

C.L.G. Today™

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Hallelujah...an in person workshop at long last!! Encore 2021 was just what the clogging doctor ordered. Thank you, Lynn Ogle, for navigating the turbulent times, and holding a great workshop. It was a warm reunion of folks on the dance floor, one that was long overdue. Things were different this year, a bit smaller, less dancers, less instructors, no show Saturday evening, but the workshop filled all those who attended with some semblance of normalcy and hope for the future.

A big thanks to the instructors, volunteers, and attendees for jump starting live clogging, 'cause there ain't nothin like the real thing baby!

Naomi Pyle, and Jeff Driggs captivated the audience with impressive routines and their unscripted shenanigans on stage. Writing routines to songs, Dance with your spurs on, Tumbleweed, and Leaving Lonesome Flat, just to name a few. It was sensational having these folks back on stage!

Speaking of duos...Melissa Pack and Trevor DeWitt were teamed up once again. Poor, Melissa has a huge task of maintaining composure while Trevor, alias Tim Conway is unleashed. Their choice of music and style of clogging are similar. The crowd loves them, they are a dynamic duo!

It is always good to see Morgan Hudson "rubber legs" at a workshop. Those legs take him to heights others only dreams of achieving. He brought several well received routines, including one to the song Head & Heart.

Drum roll... introducing Ellie Roudebush, and Maddie Montgomery, members of Evermean Evergreen Clogging Team. It was their first workshop teach and they brought the house down! They taught Melissa Pack's routine Clap Your Hands. They were clear, answer any questions, and were super fun! Expect to see more of these young ladies.

Time was well spent learning the routine to Church on Cumberland Road taught by Chip Harrison. His routine had some zany moves causing laughter throughout the hall. Chip is an experienced and personable instructor. The Harrison family's talent runneth over. Misty Harrison came

armed with an array of interesting routines.

Yoga class with Eve Poe was a great way to prepare for the stretching, balance, and energy a day of clogging requires. The number of attendees and the variation of their age reflected how many dancers enjoy this class!



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We listened to your Comments!! For the first time in 37 years the National CLOG Convention moves to the Summer!

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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

Ticket sales for the Cruise end 7/12 and available on space available basis

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—Sat**
- Open Teach Hall—Thurs**
- Riverboat Dinner Jazz Cruise—Fri**

To register for all events visit
CLOG.ORG

More on....

Encore!!

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Kyle Patrick Kirkland, full of enthusiasm, shared his routine to a song called Moose Knuckle Shuffle. He had highly creative steps to match the silly song title. His class was filled with laughter!

Sherry Cox and her son Gavin are staples at Encore workshops. Cloggers enjoy their classes and the constant supply of new moves. This year was no different.

Matt Sexton shared routines using the songs Lil'Bit and Fabulous. Matt's music selection and style are unique.

Mother daughter duo Debbie and Lynnette White skillfully showed several routines. These ladies derive pleasure teaming up and sharing what they brought.

Loretta Laws easily shared her knowledge. She has been involved with clogging since the age of five. It was a privilege taking class with this Hall of Famer.

Georgia native Tori O'Bryant is an instructor for Power Taps and no stranger to the world of clogging. She is as pleasant as she is powerful and a welcomed addition to any workshop!

To check Ken Easterly's dance credentials would require time, it is extensive! He is a noted choreographer. Those attending Encore had the golden opportunity to take Hip Hop Instruction from this super talented man.

Abby Simpson a super gifted dancer from Tennessee had great routines to each level of ability. Felicity Kenny and Lindsey Gronauer teamed up and taught in the anything goes hall. Michelle Steinbruggs shared and high intermediate to Complainer. These ladies did a fine job of satisfying the cloggers appetite.



Morgan Hudson and Trevor DeWitt wrapped up the workshop Saturday evening, with a super fun dance!

Executive Directors of C.L.O.G, Susan and David Phillips were at Encore all weekend promoting the 37th National C.L.O.G Convention. It will take place in New Orleans July 22-24. The city of New Orleans is exciting with many sites and oh...delicious food. Susan and David are the masters at planning extra excursions for the cloggers. It is imperative we dancers support the National Convention as well as the other workshops as they try to go live. It is after all you the attendee that makes a over the top fun successful workshop!

Once again, a big thanks to those who came!



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Socially distanced dancing!

Have you learned.....

Easy Int

It Ain't Me

Music: Kygo & Selena Gomez (*album: Stargazing*)

Level: Easy Intermediate

Sequence: ABCD, Break, ACED

Pop—102 BPM

choreo: Sarah Dwight-Gilroy, CCI (2020)

email: loudfeetdancer@gmail.com

website: loudfeetdancer.com

youtube: loudfeetdancer

Wait 16

A (32 counts)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|
| 2 | (8) Brushover Vine | DS-Br(xf) Sl-DS(xf)-RS-DS(ots)-DS(xb)-DS(ots)-RS |
| | (4) Toe Tapper | DS-Tch(f) Sl-DBl(ots) Sl-Tp(b) Sl |
| | (4) Triple | DS-DS-DS-RS |

B (16 counts)

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| (4) | Slur Vine | DS(ots)-Slur St(xb)-DS-RS |
| (8) | Cowboy | DS(f)-DS(f)-DS(f)-Br Sl-DS-RS(b)-RS(b)-RS(b) |
| (4) | Slur Vine | DS(ots)-Slur St(xb)-DS-RS |

C (32 counts)

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|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | (4) Rock Double | RS-DS-DS-RS |
| | (4) Brush & Turn (1/4 L) | DS-Br(1/4 L) Sl-DS-RS |

D (64 counts)

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|---|--------------------------|--|
| 4 | (8) Kentucky Loop Vine | DS(ots)-Dr St(xf)-DS(ots)-Loop St(xb)-DS(ots)-Dr St(xf)-DS(ots)-RS |
| | (4) Outhouse | DS-Tch(ots) Sl-Tch(xf) Sl-Tch(ots) Sl |
| | (4) Fancy Double (1/4 L) | DS-DS-RS-RS |

Break (4 counts)

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| (4) | 2 Basics | DS-RS |
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Repeat A (32 counts): Brushover Vine, Toe Tapper, Triple, REPEAT ALL

Repeat C (32 counts): Rock Double, Brush & Turn (1/4 L), REPEAT ALL 3 MORE TIMES

E (64 counts)

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 3 | (4) 2 Slur Steps | DS(ots)-Slur St(xb) |
| | (4) 2 Basics (1/4 L) | DS-RS |
| | (4) Rock Double | |
| | (4) Brush & Turn (1/4 L) | |
| 2 | (8) Kentucky Loop Vine | |
| | (4) Outhouse | |
| | (4) Fancy Double (1/2 L) | |

Repeat D (64 counts): Kentucky Loop Vine, Outhouse, Fancy Double (1/4 L), REPEAT ALL THREE MORE TIMES

Abbreviations:

Br	Brush
Dbl	Double Toe
Dr	Drag
DS	Double Step
RS	Rock Step

Sl	Slide
St	Step
Tch	Touch
Tp	Tap

(b)	back
(f)	front
(L)	left
(ots)	out to side

(R)	right
(xb)	cross in back
(xf)	cross in front

Let's get ready to dance live!

National Dance list featured dance

The Cry of the Celtics

Easy Inter – Irish Music – Fast Tempo

Music by: Lord of Dance Ensemble, Lord of Dance Sound Track

Choreo by: Matt & Colleen Pearson, Arizona Pride Cloggers azpride1@cox.net 623-516-1621

Wait: 16 Counts

Sequence: A – B – C – D – A – B – C – D – A

Part A: 16 Counts

2 Basics DS-RS DS-RS DS-DS-DS-RS
& Triple Basic L RL R LR L R L RL

***** Repeat Above on Opposite Foot *****

Part B: 16 Counts

2 Single Brush DS-BR-SL DS-BR-SL DS-DS-DS-BR-SL
& 1 Triple Brush L R L R L R L R L R L

***** Repeat Above on Opposite Foot *****

Part C:

4 Count Vine & Rockin Chair DS(OTS)-DS(XIF)-DS(OTS)-DS(XIB) DS-BR-SL-DS-RS (Turn ½ L.)
 L R L R L R L R L R L R LR

2 Charlestons DS-TCH(F)-SL-S-SL-R(B)-S DS-TCH(F)-SL-S-SL-R(B)-S
 L R L RR L R L R L RR L R

***** Repeat Above on Same Foot to Face Front *****

Part D: 64 Counts

2 Basics & Windshield Wipers DS-RS DS-RS D-B(O)-B(X)-B(O)-B(X)-B(O)-B(X)-SL
 L RL R LR L B B B B B B L

2 Donkey Steps DS-R(XIF)-S-R(OTS)-S-R(B)-S DS-R(XIF)-S-R(OTS)-S-R(B)-S
 L R LR LR L R L RL RL R

High Horse DS-BR(XIF)-SL-BR(OTS)-SL-S-S-SL-DS-DS-RS
 L R L R L RLRR L R LR

Catawba & 2 Basics D-H-H-H-H-H-H-SL DS-RS DS-RS
 L RR LL R L R L RL R LR

***** Repeat Above on Same Foot *****



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Socially distanced dancing!

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



Upcoming Events

June 5, 2021

FCC Cloggers Clinic
Dance Connection
Plant City, FL

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1338330339834536>

June 24-26, 2021

Deep South Workshop
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Jackson, MS

Rebecca southernvybe@aol.com
601-466-1277

June 25–26, 2021(online)

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[NCCA YouTube Channel here](#)
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July 9-10, 2021

Double Toe Jam
Waco Convention Center
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info@doubletoejam.org
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August 14, 2021

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September 24-25, 2021

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
Fontana Village Resort
Fontana Village, NC
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571

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Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net
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September 27-28, 2021

Sautee Stomp
Sautee Nacoochee Center
Helen, GA

Andy Howard americanracket@gmail.com

August 24-26, 2021

SoCal Shindig Clogging Convention
La Mirada Holiday Inn
La Mirada, CA
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Competitions

June 12, 2021

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

June 19, 2021

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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

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July 9-10, 2021

CCA Showdown (CCA)
Knoxville Civic Auditorium
Knoxville, TN
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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:
ALANIER821@AOL.COM
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>

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

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October 16-17, 2021

Carowinds Clogging Classic (NCHC)
Carowinds
Charlotte, NC
Ashley Hensley
thedancefactory2016@gmail.com

November 6, 2021

Mars Hill Match-Up (NCHC)
Mars Hill University Moore Auditorium
Mars Hill, NC
Danielle Plimpton dplimpton@yahoo.com

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