

# Footnotes Highlights 2009

Footnotes travels, highlights and notes of our 2009 season.  
Footnotes Tap Ensemble  
The Triangle's only adult non-profit professional tap company!

## Winter 2009

### **Live Rhythms!— Fayetteville, NC**

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Footnotes performed *Live Rhythms!* in Fayetteville, NC. We chose Methodist University because of the large wooden stage, which allowed for wonderful sound and dancing with the live band. As always, it was a pleasure to work with our fabulous musicians: Robbie Link on the bass, Ed Paolantonio on the piano, Ed Butler on the drums, Rodney Marsh on the sax and flute and Tim Stambaugh on the banjo. Erica Dunkle (sister of Footnotes dancer Alexis Dunkle) lent us her beautiful pipes and sang *Do Your Thing* and *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*.

Our new dancers Tiffany Wheeler and Dana Taylor took the stage for their first Footnotes performance at *Live*

*Rhythms!* They are a wonderful addition to our lively crew. We also premiered two new pieces: "In the Mood," choreographed by Robin Vail, is an up-tempo big band piece and "Meron Nigh," choreographed by Mimi Benjamin and Lane Alexander, is danced to Klezmer music.

Tickets for *Live Rhythms!* Fayetteville were donated to the Cumberland County Social Services for their grandparents program, which helps grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. Another set of tickets was donated to Fayetteville Cares, who distributed tickets to soldiers and their families. This helped build a lively audience for the dancers!

We were very excited to produce an out-of-town concert and continue to expand our audience! Part of the Footnotes mission is to bring tap dance to communities throughout North Carolina and beyond. We hope to produce our 2010 concert in Raleigh, NC.

In addition to March's concert, we performed for the Fayetteville International Festival in September 2008. We enjoyed both of our Fayetteville performances and hope to return soon!

### **Adventures in Entertainment—Carrboro, NC**

Adventures in Entertainment is a community concert series sponsored by the Carrboro Library. Footnotes was thrilled to return to the McDougle Middle School stage on April 19<sup>th</sup> and danced for an enthusiastic crowd. The Ensemble performed some old favorites including historical repertoire as well as new material choreographed by company members.

### **Personality—Roxboro, NC**

On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Footnotes headed to Roxboro, NC for the Personality Uptown 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Street Festival. Footnotes performed a 30 minute show on the main stage on a rather warm late summer afternoon to a very enthusiastic crowd. The Ensemble was thrilled to return to Roxboro for this special celebratory event!

### **CenterFest—Durham, NC**

Each fall over 150 artists, craftsmen, and performers from all over the country gather in Downtown Durham for the annual CenterFest Arts Festival, sponsored by the Durham Arts Council. This year's event on September 19<sup>th</sup>

was Footnotes' 5<sup>th</sup> performance at the Festival, which is always one of our favorite venues. CenterFest draws a diverse and enthusiastic crowd and this year, as in years past, we were graced with picture-perfect weather. We performed several of our contemporary pieces, as well as a few classics, including acapella and upbeat-music numbers.

### **Triangle Heart Walk — Raleigh, NC**

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, Footnotes headed to the RBC Center to perform at the 2009 Triangle Heart Walk. The mission statement of the Heart Walk is "building healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke." Footnotes presented two acapella pieces at the opening ceremonies before walkers hit the pavement for this worthy cause. As we know well tapping is one great way to have fun and maintain a healthy heart!

### **Nine Ladies Tapping and a Guy**

**December 16, 2009  
7:00pm**

The Carolina Inn  
211 Pittsboro Street  
Chapel Hill, NC  
Free!



Triangle Heart Walk

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## Tapping Through the Ages— Chapel Hill, NC

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Footnotes shared the stage at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill with the Seymour Center Tap Dancers (senior students of Co-Artistic Director, Robin Vail), Friends on Tap (Orange County Senior Center Tap Dancers) and the Taptations. The concert was a true tapping-through-the-ages event featuring tap dancers of many generations tapping to everything from rags, big band, show tunes and more! All companies joined together for a finale featuring the Shim-Sham Shimmie. A reception followed the concert where audience members mingled with the dancers. Funds raised at the door supported Seymour Center programs.

## Galloway Ridge— Pittsboro, NC

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Footnotes returned to Galloway Retirement Village in Pittsboro for a community concert. This was Footnotes' third concert at

the community. The Ensemble performed a variety of pieces for a fun and appreciative crowd. Footnotes enjoyed visiting with the residents afterwards.

## Classics Days—Wilson & Chapel Hill, NC

Footnotes member Alexis Dunkle traveled to Wilson on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and taught an afternoon of classic tap choreography to students of the Sallie B. Howard School of Dance. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Footnotes hosted an afternoon of classic tap choreography at the Ballet School of Chapel Hill. The workshop featured choreography by Honi Coles, Bill Bojangles Robinson and Danny Daniels. The workshop was well attended and funds raised will support Footnotes community concerts and programs.

For information on upcoming events visit our website: [www.footnotestapensemble.org](http://www.footnotestapensemble.org)  
We are also now on Twitter!  
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## Fundraising News:

Here are several ways you can support the company:



### Shop online through iGive.com and Good- Shop.com

National retail stores participating with the iGive and GoodShop websites will donate a percentage of your purchase to Footnotes!



### Search the Internet using GoodSearch.com.

Use the GoodSearch.com website as your online search tool, type in Footnotes as the charity to benefit and we get a donation every time you search!



### Hire Footnotes!

We are available for your special event and can design a concert to fit your needs. Contact Mimi or Robin for booking information.



**Classics Days!** Do you know someone that owns a dance studio? Footnotes has taught classic tap

routines and choreography at several studios throughout the state including Wilson, Fayetteville, Roxboro, Holly Springs, Chapel Hill and Durham. Contact us or see our website for further information.



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[www.footnotestapensemble.org](http://www.footnotestapensemble.org)  
Under "Support Us" go to "How To Help" and click on the PayPal icon. You may also mail a check to Footnotes Tap Ensemble, 5509 Bobcat Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

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