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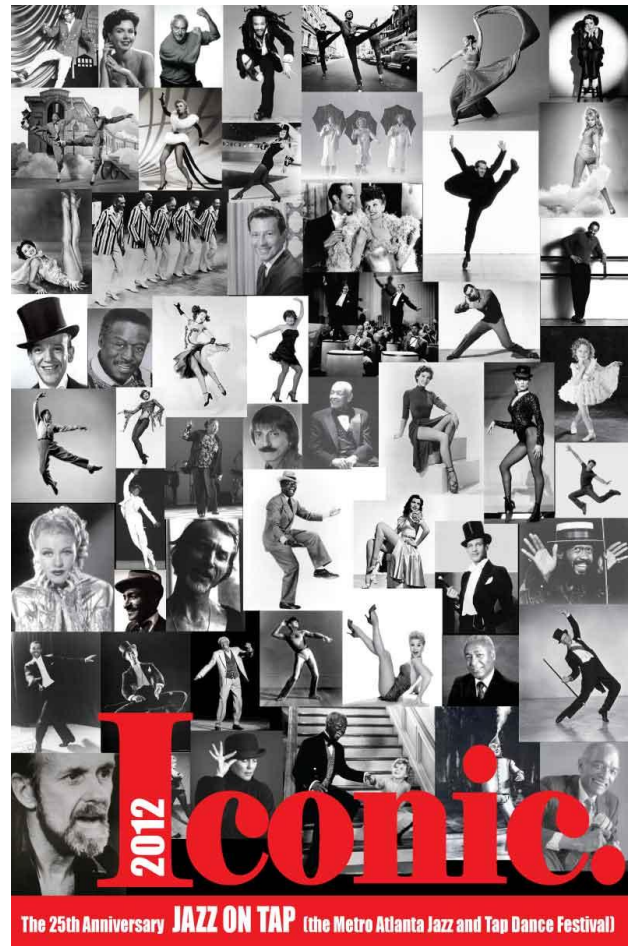
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ATLANTA JAZZ & TAP DANCE FESTIVAL 2012

The 25th annual "JAZZ ON TAP" (the metro Atlanta Jazz and Tap Dance Festival) will showcase 800 dancers in 4 performances Friday, March 2 at 7:30pm, Saturday, March 3 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm and Sunday, March 4 at 2:00pm at the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center Theatre at Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, Georgia. Master teachers from throughout the US will offer workshop classes to the participants and the public. "It's hard to believe the festival began 25 years ago with 8 dance companies and through the support and enthusiasm of dancers and audiences alike have grown to one of the nation's largest annual dance festivals", remarks Marcus R. Alford, Artistic Director and Founder of "JAZZ ON TAP".



This year's festival presents 24 companies from Georgia and the metro Atlanta area and 13 companies from Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. The dance workshop, which is open to the public, will feature classes in jazz, tap, lyrical, musical theatre, contemporary and hip hop and will be offered on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4 in conjunction with the festival. Master class faculty will include Evan Kasprzak, from "So You Think You Can Dance", Jay Fagan, renowned Las Vegas tap dance entertainer, Michael Lemanski, contemporary teacher, dancer and choreographer, Jared Jenkins, hip hop dancer from the movie "Step Up Two the Streets", Allyne Gartrell of Atlanta Dance Connection and festival Artistic Director, Marcus R. Alford. Classes cost \$20 each.

Performance ticket prices are \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students and children. All events will be held at the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center Theatre and Ballrooms, Southern Polytechnic State University, 1100 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, Georgia. Visit www.dancefestinc.com for details and to purchase performance and master class tickets. The festival is hosted by DanceFest, Inc. and "Dancentre South Company". A list of participating companies follows. For interviews or further information, contact Marcus Alford at 770-516-7229.



JAZZ ON TAP 2012 PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

Georgia & Metro Atlanta Companies

Academy Dance Company - Marietta
Atlanta Dance Connection - Atlanta
Atlanta Dance Theatre - Alpharetta
Bravo Dance Company - Acworth
Dalton Dance Company - Dalton
Dance Academy West Dazzlers - Douglasville
Dance Contempra - Peachtree City
Dancentre South Company - Woodstock
Dancers Studio Performance Company - Kennesaw
Decatur School of Ballet - Decatur
DeKalb School of the Arts - Avondale Estates
Fleetwood Dance Theatre - John's Creek
Georgia Dance Team - Athens
Impact Dance of Atlanta - Acworth
Madison Studio Dance Ensemble - Macon
North Georgia Academy of Dance Elite Dancers - Suwanee
The Junior Rhythm Keepers - Decatur
Roswell Recreation & Parks Dance Starz - Roswell
The Rug Cutters - Decatur
Studio 4 the Arts - Powder Springs
Studio Dance, Inc - Dallas
Terpsichore Dance Project - Powder Springs
UGA Tap Dawgs - Athens
Upstage Dance Center - Stockbridge

Out of State Companies

Alabama Entertainers - Alabama
Antioch High School - Tennessee
Backstage Performing Arts - Tennessee
Bonnie's School of Dance - Tennessee
Burlingame Studios of Dance - Tennessee
Dance South - Tennessee
Gateway CAST & Crowns - Tennessee
In Motion Dance Center - North Carolina
Kohl Academy of Performing Arts - Alabama
Melinda Leigh Dance Company - Alabama
Owensboro Dance Theatre - Kentucky
Rhythm & Shoes - Arkansas
Tap Dames and Dudes - South Carolina