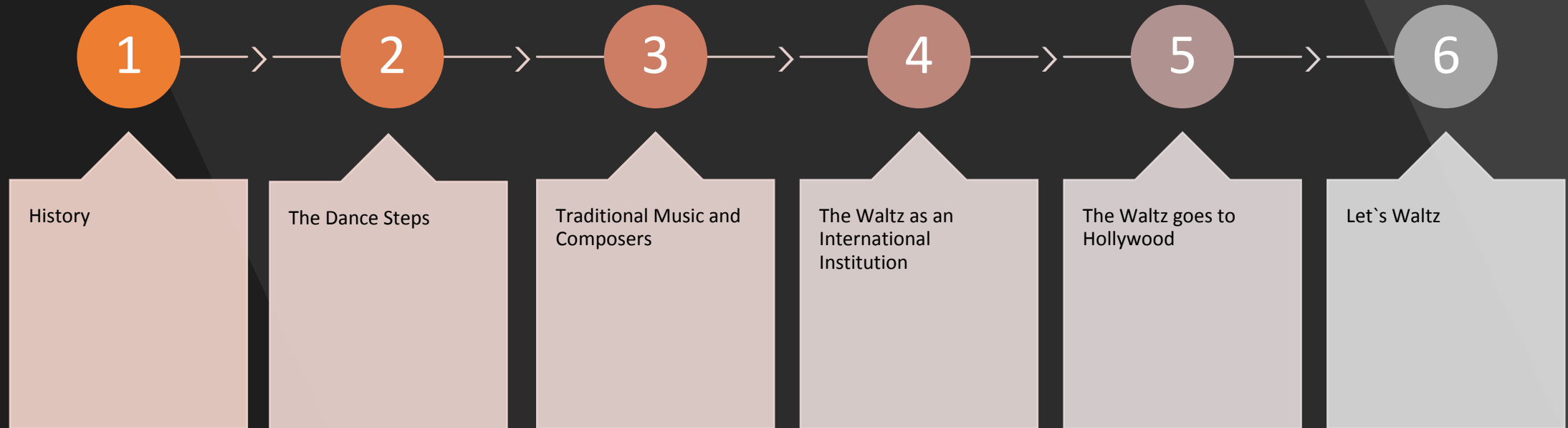


A traditional German Dance: The Waltz



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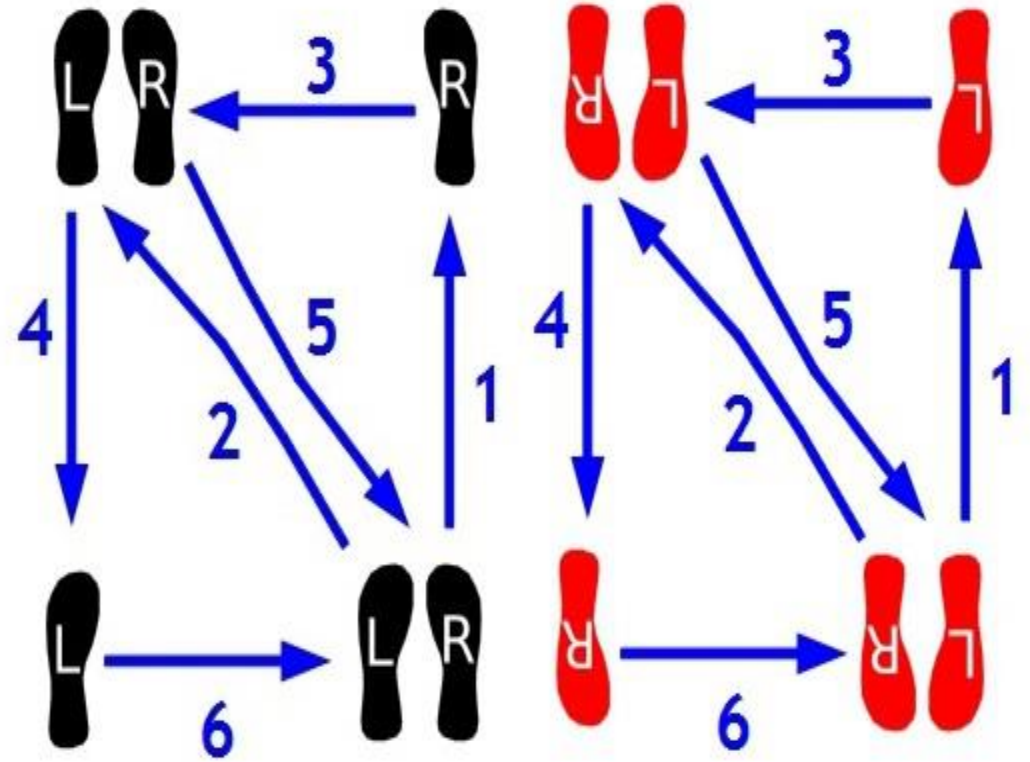


History

- This dance was first seen in parts of southern Germany and Austria in the beginning of the 13th century and became very popular in the 18th century.
- It is the oldest traditional ballroom dance.
- „Waltz“: comes from the old German verb, „*walzen*“ *which means to roll, turn, or to glide.*



The Dance Steps



- It's called the beer box dance, too!
- Boys begin with the right foot and girls with the left

Traditional Music and Composers



- The classical Waltz music has got a 3/4, 3/8 or a 6/8 beat
- The most famous classical Waltz is „An der schönen blauen Donau“ / The Beautiful Blue Danube – Opus 314“. It was composed in 1867 by Austro-German, Johann Strauss.
- Another very famous Waltz is the „Nussknacker Blumenwaltzer“ from Russian composer, Peter Tschikowsky
- Important German composers like, Beethoven and Brahms, wrote many Waltzes as well.



The Waltz as an International Institution

- The Waltz is popular all over the world
- It is usually the first dance at weddings worldwide
- It is also popular at society balls



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The Waltz is not just an old-fashioned dance. It's danced in movies too!
For example:

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- La La Land:



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-Beauty and the Beast:



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- Cinderella:



The Waltz goes to Hollywood

Let`s Waltz

- Now, everyone get ready to waltz!

- One, two, three

