

Maria Clara Laet, Tap Dancer

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PROFILE

Passionate, experienced, and skilled tap dancer. Bringing forth enthusiasm, a strong work ethic, and an unrelenting desire to inspire.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2011 — 2017 **Tap Dancer, KatadoS por Aí** São Paulo
- Performed work from renowned choreographers such as Michelle Dorrance, Steve Zee and Caio Nunes
 - Choreographed the piece *Caminhos* alongside company members
 - Showed commitment and professionalism at international tap dance festivals
- Jan 2021 — May 2021 **Lead dancer, Luvemba** São Paulo
- Produced, choreographed, and starred in the short film *Luvemba*
 - Screened in 14 festivals globally, including: Future Dance Festival (New York City), Sans Souci Brasil (Campinas, Brazil/ Boulder, Colorado), and Cinedanza (Modena, Italy)
 - Displayed skills on problem solving and working under high pressure
- Nov 2022 — Present **Lead Tap Dancer, Unidos do Swing** São Paulo
- First tap dancer to ever choreograph a section in a carnival street parade with a preexisting band and amplified sound
 - Performed to a crowd of over 10,000 people
 - Demonstrated artistry when performing to a big crowd and holding its attention
- Feb 2018 — Dec 2019 **Coordinator and Choreographer, Cia Experimental** São Paulo
- Created *Estudos para Maurice* alongside internationally recognized choreographer Anselmo Zolla
 - Performed with Steve Zee at São Paulo's Museum of Art
 - Displayed skills to lead a group and coordinate artists around tight schedules
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EDUCATION

- Feb 2015 — Dec 2020 **History, University of São Paulo** São Paulo
- Member of LabMundi, part of the Weatherhead Initiative on Global History from Harvard University
 - Scholarship recipient at Fapesp
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AWARDS

- Jul 2013 **Tap City Adult Program Award** New York City
- Awarded by Dianne Walker "for outstanding dedication and commitment to the art of tap dancing"
- Jan 2022 **Desafio Tap in Rio** Rio de Janeiro
- Apr 2018 **Encontro dos Ritmos Cutting Contest** São José dos Campos
- Sep 2021 — Sep 2022 **Bill Bojangles Prize**
- Two times champion of the biggest choreography contest in Brazil
 - Won with the short films *Luvemba* and *Back to Rio*
- Jan 2023 **Tap in Rio Cutting Contest** Rio de Janeiro