



Hello Tap Enthusiasts!

We are delighted to announce our 6th Annual Tap Day Celebration in Calgary, Alberta, Canada!

Our Tap Day Celebration is a community-oriented event, welcoming rhythmic artists, musicians, and spectators of all ages, as we honour the legacy of Tap Legend, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. This year's weekend offerings include workshops and classes, footage, history, two Community Concert Performances and a Live Music Tap Jam with internationally acclaimed musicians.

Our aim is to continue to develop a vibrant, inspired, and inclusive tap dance community, to create a platform for the creation and presentation of new work, and to advance and celebrate rhythm tap and the percussive arts in Alberta through education & presentation..

As things grow, and evolve, our organization has encountered some changes over the past year. We want to keep you informed, so please read on! :)

- This year we are excited to be hosting our Tap Day Community Concerts at the beautiful DJD Dance Center.
- We will continue to donate a portion of our ticket sales to The JHTLP foundation, a remarkable organization, who continues to support youth in our greater dance community, awarding annual scholarships in memory of Jaimie Hill and Tammy-Lynn Powers.
- While the world has encountered many changes since 2020, the arts sector (among others), have encountered great economic losses. Subsequently, with increased production costs, we have had to restructure the model of our Community Concert offerings, to ensure a sustainable Tap Day celebration for years to come. We value being transparent, and want to outline these changes in advance.
- In the past we have charged a \$30.00 submission fee for the concert. Submissions are then curated and selected by a panel of 3 professional Tap Dance artists from across Canada.
*NEW - Submission fee is \$45.00. This will allow us to curators appropriately for their time.
- *NEW - We will be offering a **10% discount** on Tap Day Classes and Workshops to all performance submissions (whether selected by panel or not). We encourage dancers to take part in our educational offerings as well as performance opportunities.
- *NEW - Pieces selected by panel will now be required to pay a performance fee. This fee is to help cover professional production costs including; technical rehearsal with professional lighting and sound, Wood Tap floor load in and truck rental, floor maintenance (it has taken a bit of a beating over the years), theatre rental, front of house staff, program design, stage management, videographer, marketing, administration, and other costs associated with producing a concert of such magnitude.

*The average cost for each piece to be presented is 230.00.

Performance Fees for selected submission:

Solo - 40.00

Duet- 60

Trio- 80.00

Quartet -100.00

Groups - 20/per dancer

- *NEW - We will provide a professional concert video (main front angle) of your performance at no extra fee. (Video link will be sent to the choreographer/ studio or representative to share as they choose) Video is included in your performance fee. * Please note that the concert will be filmed from 3 angles, and should an artist want their piece professionally edited with 3 angles, the artist may contact Tasha Lawson to make separate arrangements with the video production company.
- *NEW - We are excited to announce that we will be awarding 3 summer training scholarships. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the faculty during the Community Workshops on Saturday, May 18th. Scholarships winners will be announced at the end of the Tap Day Concerts on Sunday, May 19th.
- Scholarship Criteria - Will be awarded to 3 dancers who demonstrate a passion for learning (regardless of technical skill level), self drive and focus, and a positive community spirit.
- We continue to rely heavily on ticket sales to cover overall costs, and ask that participants help share the information on their social media channels and by word of mouth. Advertising handbills will also be created for distribution.

Please visit our website for submission link and Tap Day Events!

<https://tashalawson.com/tapdayevents/>

We look forward to welcoming you to our 6th Annual Tap Day Celebration!

Warmly,

Tasha Lawson & The Tri-Tone Team