

Tap

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William Henry Lane. AKA Master Juba	William Henry Lane is known as the very first person to represent what we know as Tap Dance today. Most American slaves came from cultures in Africa that had relied on drumming as a means of communication and personal expression. Slaves were not allowed to play drums, so they began to use their bodies as instruments. Over time, the hand clapping, foot stomping, body thumping and thigh-slapping evolved into a dance called "pating juba."	1825-1852	https://masteriuba.com	
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Bill "Bojangles" Robinson	Broadway legend Bill "Bojangles" Robinson started his career as a vaudeville performer, transitioning to Broadway and to Hollywood films in the 1930s and 1940s. His delicate tap-dance style and cheerful demeanor made Robinson a favorite of both Black and white audiences. He died in New York City on November 25, 1949. Bill Robinson is so important to the Tap Dance community that we celebrate National Tap Dance Day on His Birthday "May 25th"	Early 1900's	<p>His life history: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyBxRmb2Y</p> <p>His famous Performance with Shirley Temple https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHvetGn0dM</p>	
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Gregory Hines	Our Tap director Emily was fortunate to study for a short time with Gregory Hines. He is to this day, her very favorite Tap Dancer of ALL Time. Not only was Gregory known for his incredible Dynamic qualities, but he was also an incredible human being, always taking time to mentor and support young dancers. Gregory Hines helped bring Tap Dance back to the masses with his films and Broadway shows in the mid 80's. He then went on to star in his own Prime time sitcom, the TV show Will and Grace, several movies and Broadway shows while continuing to be a Tap dance icon and leader in the Tap Dance community. He unfortunately died of Cancer at the age of 57. He will always be one of Tap Dances most influential people!	1970's-2000's	<p>Gregory Hines and Savion Glover on Sesame Street https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvE19JZn4A</p>	