

Pat Cannon's Foot & Fiddle Dance Co.



AMERICAN FOOTSTEPS

Foot & Fiddle Dance Company's performance of "American Footsteps" offers a dazzling blend of traditional dance and music including clogging, tap, square dance, and Irish step dance. Foot & Fiddle's dancers and musicians provide the historical interconnection between traditional American dances and their multicultural origins in the European, African and Native American cultures. Foot & Fiddle offers students numerous opportunities to be a part of the show. The entire audience becomes one big percussion orchestra when students learn how to do an African rhythmic hand clapping called "hambone," and to sing along with the performers. There is also an opportunity for a group of students to join the dancers onstage for a square dance. In an exciting finale called "Freestyle," Foot & Fiddle continues the living tradition by combining traditional and original dance steps influenced by jazz, hip hop and rock'n roll. A fiddler and banjo player play live at all performances. "American Footsteps" is an ideal link to Colonial studies.

The New York Times calls Foot & Fiddle "a witty, warm-spirited, creative mix of American Folk forms and Broadway pizzazz."

Residencies • Square Dances • Family Concerts



Square Dance Residencies & Workshops: Learning and dancing go hand-in-hand (literally!) in a dance residency with Foot & Fiddle. Focusing on American square dance, students learn about the history behind the music and technique of this centuries-old popular social dance. While listening to traditional fiddle music, the “caller” guides students through various dance steps that encourage teamwork, foster community, and sharpen listening skills. In the process, students learn about the European roots of American square dance, providing teachers with an opportunity to connect to Colonial American history and social studies topics. By culminating a residency with a Family Square Dance, students get to teach their parents what they’ve learned, while bringing the entire school community together in the spirit of traditional American dance.

Family Square Dance offers the entire school community an opportunity to experience the joy and fellowship of social dance. Square dance instruction is given with a minimum of confusion and a maximum of fun. It is also a great fund raising event!

Family Concerts/Dance Party – Combining a Family Square Dance or a residency with a performance of Foot & Fiddle’s “American Footsteps” reinforces the learning and social experience.

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