

# RHAPSODY IN TAPS

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## ***RHAPSODY IN TAPS' 35th Anniversary Celebration Tour in 2016-17!***

Dear Presenter,

**We invite you to check out Rhapsody In Taps (RIT) and be a part of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour Celebration by booking the company for your 2016-17 season.** Rhapsody In Taps' performances are propelled by live jazz, percussion and world music performed by world-class artists and staged with full production values. RIT touring has included California, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Florida, Oregon, New York, Wyoming, Michigan, France, Bali and Mexico, in addition to presenting annual Los Angeles seasons and producing tap events and tap/music artists of historic significance.

Artistic Director Linda Sohl-Ellison is excited about Rhapsody In Taps' upcoming milestone, the company's fresh, explosive talent and innovative choreography/music projects. 2015 works include ***Heart Songs*** and ***Boot Brigade***, two works exploring tap, body and boot percussion, performed with live African drumming, marimba and spoken word. ***Canadian Sunset*** (2014) is danced to a jazz score played by RIT musicians (arranged by Music Director Tim Messina), and features Sohl-Ellison's kaleidoscopic tap choreography performed by RIT's seven dancers costumed in luminous hand dyed silk. ***Canadian Sunset*** showcases RIT soloist Aaron Williams' astounding talents—hand percussion, rhythmic ball bouncing and tap!

**Rhapsody In Taps' 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Tour** will present ***Boot Brigade***, ***Heart Songs***, ***Canadian Sunset***, ***Los Coyotes Diagonal***, ***Drum Thunder*** (a driving, athletic tap duet performed on amplified wood boxes to a fast paced bebop score by the great Benny Golson) and archival reconstructions of critically acclaimed works: ***Tribute to Gregory Hines*** (video footage and choreography created for RIT by the master, himself), ***Eddie's Suite*** (choreography by Eddie Brown), plus one of the company's signature tap/percussion works. You can view 2015 RIT video clips, photos, technical requirements and letters of support on the company website: [rhapsodyintaps.com](http://rhapsodyintaps.com).

### **Some of our Reviews:**

- *...An absorbing mix of hard-driving tap rhythm and modern dance, flavored with show biz sparkle and humor.* - New York Times
- *Playing to a packed house, Rhapsody In Taps elicited the kind of fervor usually reserved for jazz greats or a prized athletic team. They created an energy as inexorable as a speeding train, and no less beautiful.* - Los Angeles Times
- *Pure virtuosity* –The Denver Post
- *They are tremendous... they have a serious repertoire* - Gregory Hines

**For booking inquiries** please contact me at: 562-428-6411 or [lindasohl@aol.com](mailto:lindasohl@aol.com). I welcome the opportunity to speak with you by phone or email about company repertoire, performances and fees, tap and bucket drumming master classes, or our lecture demonstration for youth. It would be a pleasure to share our passion and creative approach to tap dance, live jazz and world music with your community.

Sincerely,

Linda Sohl-Ellison, Director  
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