

# Olsson's Family Waltz

Sweden

This variation of family waltz (mixer) was introduced at Scandia Festival in February 1998 by Sven and Britt-Marie Olsson from Säffle, Sweden. Often referred to as the Petaluma Waltz, as that is where Scandia Festival takes place.

Music: 3/4 waltz music in 8 bar phrasing

Formation: Couples in a circle facing center; M on L, W on R;  
Hands joined in 'W' position  
Individuals progress both CW and CCW around the circle  
Couples progress CCW around the circle

Basic Steps: Waltz steps, M begin L, W R.  
Side close steps

Dance Sequence:

Meas 1-8 Cue: In, out, W cross in front 2X

Waltz in, waltz out, W crosses and is lead across in front of corner M's from L to R hand, progressing CCW around the circle. 4 meas  
Repeat the first 4 meas

Meas 9-16 Cue: In, out M cross in front 2X

Waltz in, waltz out, M crosses in front of W from her R to L, progressing CW around the circle. 4 meas  
Repeat meas 9-12

Meas 17-24 Cue: In, out, California twirl W behind M. M change hands & progresses CCW  
Waltz in, waltz out, California twirl - W crosses behind M under his L arm to end up on his R, holding his R in her L. W has progressed CCW around the circle  
Repeat but the 2nd time keep hold of the joined hands

Meas 25-28 Cue: Close ballroom position; side close in 2X, and out 2X

Take ballroom position, M facing LOD; stepping in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> beats side close, side close (two measures) in towards the center of the circle  
Take 2 sets of side close steps moving out from the center of the circle and M begin CW turn on the last side close

Meas 29-32 Cue: Cpl waltz 4 meas CW, progress LOD, open and begin dance again

Waltz ~4 meas turning CW with ptrnr, progressing LOD, open with W on the M's R to start the dance again.

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