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American Tap Dance Center

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Luke Nonas-Hunter, 10

MIDTOWN EAST

Dancer with the American Tap Dance Foundation's Junior Ensemble

When did you start dancing?

When I was three, my dad showed me Gene Kelly movies, and I would dance along with them. When I was six, my mom signed me up for classes.

What's so special about tap?

I love the rhythm and the

beat, and that you can make music with your whole body. It's like showing the world, Here I am!

How often do you perform?

I take classes two days a week, and the ensemble performs in a lot of tributes and galas

around the city. I did one with Bebe Neuwirth, Chita Rivera and Angela Lansbury.

Does everyone in the ensemble get along?

Yeah, it's great. We admire each other's tapping, and we like to steal each other's moves!

What do you want to do next?

I'd love to be on *So You Think You Can Dance*, and then on Broadway.



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