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High Country Cloggers: Local dance group to represent North Carolina at presidential inauguration

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BOONE – Showcasing a wealth of talent and enthusiasm, an ensemble of dancers from the High Country will be representing North Carolina on the national stage during the presidential inauguration on Jan. 20.

The High Country Cloggers are taking part in “Parade Across America,” a virtual celebration taking place during the presidential inauguration that will feature performances from communities in all 56 U.S. states and territories.

According to Amber Hendley, director of High Country Dance Studio, the cloggers are excited about the opportunity to share their talents on such a grand stage, which is unlike any other they have performed at previously.

“They’re so excited, they can’t believe that they get to be a part of something like this,” Hendley said. “It’s not so much about political stance, it’s that we love to clog. So now we get to show the world what we love to do on a national platform, which is awesome.”

Dubbed North Carolina’s oldest travel attraction, Watauga County’s famed Blowing Rock served as a backdrop for the High Country Cloggers’ pre-recorded performance. By working with the events’ producers via Zoom, a videographer out of Savannah’s College of Art and Design and a little help from Blowing Rocks’ Mayor Charlie Sellers, the dance group captured on film the essence of the High Country by combining Appalachian music culture with the region’s natural beauty.

“I was trying to figure out where our best location would be and it all just worked out. I went over and asked Charlie if we could perform and of course he said, ‘absolutely,’” said Hendley. “He had his team clear the overlook so we could have this beautiful setting.”

Founded more than 25 years ago by Hendley’s mother, Vanessa Minton, the High Country Dance Studio has not only served as a creative outlet for area youth, but also as a means of instilling confidence and creating bonds with the community. The tradition of clogging was passed down to Hendley from her mother, and is a legacy she hopes to continue sharing with others well into the future.

“It’s so much more than just performing on a stage; it’s building their confidence, it’s building relationships, it’s building lifelong friendships. Some of my best friends are girls I’ve danced with when I was 5 or 6-years old,” said Hendley. “Clogging being the North Carolina state dance and also being in the High Country and the Appalachian Mountains, that’s such an art that not too many people can say they know how to do. But, I’ve been fortunate enough to learn how to do it because of my mom and that commitment.”



The High Country Cloggers will be sharing their bit of High Country culture alongside other virtual performances by groups such as the Fire Department New York and E.M.S Emerald Society Pipes and Drums representing the state of New York, the Chinese Cultural Arts Center representing Delaware and the MA Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard representing Massachusetts.

To learn more about the High Country Dance Studio and the High Country Cloggers call (828) 773-1335. Or visit: www.highcountrydancestudio.com/contact-us

Members High County Cloggers strike a pose at the famed Blowing Rock attraction. Photo includes, Amber Hendley, Riley Council, Anna Konrady, Chelsea Little, Connie Norris, Addison Rudicile, Shea Anderson, Kimberly Mai, Ragan Huntsman, Gabby Godwin, Hannah Wood, Marlie Greer, Andin Wilcox, Eliana Flores, Adalyn Thompson, Kayleigh Brown, Sadie Ledford and Macie Trivett.

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Tours

French Quarter Ghost Tour— Wednesday, July 21
Experience Spooky NOLA with the Whole Family!

The Ghost Tour of NOLA is one the whole family can enjoy. All ages of chill-seekers will love this guided tour of the French Quarter, a neighborhood brimming with eerie secrets and supernatural activity. As you walk to some of the most haunted locations in the city, experience spooky stories and unexplained events—all made appropriate for adults and kids alike

Cemetery Tour - Thursday, July 22
Visit our Oldest and Most Famous Cemetery!

New Orleans' Cemeteries offer more than beautifully ornate tombs—they are steeped in history. At St. Louis Cemetery #1 you will see the tombs of New Orleans notables Marie Laveau, Homer Plessy, and even the empty tomb of Nick Cage. No one should leave New Orleans without visiting one of our "cities of the dead." But it's more than just the dead—on this tour you will learn the about the burial customs, traditions, and people that made New Orleans what it is today. Take a walk with us through New Orleans history seen through the eyes of those that have left us.

Riverboat Dinner Jazz Cruise
Friday, July 23 6-9p

Tentative Schedule
July 22, 23, 24

- Certified Clogging Instructor Seminar—Wed, Thur**
- Judges & Directors Seminar—Thur**
- Nightly Fun Dances—Thur, Fri, Sat**
- Workshop Halls— Fri, Sat**
- Exhibitions—Fri**
- Open Teach Hall—Thurs**
- Riverboat Dinner Jazz Cruise—Fri**

To register for all events visit
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Have you learned.....**Intermediate**

BEST DAY EVER



Level: Intermediate/Pop Artist: Sly & the Family Stallone Song available on iTunes
 Choreo: Darolyn Pchajek, Darolyn@daretoclog.com 147 Charing Cross Cres., Winnipeg, MB R2N 1N6 Canada

Wait 16 beats

INTRO

Turkey Plus
 Rock Double
Repeat both steps with opposite footwork

PART A

Valerie
 Vine Rock Slur
 Rock 2 & a Basic
 Modar
 Hard Double
 Dragger

PART B

Travelling Shoes (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)
 Triple (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)
Repeat both steps to front
 Winnie

CHORUS

3 Best Day Evers (turn $\frac{1}{3}$ left each)
 2 Kicks
 Tassie

BREAK (Intro)

Turkey Plus
 Rock Double
Repeat both steps with opposite footwork

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PART B*

Travelling Shoes (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)
 Triple (turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)
Repeat both steps to front
 Winnie
 2 Step & Claps

CHORUS

3 Best Day Evers (turn $\frac{1}{3}$ left each)
 2 Kicks
 Tassie



For a special treat check out a new dance taught by Gary Larson!

[L'Air Mignonne Step Dance](#)



STEPS TO 'Best Day Ever'

Turkey Plus

<u>Pause</u>	<u>Heel</u>	<u>Snap</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Heel</u>	<u>Snap</u>	<u>Step</u>
	L	L	R	L	R	R	L
&	1	&	2	&	3	&	4

Rock Double

<u>RS</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>RS</u>
RL	R	L	
	RL		

Valerie

<u>DS</u>	<u>Ball(xf)</u>	<u>Ball(os)</u>	<u>Ball(xb)</u>	<u>Ball(os)</u>	<u>Pull</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rock</u>	<u>Heel</u>	<u>RS</u>	<u>Heel</u>	<u>Heel</u>	<u>RS</u>
L	R	L	R	L	R	R	L	R	LR	L	R	LR
&1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&	5	&6	&	7	&8

Vine Rock Slur

<u>DS</u>	<u>DS(xb)</u>	<u>Rock(os)</u>	<u>Step(os)</u>	<u>Slur</u>	<u>Step(xb)</u>
L	R	L	R	L	L

Rock 2 & a Basic

<u>RS</u>	<u>RS</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>RS</u>	<i>(moving right)</i>
RL	RL	R	LR	

Modar

<u>DS</u>	<u>DT(xf)</u>	<u>DT(os)</u>	<u>Heel (toes facing in)</u>	<u>Heel (toes facing out)</u>	<u>Pause</u>	<u>Heel (toes facing in)</u>	<u>Heel (toes facing out)</u>	<u>Chug</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>RS</u>
L	R	R	R	R		R	R		R	R
&1	&2	&3	&	4	&	5	&		6	&7 &8

Hard Double

<u>DT(b)</u>	<u>Brush Up</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>DT(os)</u>
L	L	L	R

Dragger

<u>DS</u>	<u>Drag</u>	<u>RS</u>	<u>Drag</u>	<u>RS</u>
R	R	LR	R	LR

Travelling Shoes (turning $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

<u>DS</u>	<u>Heel Twist</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Heel Twist</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Heel Twist</u>	<u>Step</u>
L	R	L	R	L	R	L

Triple

(turn $\frac{1}{2}$ left)

<u>DS</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>RS</u>
R	L	R	LR

Winnie

<u>Stomp</u>	<u>DT(b)</u>	<u>Brush Up</u>	<u>Touch(xf)</u>	<u>Touch(os)</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>DT</u>	<u>Twist</u>	<u>Heel/Twist</u>	<u>Chug</u>
L	R	R	R	R	R	L	BOTH	L/R	L
1	&2	& 3	&4	&5	&6	&a	7	&	8

Best Day Ever (turn $\frac{1}{3}$ left)

<u>DS</u>	<u>Kick(xf)</u>	<u>Kick(os)</u>	<u>Toe Heel</u>	<u>RS</u>	<u>Kick(xf)</u>	<u>Kick(os)</u>	<u>RS</u>
L	R	R	R	LR	L	L	LR
&1	&2	&3	& 4	&5	&6	&7	&8

2 Kicks

<u>DS</u>	<u>Kick</u>	<u>DS</u>	<u>Kick</u>
L	R	R	L

Tassie

<u>DS</u>	<u>Twist heel in</u>	<u>Snap heel back</u>	<u>Twist heel in</u>	<u>Snap heel back</u>	<u>Click Toes</u>	<u>Snap toe down</u>
L	R	R	L	L	BOTH	R
&1	&	2	&	3	&	4

Wedding Bells are ringing!

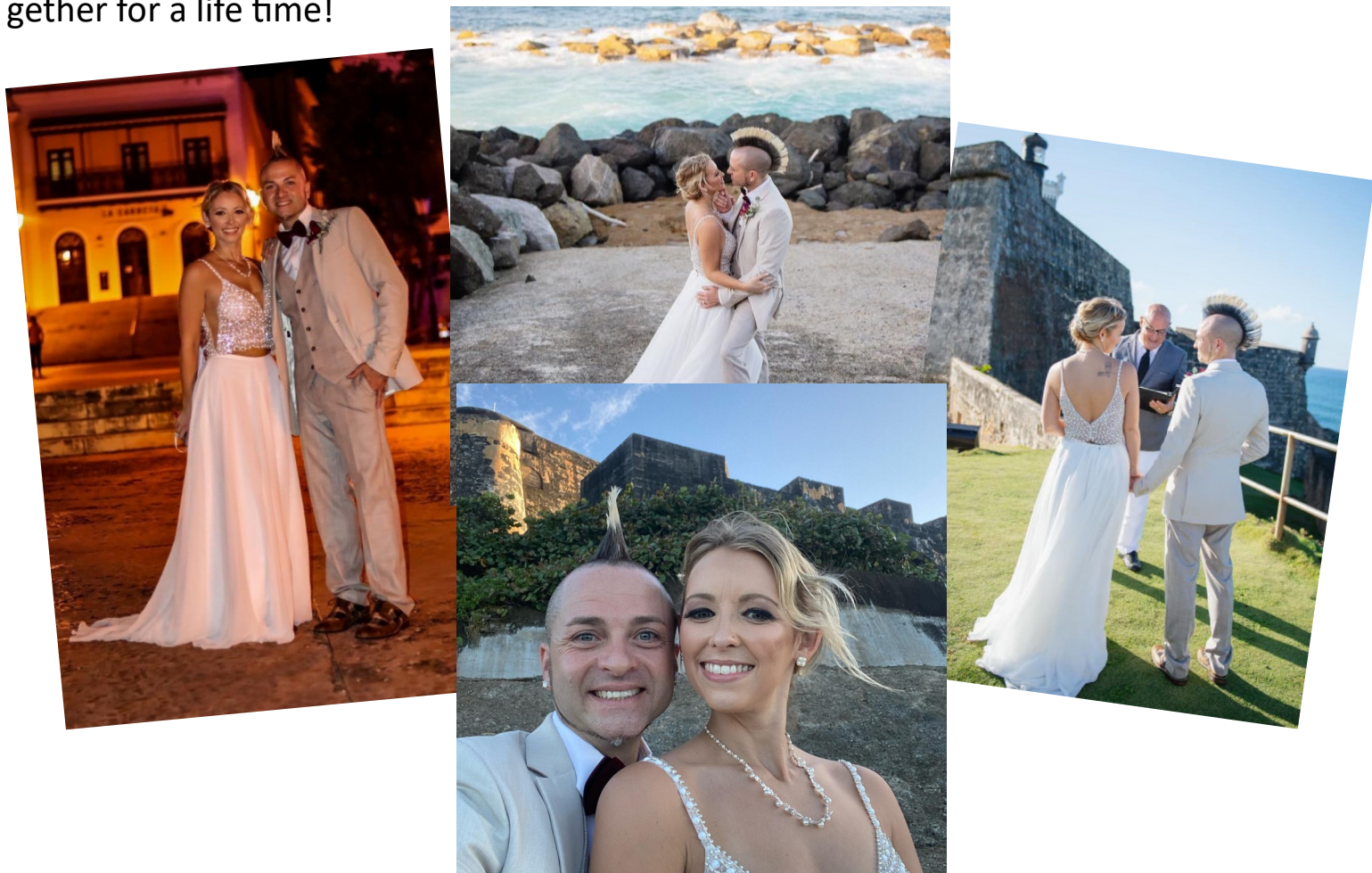
Congratulations Stephanie and Mark!

20 years ago when Stephanie first met Mark, she knew he was 'The One' and on January 21, 2021 in beautiful San Juan Puerto Rico her dream came true!

Mark Clifford is a legend in the clogging community. He is a founding member of the ALL That! Performing group and is also known for the 'split sole' shoes we wear today. His innovations in footwork and perfecting a shoe style to make his creativity come alive has had a lasting impression and advanced modern clogging today.

Stephanie Goodman started clogging at 10 and was a member of the Sims Country Cloggers. She competed in the Junior Olympics in 2002 and 2003 in clogging.

It was a friendship that spanned 20 years that led them to each other. Now they are together for a life time!



Their love story was featured in an article in the New York Times. To read more about them and their special day head to [NYTimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com).

Things are changing quickly and we are trying to keep up. Please reach out to events for specific information



Upcoming Events

April 23-24, 2021

Clogging in the Natural State
Hilton Garden Inn
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Kathy Wilson 870-243-8113
dancetymestudio@gmail.com
www.arkansascloggingcouncil.com

June 5, 2021

FCC Cloggers Clinic
Dance Connection
Plant City, FL
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June 25-26, 2021

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June 24-26, 2021

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July 22-24, 2021

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September 24-25, 2021

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
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Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979
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fontanaworkshop.com

September 27-28, 2021

Sautee Stomp
Sautee Nacoochee Center
Helen, GA
Andy Howard americanracket@gmail.com

Competitions

June 12, 2021

Riverfront Clogging Classic (ACHF)
Omar Shrine Temple
Mt. Pleasant, SC
Quinn Stansell (704)418-8047

June 19, 2021

Clog Jam (ACHF)
River Terrace Resort & Conv Center
Gatlinburg, TN
Darren Hedrick 828-449-0266
mailto:CLOGJAMcompetition@gmail.com

June 26, 2021

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July 3, 2021

Let the Sparks Fly (NCHC)
Cabool, MO
Rebecca Peterson (417) 254-3168
matbec@centurytel.net

August 14, 2021

Wilson County Fair (NCHC)
Wilson County Fair
Lebanon, TN
Grace Pack gpack33@aol.com

September 4-5, 2021

USA National Championships (NCHC)
Gaylord Opryland Hotel
Nashville, TN
Registration Information:
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Opryland Hotel Reservations
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October 2, 2021

Georgia State Clogging Festival (NCHC)
Anderson Music Hall
Hiawassee, GA
David and Susan Phillips
clog@clog.org
<https://gscfclog.wixsite.com/gscfclog>

October 16-17, 2021

Carowinds Clogging Classic (NCHC)
Carowinds
Charlotte, NC
Ashley Hensley
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November 6, 2021

Mars Hill Match-Up (NCHC)
Mars Hill University Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle Plimpton dplimpton@yahoo.com
<http://baileymountaincloggers.yolasite.com/cadence.php>

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Thursday	Welcome Fun Dance
Friday	Workshops- National Instructors
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Friday Evening	Optional Riverboat Jazz Dinner
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