

# NC Youth Tap Ensemble

Wednesday, April 11, 2018



<u>Grade Level:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
5th Grade	10:00 am
6th Grade	1:00 pm

Rhythm...funk...innovation...excitement: that's the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble (NCYTE). One of the best youth tap ensembles in the world, NCYTE features 40 dancers, ages 8 to 18, who hail from throughout North Carolina. Don't let the word "youth" fool you. These dancers tear up the floor with poise, passion and professionalism. NCYTE honors the traditions of this unique American form while infusing it with youthful energy, contemporary music, and innovative dances from some of the world's most talented choreographers.

Founded by JUBA award winning artistic director Gene Medler in 1983, NCYTE entertains audiences with cutting-edge contemporary choreography along with traditional rhythm tap. NCYTE has toured throughout the U.S. and the world, with performances in Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, Germany and Mexico. The company has toured or collaborated with the Greensboro Symphony, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Mallarme Chamber Players, and the North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra, among others.

NCYTE alumni—including tap virtuosos Michelle Dorrance and Jason Janas—have gone on to Broadway and beyond. The list of choreographers who have created the company's repertory reads like a who's who in the tap world, including the legendary Savion Glover.

NCYTE performs over 30 school shows a year. Each show is an hour long performance showcasing a wide variety of percussive dance styles from around the world. The dancers share educational talks to enhance the performance and engage the students. A Q&A session follows the performance, so students and staff can ask the dancers questions about tap dancing, NCYTE, and performing. They also provide a teachers guide so that teachers can integrate arts curriculum into pre- and post-performance lessons.

**Curriculum Connections:** Music, Dance, Cultural Geography, History, Listening/Communication Skills, & Visual & Performing Arts

Produced by: Gene Medler  
Performance Length: 50 Minutes with Q&A  
Suggested Grade Levels: (1-12)  
Teacher Guide Available: YES  
Student Study Guide Available: YES  
Artist Website: [www.ncyte.org](http://www.ncyte.org)  
Video Link: <https://youtu.be/ws1pPm36gvQ>



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