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## Avi Miller & Ofer Ben

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### Miller & Ben - Tap Performers & Teachers

Native Israelis, **Avi Miller and Ofer Ben** are tap dancers, performers, teachers, and lecturers - in the unlimited rhythmical dance field of **'Hoofing'**. Their unique style and choreographies are influenced by the large amount of teachers and mentors they studies with, each linked directly to the origins of tap. But, due to their country of origin, they also incorporate in their work **'Middle Eastern'** and Israeli movements which they studied from their late Israeli Master **Ya'acov Kalusky**. In class they teach various approaches to a **'Quality of Sound Technique'** as well as verbal references to the history and heritage of **'Rhythm Tap'** all wrapped up in humor and fun.

Their tap dancing experience spans on over 35 years and in countries such as: **Australia, Canada, China, Finland, Holland, Israel, Japan, Thailand** and throughout the **USA**. They perform as a duo: **'Miller & Ben - The Israeli Hoofers'** or with their professional company: **'Tap Tel-Aviv Dance Troupe'**.

In 2001, they relocated the **Jazz Tap Center, Inc.** production offices to New York. They established the not-for-profit incorporation: **Tradition In Tap, Inc.** - an organization that produces tap workshops and performances devoted to the preservation of various tap masters' historic legacy and technique. Updated and extensive information can be found at: **[www.TraditionInTap.org](http://www.TraditionInTap.org)**.

In February 2003, they started to manufacture their **Miller & Ben Tap Shoes** in the Far East. These hand-made **High Quality / High End 'Musical Tap Instruments'**, are elegant, comfortable, hand-made shoes, in eight models and 48 colors and patterns. The shoes are sold via their on-line store: **[www.TapEmporium.com](http://www.TapEmporium.com)** and in selected dance stores in the USA and around the world.

Credited appearances includes: the tribute performance and TV documentary for **The 9 Doctors of Tap Dance** - Oklahoma City University, **Tap Extravaganza** - New York City, **The New York City Tap Festival**, **The St. Louis Tap Festival**, **The Oklahoma City Tap Festival**, **Southeastern Tap Explosion** - Atlanta GA, Tap Workshops at **Chulalongkorn University** and **Bangkok Dance** - Thailand, **Artn-Tap studios** in Tokyo - Japan, **Tap Giants Festival** in Calgary and Edmonton - Canada, **Michelle's Dream Festival** and workshops at **de TAPPERIJ** in Zwolle - Holland, tap master classes and judging for **Dance Masters of Pennsylvania** and **Massachusetts**, **'T.A.P.'** - **National Tap Dance Day Celebration** - Cedar Crest College, PA, **Dance StudioLIFE Magazine Teacher's Conferences**, and the **Broadway Dance Center** annual **Teachers' Workshops** in New York City.

**Avi Miller & Ofer Ben** were featured in July 2007 on the cover of **Dancer Magazine** and together with **Germaine Salsberg**, they were honored in March 2009, with **The Preservation of Our Heritage Award in American Dance** by **Oklahoma City University**. They **'team-teach'** regularly at **Broadway Dance Center** in Manhattan.

