

# Tap

## **Tot Tap (ages 3-5)**

This class will introduce younger students to basic tap vocabulary. Simple coordination, musicality, rhythm and concentration will be emphasized. Students are encouraged to explore space and have fun with dance and sound.

## **Tap I (ages 6-8) & Tap II (Ages 8-10)**

This class will continue to teach the fundamentals of tap including shuffles, flaps, time steps and basic rhythms. It is designed for beginner students.

## **Tap III (ages 10-13)**

This class will continue in the knowledge of tap technique, skills and vocabulary. This class moves at a faster pace and emphasizes tempo and beat.

## **Tap IV (ages 14-16)**

This is an advanced class for the tap student who is disciplined, professional, and possesses the desire to dance. More difficult technique will be introduced and these students will be working to polish technique and musicality.

## **Tap V (ages 15-18)**

Students are allowed to take this class by permission only. This is an advanced class for the tap student who is disciplined, professional, and possesses the desire to dance. It will include more complex and difficult technique and variations and speed.

## **Open Tap (ages 14-up)**

This class is suitable for beginners, recreational and adult dancers. This class will cover the fundamentals of tap technique. The importance of strength, flexibility, rhythm, musicality, and memorization will be stressed.

**What to wear** – Tot Tap – black leotard and tights. Tap I-V - Black leotard and tights, jazz pants or shorts. Tot Tap-Tap IV – Black leather Mary Jane tap shoes (no bows) Tap V – Black Character Tap Shoe. Hair pulled back in a bun or ponytail. No jewelry.