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#CLOGisBack

New Orleans or Bust!

By: Dustin Stephan

While the 37th Annual C.L.O.G. Convention held has come and gone, the memories will live on forever. Held this year in New Orleans, Louisiana, dancers spanning the United States from New York to California joined us in July for a socially distanced celebration of fellowship, clogging, and perhaps a few beignets.

The festivities began on Wednesday, July 21st with convention registration; this year hosted by David Phillips, Anne Lanier, and JoAnn Glass. Convention attendees wanting to get into the "Spirit" of things, had the opportunity to investigate the supernatural on a *Spooky Ghost Tour* by lantern-light, with our educational programming including the Certified Clogging Certified Clogging Instructor Program having kicked off bright and early that morning.

With convention activities resuming Thursday morning, guests wanting to immerse themselves into the local culture attended a History Tour, exploring Bourbon Street & Beyond! Back at the Sheraton, a Judges & Directors Workshop led by Chip Summey as well as Open Workshops, hosted by Alberta Stamp, allowed for an array of learning experiences for those wanting to get a jump start on clogging workshops.

CCI Attendees

Kathey Wilson - co-Director CCI Program along with CCI - Inductees, Cathay Michaels, Tamsyn Simon and Lori Leichliter (Not Pic-

This year's Welcome Dance theme – A Masquerade Ball – was a resounding success; Hosted by Chip Summey, Naomi Fleetwood-Pyle, and Dustin Stephan along with all the national instructors, attendees & guests donned their festive apparel and decked out masks for a Mardi Gras Celebration establishing #CLOGisBACK!

Our incredible national instructors including Rhonda Butzke, Sherry Cox, Misty Harrison, Naomi Pyle, Kellee Ramirez, Missy Shinoski, Jamie Conn, Gavin Cox, Shane Gruber, Chip Harrison, Andrew Perry, Dustin Stephan and Chip Summey - hosted an amazing Friday full of dancing.

Andrew Perry, Susan Phillips and Shane Gruber - Welcome Dance

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CCI Showcase

"Many can teach, but only a precious few can reach"

Enroll today to experience the education of the Certified Clogging Instructor Program and the teaching tips from more than 50 established clogging instructors.

When you apply for CCI you'll be on your way to improving your instructional skills. You'll join a select group of men and women who have made the ultimate commitment to excellence in clogging instruction, career advancement and the ongoing pursuit of knowledge.

Go to http: //www.clog.org/cci/ for more information

Scholarship!

Marilyn Hansen CCI Tuition Scholarship

In Honor and memory of Marilyn Hansen

What is the Marilyn Hansen Scholarship?

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marilyn Hansen, a woman who supported clogging through much of her life and was dedicated to the cause of education in the area of clogging instructors. This grant includes tuition scholarship for the Certified Clogging Instructor Program for two sessions and the application fee worth $310.00.

- This scholarship does not include travel and lodging.
- The scholarship cannot be applied to franchise sponsored CCI Sessions, it can only be applied to CCI Sessions offered by CLOG such as sessions offered during the National CLOG Convention.
- The scholarship must be used in the same year it is awarded.
- The minimum age limit for CCI seminars and the scholarship is 16 years of age.

How To Apply:
Letters of Application will be accepted from January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022. Applicants will be notified by May 31, 2022.

For more information visit: Clog.org

Have you heard the news!!!!! ***CCI is restructured!***

CLOG University

C.L.O.G. is excited to have ***restructure***d the Certified Clogging Instructor (CCI*) program.

The NEW CLOG University will be transitioning to a blended learning format. Blended learning enables candidates to learn online and traditional face-to-face instruction.

With the CCI Program you'll be making the the ultimate commitment to excellence in clogging instruction by improving your instructional skills. This select group of men and women are advancing their clogging career with the ongoing pursuit of clogging and teaching knowledge.

C.L.O.G. and the Certified Education and Clogging Instructor committee are committed to bringing the best education and training curriculum to instructors and directors worldwide to promote and preserve a true American Folk Dance, ***CLOGGING***.

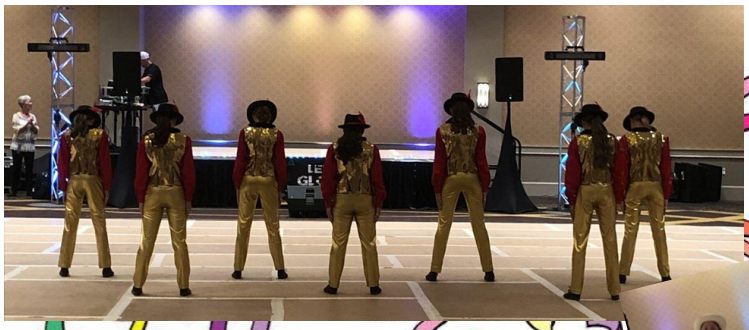
The CCI curriculum consists of one set of online pre-requisites and one set of face-to-face instruction requisites. Once all requisites are complete, each candidate will receive a certificate of education. This certificate allows the candidate to continue towards achieving an instructor certification.

Online (pre-requisites)**	**Face-to-Face (requisites)**
¨ History	¨ Teaching
¨ Marketing	¨ Choreography
¨ Management	¨ Writing Cuesheets
¨ Leadership	¨ Sound/Voice Production
¨ Q&A session	

Online prerequisites must be completed prior to attending the Face-to-Face session

For all the information regarding this program, go to www.clog.org/cci

NOLA…… *in Pictures*



ICYMI!! ***EZ dance from NOLA***

MORE

Beg+ /Easy Int
Clogging Routine

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Wait 32 Counts *Left Foot Lead*

Section 'A' 32 Mountain Goat and Rooster Run

Mountain Goat	4	DS R S R S R SL UP L R(fwd) L R(ots) L R(bk) R L(knee) &1 & 2 & 3 & 4 4	
Rooster Run Left	4	DS DS(xif) S S(xib) S S(xif) L R L R L R &5 &6 &7 &8	
Step Touch	4	S TCH L R 1 2 [Step wide L bring R in to meet L]	STEP TCH R L 3 4 [Step wide R bring L in to meet R]
Karate Kick Turn ½ L	4	DS KICK SL(turn ½ L) DS H SL UP L R L R L R L(knee) &5 & 6 &7 &8 8	

^^REPEAT ALL OF 'A' SECTION TO FACE FRONT^^

Section 'B' 32 Clog Vine Left & Stomp/ Right

Clog Over Vine L	8	DS DS DS DS DS DS DS R S L R (xif) L(ots) R(xib) L(ots) R(xif) L(ots) R L &1 &2 &3 &4 &5 &6 &7 & 8	
Triple Stomps Fwd & Back	8	DS DS DS S S R L R L R &1 &2 &3 & 4 [--TRAVEL FWD--]	DS DS DS R S L R L R L &5 & 6 & 7 & 8 [--TRAVEL BKWD--]

*^^REPEAT VINE AND TRIPLE STOMP STEPS ON OPPOSITE FEET^^*

Section 'C' 64 Black Mountain and Rock Chain

Black Mountain w/ Basics	8	DS H H T H SL UP L R R R L R L &1 & 2 3 & 4 4	DS R S DS R S L R L R L R &5 & 6 &7 & 8 [--On Basics turn ¾ L--]
Rock Chain & Triple	8	DS R S R S R S L R L R L R L &1 & 2 & 3 & 4	DS DS DS R S R L R L R &5 &6 &7 & 8 [--On Triple turn ½ R--]

*^^REPEAT SECTION 'C' 4 TIMES TO END UP FACING FRONT^^*

ORDER; A B C A B C A B C A

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

Upcoming Events

October 8-9 , 2021
World of Clogging Workshop
Holiday Inn Eastgate
Cincinnati, OH
Hanna Healy 716-725-8415
worldofclogging@aol.com
worldofclogging.com

October 29-30, 2021
Florida State Clogging Convention
Florida FFA Leadership Training Ctr
Haines City, FL
Tracy Baldwin 321-446-4440
tracybaldwin34@gmail.com

November 5-6 2021
Frolic in the Fall
Lake Cumberland State Park
Jamestown, KY
Morgan Hudson
morganh_02@hotmail.com
www.lakecumberlandworkshop.com

Check with event coordinators to confirm event details!

Competitions

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 9-10 , 2021
World of Clogging Competition (CCA)
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October 16-17, 2021
Carowinds Clogging Classic (NCHC)
Carowinds
Charlotte, NC
Ashley Hensley
thedancefactory2016@gmail.com

October 22-23, 2021
ACHF Annual World Championships
Gatlinburg Convention Center
Gatlinburg, TN
Henry Jones 864-245-6648
Quinn Stansell 704-418-8047
www.achf.us

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

Have an event you want listed here? Send the information to: CLOGToday@clog.org

March 26, 2022
Winter Clogging Invitational (NCHC)
Polk County High School
Columbus, NC
Chip Summey ncjcs@aol.com

CLOG Welcomes New Members

Kyla Houston, IN
David Kaulfuss, NY
Rachel Petherbridge, NC
Marilyn Woodruff, TX
Glen Hannah, ON, Canada
Dann Chappel, TX
Suzanne Kay Checefsky, FL

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38th Annual CLOG National Convention

More information coming soon!