

# Assembly: Tap LIVE!



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 "Tap LIVE!" takes you on a tap dance journey with the audience clapping a new beat. This assembly gets audiences grooving through their soles.

*"Quynn's performance was inspirational. She was able to incorporate a number of experiential activities for the students while blending personal narratives with her skilled dance routine. Highly recommend this artist for a wide variety of ages."*

- The Country School

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# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The "Tap LIVE!" assembly is an interactive and rhythmic performance that shares Quynn Johnson's unique personal journey of perseverance and determination to overcome challenges through tap dance. With tap, this assembly combines the FOUR 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
- Sound system
- 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 Peruano 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 Individaul Artist Award: Dance Choreography from Maryland State Arts Council, Quynn has self-published 2 children's books, Lucky's Tap Dancing Feet and Lucky Goes to Camp. Quynn is also the co-founder of SOLE Defined, a percussive dance company based in Washington, D.C.

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# TEACHER PREP

**Pre-Performance Resources:** Please find these resources useful to prepare your students prior to the performance.

- *Lucky's Tap Dancing Feet* by Quynn Johnson
- *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
- Quynn Johnson Teaching Artist Reel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i1nEIPVUhY>
- The Nicholas Brothers: *Stormy Weather* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_8yGGtVKrD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8yGGtVKrD8)
- *Tap Heat* Short film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeDNy6Ff7VE>
- SOLE Defined Performance: Hot <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viWtDSUqmXY>

## Post-Performance Activity

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?

## ADDITIONAL INFO

Inclement Weather: DON'T WORRY! Quynn will follow school closings/delays, and will work with you to reschedule the performance if necessary.

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