

# RHAPSODY IN TAPS' Annual National Tap Dance Day Celebration

Enjoy an afternoon of Tap Master Classes  
& Informal Showings with Rhapsody In Taps and Guests

Sunday, May 3, 2026 • Noon - 5:30pm

Impact Dance Center: 5370 Katella Ave.  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720 • 562-594-5818



## MASTER CLASS SCHEDULE - Mark and save this schedule

12:00 (includes informal Showing 1:15-1:35 in Studio 1)\*

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| <p><b>1</b> <b>Leo Manzari</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Advanced Tap<br/>Age 14 - Adult</p> | <p><b>2</b> <b>Leah Silva</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Intermediate/Advanced Tap<br/>Age 12 - Adult</p> | <p><b>3</b> <b>Johnnie Hobbs</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Intermediate Tap<br/>Age 10 - Adult</p> | <p><b>4</b> <b>Daphne Areta-Cedillo<br/>&amp; Brittney McBride</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Advanced Beginning Tap<br/>Age 8 - Adult</p> |
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1:40 (includes informal Showing 2:55-3:15 in Studio 1)\*

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| <p><b>5</b> <b>Linda Sohl-Ellison</b><br/><b>Holly Scheall-Mehling, assist.</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Advanced Tap<br/>Age 14 - Adult</p> | <p><b>6</b> <b>Steve Zee</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Intermediate/Advanced Tap<br/>Age 12 - Adult</p> | <p><b>7</b> <b>Taryn Chavez<br/>&amp; Aaron Williams</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Intermediate Tap<br/>Age 10 - Adult</p> | <p><b>8</b> <b>Ken Bell</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Advanced Beginning Tap<br/>Age 8 - Adult</p> |
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3:20 (includes informal Showing 4:35-4:55 in Studio 1)\*

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| <p><b>9</b> <b>Sarah Reich</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Advanced Tap<br/>Age 14 - Adult</p> | <p><b>10</b> <b>Parris Mann</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Intermediate/Advanced Tap<br/>Age 12 - Adult</p> | <p><b>11</b> <b>Christy Hernandez</b><br/>Technique &amp; Combination<br/>Intermediate Tap<br/>Age 10 - Adult</p> | <p><b>12</b> <b>Monti Ellison</b><br/>Bucket Drumming<br/>ALL LEVELS/Age 8 - Adult<br/>(Buckets and sticks provided)</p> |
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**5:00 pm - 5:30 pm: Plan to attend RIT Scholarships & Awards Presentation in Studio 1!**

*\*At the end of each class all dancers will gather in Studio 1 for an informal showing (20 minutes).  
Each class will share (perform) the material learned. All participants must be at least 8 years old.*

## 2026 is Rhapsody In Taps' 45th Anniversary!

Join us May 3rd for RIT's early, annual National Tap Day Celebration, and for events throughout the year as we celebrate Rhapsody In Taps' 45 years of milestone achievements: creating and performing more than 150 tap dance works with live music, and producing concerts by RIT dancers, RIT musicians and guest artists in home seasons and on tour. In its 45 years, the Company featured remarkable solo tap artists and historic guest tap dance masters, created a significant body of both traditional and innovative tap choreography with diverse music collaborations and, for 25 years, provided RIT's Free Children's Program to LAUSD teachers and students. A goal in recent years is to support and honor tap dancers through scholarships and financial awards. We have much to celebrate and be grateful for, including the incredible family of RIT artists, board members, NTD faculty, students, donors, volunteers, partners and members of the tap community. Thank you all!



### Remembering Fred ❤️

This year's National Tap Day event is dedicated to the late, great, Fred Strickler, Rhapsody In Taps' soloist and company member from 1992-2003. Our dear friend, brilliant artist, tap dancer extraordinaire, and beloved teacher, Fred Strickler passed away May 31, 2025. Please help us honor and keep Fred's legacy alive by making a donation to Rhapsody In Taps to support the Fred Strickler Tap Artistry Award. This financial award will be given on or around Fred's August 5th birthday each year to recognize a tap dance artist that is, like Fred, exploring and creating a legacy of creative innovation in tap.

Rhapsody in Taps' 45th Anniversary Events in 2026 include the annual RIT Summer Tap Intensive June 22-25 in Long Beach, CA, and several premiere screenings (in 2 hour segments) of the long awaited 8 hour historic tap video anthology, **RHAPSODY IN TAPS, The First 35 Years!** Stay tuned for dates and details. [www.rhapsodyintaps.com](http://www.rhapsodyintaps.com)

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## Sunday, May 3, 2026, Noon - 5:30pm

Classes close when filled, so register early to ensure your choice. The date of your online registration determines priority for class selection.  
**Early Bird Discount ends at Midnight April 17, 2026. NO REFUNDS.**

**Register and pay online at [rhapsodyintaps.com](http://rhapsodyintaps.com)**

FEES	REGISTERED BY 4/17/26	Full Price After 4/17/26
1 CLASS	\$30	\$35
2 CLASSES	\$55	\$65
3 CLASSES	\$75	\$90

### Questions?

Contact Carolyn Clarke at:  
 Phone: 310-858-1676  
 email: [cehce@aol.com](mailto:cehce@aol.com)

### After April 17th Contact:

Impact Dance Center  
 email: [office@impactdancecenter.com](mailto:office@impactdancecenter.com)

All participants must be at least 8 years old.

**Note: Download schedule info & register at [rhapsodyintaps.com](http://rhapsodyintaps.com) starting March 6th.  
 NO MAIL IN REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Early Bird Registration Discount ends Midnight (PST) Friday, April 17. Online registration continues, at full price, through Midnight (PST) Friday, May 1, 2026. After Friday, May 1, 2026, online registration closes. Participants may register and pay at the door\* on the day of the event as space permits.

\*Cash or check only at the door. Please arrive 30 minutes before class to register!  
 NTD faculty and schedule are subject to change (though not anticipated).

**5 pm - 5:30 pm - Please plan to stay for Rhapsody in Taps' Surprise Scholarships and Awards Presentation to NTD attendees, including Memorial Scholarships honoring Los Angeles tap tancers Jim Taylor and Arthur Duncan.**

**Jim Taylor**



Photo: Don Peach

**(Dec. 23, 1940 - Oct. 2021)**

**Arthur Duncan**

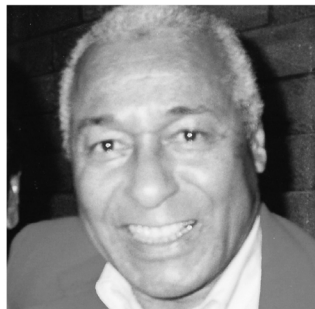


Photo: Carolyn Clarke

**(Sept. 25, 1925 - Jan. 4, 2023)**

