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STEOLOGY
 Presents the
2006 BAY AREA TAP FESTIVAL
August 13-20, 2006

WHAT: STEPOLOGY, a San Francisco-based nonprofit corporation, presents the 2006 Bay Area Tap Festival. The Festival, now in its fourth year, celebrates the traditions and new directions of the uniquely American art form of tap dance, and features Festival artists in a week of instructional workshop classes and a free panel discussion hosted by San Francisco Dance Center. The Festival culminates with the *Bay Area Rhythm Exchange* – a production which features Festival artists in a concert performance with live jazz accompaniment at San Francisco's historic Herbst Theatre.

Veteran hooper and film legend Arthur Duncan (*Tap!*, *Tap Heat*, *the Lawrence Welk Show*) leads a diverse, multi-generational roster of today's tap stars from Broadway, film, and the concert stage, including Ayodele Casel (*Not Your Ordinary Tappers*), Channing Cook-Holmes (*Riverdance*, *Gangs of New York*, *Bojangles*), San Francisco spirit and soul street performer Edward Jackson, Festival Director John Kloss (*Tap Heat*), Robert L. Reed (*Riverdance*, *St. Louis Tap Festival*), Sam Weber (*Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*), and more! Also featured are Jerry Kalaf (Music Director/Drums), Scott Breadman (Percussion), Larry Dunlap (piano), and Marcus Shelby (Bass).

WHEN: Workshop: Monday, August 14 through Sunday, August 20 (9:30AM-6PM)
 Panel Discussion: Friday, August 18 at 1:30PM (FREE to public)
 Concert Performance: The *Bay Area Rhythm Exchange* -- Saturday, August 19 at 8PM.

WHERE: Workshop and Panel Disc: San Francisco Dance Center, 26 7th St., 5th Fl., SF, CA 94103
 Concert Performance: San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center
 Herbst Theatre -- 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA 94102

TICKETS: \$16-23. Student/senior/early purchase discounts available.
CHARGE-BY-PHONE/INFORMATION: (415) 392-4400
 Tickets Available at CITY BOX OFFICE, 180 Redwood Street
 Order Online: www.cityboxoffice.com

REGISTER: The instructional workshop features a variety of levels of tap dance classes. Workshop Registration and General Information are available online via the Festival website at www.stepology.com.