



Organization Overview

Founded by Robert L. Reed, protégé of Maceo Anderson of the legendary Step Brothers, the Robert L. Reed Tap Heritage Institute (RTHI) is a 501c (3) organization dedicated to promoting an interest in and an appreciation of tap as a vital and indigenous American art form. RTHI presents the St. Louis Tap Festival (SLTF) each July, as well as year-round collaborations with city parks departments teaching tap to dedicated students. It holds a special interest in disadvantaged and underserved youth. SLTF is the oldest, annually held tap festival in the world, known for its adherence to important traditions of rhythm/jazz tap dancers handed down through generations from elder masters to up and coming young artists. RTHI has been recognized as a vital resource locally and nationally by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay who declared July 30, 2005 “Robert L. Reed Tap Heritage Institute Day”, and by Dancer Magazine, which regularly runs stories on the work of the SLTF in its monthly tap column, “On Tap”. The National Endowment for the Arts recognized the 15th Annual St. Louis Tap Festival in its 2006 Annual Report.

ST. LOUIS TAP FESTIVAL

Master Tap Dance Workshops

As a major component of the St. Louis Tap Festival, the Master Workshops are conducted daily from 8:30 AM - 7:15 PM, with more than 70 workshops planned for the week. We provide instruction by internationally acclaimed tap dance artists to enthusiastic attendees. We have garnered the reputation of enlisting top teachers from stage, screen and television for these workshops, providing access to artistry our constituents would otherwise not have. Workshops focus on preserving the art form as it is passed to the next generation.

Youth Sponsorship Program

In our effort to provide access to all who wish to attend, regardless of means, we offer need based scholarships each year. To continue this practice, we rely on your generosity to make scholarships available to these disadvantaged tap dance enthusiasts.

Donations for scholarships are tax deductible and are awarded in the following increments:

- Gold** - \$495 – Scholarship for 25 Master Classes and admission to the Participant’s Showcase
- Silver** - \$385 – Scholarship for 19 Master Classes and admission to the Participant’s Showcase
- Bronze** – \$185 - Scholarship for 8 Master Classes and admission to the Participant’s Showcase

As a Youth Sponsor, you will be acknowledged in our **ALL THAT TAP** and **Participant Showcase** programs. We appreciate your support of these dancers as they work hard to become the masters of tomorrow by learning the steps of the past and present day masters. Thank you for your interest in the Robert L. Reed Tap Heritage Institute. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated. We hope to receive your support.

Robert L. Reed Tap Heritage Institute

St. Louis Tap Festival

Youth Sponsor Donation Form

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Please accept my tax deductible donation for the amount of :

Gold - \$495.00 _____ Silver - \$385.00 _____ Bronze - \$185.00 _____

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If you would like your donation to be anonymous check here: _____
(Donations greater than \$185 will be recognized in Participant's Showcase and All That Tap programs.)

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