

**PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTION FEATURED IN CVUHSD
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GOT RHYTHM! – THE HISTORY OF TAP DANCE



ABOUT THE ARTISTS AND THE PERFORMANCE

Got Rhythm! Is a captivating dance and music performance based in the indigenous American art form of rhythm tap dance. Channing Cook-Holmes, the star of the show, is a tap dancer and drummer extraordinaire who presents rhythm tap in its purest form with live instrumentation. Got Rhythm! is a contemporary look at the origins of tap dance and the masters of the art. It features drums, bass, and keyboard

performances as well. Channing, along with the ensemble, interacts with the audience in rhythm making, encouraging each person to discover the tap dancer or musician inside.

Channing Cook Holmes is an extremely gifted native of Inglewood, CA, whose talents have taken him around the world. He began dancing and studying drums at an early age. Now, he is an accomplished tap dancer, drummer, vocalist, and actor. His credits include: principal company dancer with Tap Jazz Ensemble; principal dancer on stage with "Riverdance," the Tour and on Broadway; principal actor in Gregory Hines' "Bojangles;" actor/tap dancer on the big screen in Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York;" and Assistant Music Director and drummer/percussionist in the tap show "Imagine Tap." His multiple awards include the prestigious Princess Grace Foundation/USA 2002 Emerging Artist Fellowship, and a Special Projects Grant to develop his children's program "Lil Chan Can Tap Dance."

ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION FOR TEACHERS

As part of CVUHSD's Arts Integration's goal, a Professional Development (PD) session will be offered to teachers of all subjects prior to the presentation of the show. It will be led by an artist from Got Rhythm! who will provide background information on the art form and suggests activities useful for all teachers. The teaching artist will work in collaboration with our Arts Coordinator, Hélène Trudeau, for the preparation of the PD.

All PDs will be held after school from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM