

Assembly: Where's Your Rhythm?



Quynn is an award winning tap dancer, choreographer, and author known for her innovative fusion of tap dance with rhythms from around the globe. Using tap dance to inspire audiences of all ages, Quynn's assembly, "Where's Your Rhythm?" takes you on a tap dance journey with the audience clapping a new beat. This assembly gets audiences grooving through their soles.

"Ms. Johnson was fantastic! Extremely talented, personable, and certainly brave to share her story through tap dance."

-Mt. St. Joseph High School

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Where’s Your Rhythm” assembly is an interactive and rhythmic performance that shares Quynn Johnson’s unique personal journey of perseverance and determination to over-come challenges through tap dance. With tap, this assembly combines the 4 elements of tap dance with music and storytelling to inspire and impact students. Students will explore making rhythmic patterns with their hands, learning basic tap steps, and improvising their own movement on stage.

Setup Requirements:

- Electrical Outlet for Speakers
- MP3 hookup/Auxiliary cable
- Wooden surface OR space for portable dance platform



ARTIST BIO: Quynn Johnson is a award-winning performing artist, choreographer, and author. Ms. Johnson has performed tap dance on national and international stages including: The Kennedy Center, Jacobs Pillow, Dance Encore Festival in Quebec, Canada and the International Festival de Cajon in Lima, Peru. She also completed a tour of the Broadway Production *After Midnight*. Quynn is the co-director of SOLE Defined, a percussive dance company based in Washington, DC. Having received the 2014 & 2017 Individual Artist Award: Dance Choreography from Maryland State Arts Council, Ms. Johnson has self-published 2 children’s books, *Lucky’s Tap Dancing Feet* and *Lucky Goes to Camp*.

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TEACHER PREP:

Pre-Performance Activities: Please have students view the video link and complete the chart below.

Video Clip: The Nicholas Brothers (Tap Dancer Legends)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8yGGtVKrD8

Pre-Performance Chart

I See Just describe it!	I Think What does it make you think about?	I Wonder What questions do you have now?

Post-Performance Activities

List 3 things you learned about tap that you could teach someone at home tonight.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Post-Performance Review Questions

1. Where was tap created
2. Name one element of tap dance
3. What is your favorite tap step

List of additional resources:

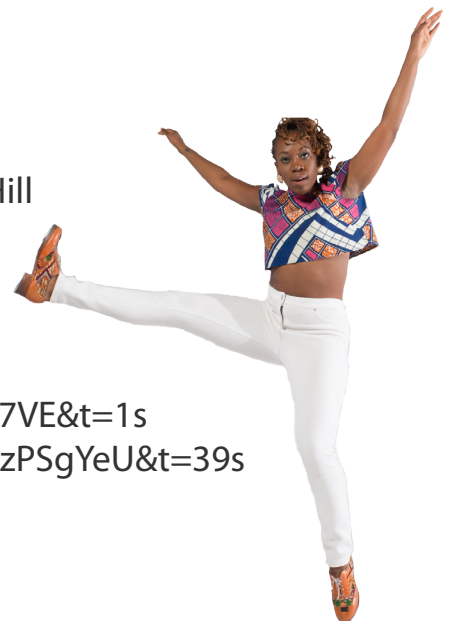
Books

- Lucky's Tap Dancing Feet, by Quynn Johnson
- Brothers of the Night by Debbie Allen
- Tap Dancing America: A Cultural History, by Constance Valis Hill
- Brotherhood in Rhythm by Constance Valis Hill
- The souls of your feet, by Acia Gray

Links

Tap Heat Movie- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeDNy6Ff7VE&t=1s>

Tap Dance in America- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7aizPSgYeU&t=39s>



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ADDITIONAL INFO:

Inclement Weather: DON'T WORRY! Artists will follow school closings/delays, and will work with you to reschedule the performance if necessary. (This remains the same for everyone)

Young Audiences Contact Number: 410-837-7577 (This remains the same for everyone)

After Hours / Emergency Number: Call 410-837-7577 and follow the prompts to be connected with a staff member on call. (This remains the same for everyone)



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