

## 23. International Dance Week Riesa Riesa November 18<sup>th</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup> , 2019

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### Information and Invitation about the Opening-Show for the IDO TAP-DANCE World Championships on Saturday, November 30, 2019

#### Dear Tap-dance friends!

Please forward this word.doc to the clubs, studios and dancers who might be interested and great former medalists.

During the years many tap dancers came to me asking if they could start at the IDO World Tap dance Championships with a tap dance friend from a different country. Following IDO rules and sport tradition this is not possible. Therefore - unfortunately - I had to deny.

BUT:

To present a stunning tap show on the Gala-evening before the Grand Finals we can decide how to make the show.

Having enjoyed the most entertaining Opening show as last year with 6 excellent former IDO World Champions on stage / on video I discussed with the Chairperson of the IDO-Tap dance Committee, Nancy Chippendale, recently how this could be in effect this year - which is the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Riesa - a true opportunity to congratulate Riesa with the feet:

We invite all Adult, Junior and Children Tap dance Solo (female and male) Gold, Silver or Bronze medalists from any year to perform the same dance onstage to open the show for the Finals on Saturday night with the **BS Chorus** that everyone knows comparable with the shim sham. We publish the video for training on the competition website - and will inform all federations, when it is available.

Here are some important facts to be followed.

1. Date Saturday, November 30, around 19:00 hrs. (07:00 pm)
2. Only former IDO-World Tap dance Championship medalists, female, male take part. The year does not matter.
3. Please send us the names, first names, country and email - and the years of your success until October 30, 2019 by email.
4. Music and choreography to be downloaded from the event's website in September 2019
5. There will be some rehearsals in the SACHSENarena when we know who will take part.

Looking forward to see you all in Riesa this year for another great IDO-World Tap dance Championships on the big show-stage of the SACHSENarena!

Hoping to hear from you and best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Wendt', written in a cursive style.

Michael Wendt

