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**STPEOLOGY Presents the
2011 BAY AREA TAP FESTIVAL
August 16-22, 2011**

WHAT: STEPOLOGY, a San Francisco-based nonprofit corporation, presents the 2011 Bay Area Tap Festival. The Festival, now in its 9th year, celebrates the uniquely American art form of tap dance, and features Festival artists in a week of instructional workshop classes hosted by City Dance Studios (Annex Location). The Festival culminates with the *Bay Area Rhythm Exchange* – a two-night production which features Festival artists with live musical accompaniment at Herbst Theatre.

As an exciting new addition to this year's lineup, Melinda Sullivan of FOX's *So You Think You Can Dance* joins a roster of today's tap stars from Broadway, film, and the concert stage for the concert performance, which has been featured in the San Francisco Chronicle's "Top Ten Dance Performances of the Year" in multiple years. Additional cast includes Music Director Channing Cook Holmes (*Riverdance, Gangs of New York, Bojangles*), Festival Director John Kloss (*Tap Heat*), Mark Mendonca (*The Polar Express; Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk*), Jason Rodgers (*Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk*), Sam Weber (*Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*), and more. And, the Barbary Coast Cloggers return for another showdown (or possibly, *hoedown?*) with the tappers!

WHEN: Workshop: Tuesday, August 16 through Sunday, August 22
Panel Discussion: TBA
Concert Performances: The *Bay Area Rhythm Exchange* – Fri.-Sat. Aug. 19-20 at 8PM.

WHERE: Workshop and Panel Disc: City Dance Studios Annex, 1420 Harrison, SF, CA 94103
Concert Performance: San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center
Herbst Theatre -- 401 Van Ness, San Francisco, CA 94102

TICKETS: \$17-25. Student/senior/early purchase/multiple-night discounts available.
CHARGE-BY-PHONE/INFORMATION: (415) 392-4400
Tickets Available at CITY BOX OFFICE, 180 Redwood St.
Order Online: www.cityboxoffice.com

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

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