

## The Event:

CLOG/NCHC proudly presents the 2017 USA National Clogging Championships, Saturday, September 2 and Sunday September 3, 2017 in Nashville Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel!

We invite you to join fellow clogging enthusiasts for a memorable weekend in Music City as clogging groups, duos and solos compete for the title of USA National Champions. It's a best of the best championship in both traditional and contemporary clog dance. From start to finish, experience the thrill of American clog dance in Nashville, TN.

Consider a sampling of the features:

- USA National Championship Honors
- Unique Awards & Trophies
- Spacious Permanent Stage
- Dollywood All-Star Performance Opportunities
- Early Registration Discounts
- And much much more......

Don't miss out! Make plans to attend today. Be sure and book your hotel rooms early as rooms will sell out!!!!! **Cut-off for room rate is August 8, 2017 at 5 PM CST.** After this date, we cannot guarantee the rate or availability of rooms!

# Gaylord Opryland Resort & Conference Center 2800 Opryland Drive Nashville, TN 37214

**Reservation Link:** On Line Hotel Reservations

Rate: \$128 1—4 ppl per room + tax

In-addition \$10 per day per room Resort Fee is charged

Self-Parking is **FREE** per day.

Rate Guaranteed until August 8, 2017

**Reservation Number: 1-866-972-6779** 

**Competition Location** – Gaylord Opryland Hotel – Convention Ballroom

**Guidelines:** Please refer to the NCHC Rules which can be found at www.clog.org under the USA info links. There are specific rule exceptions for the USA Championships.

**Bi-Level Championship:** The 2017 USA National Clogging Championships offers two levels of competition in many categories. The contestant and or director determine level. The Amateur Level is offered for contestants with less competition experience. The Masters Level is offered for contestants with more competition experience.

**Awards:** We offer not only age division awards but also National Champion awards in each category in the team events. There will be a Grand Champion dance-off.

Registration Deadlines: August 13, 2017: Registration Form at www.clog.org.

**Participant Registration**: Participant entries are \$15 per person, per category. Choreographed Solos are \$20. Note any fees paid after registration deadline are \$20 per person per category. Choreographed Solos are \$25. If you pay your registration fees at registration, they will be charged the higher rate.

**Spectator Registration**: Adult (13 & over) spectator passes are \$7 per day. Child (6 to 12) spectator passes are \$4 per day. No charge for children spectators under age 6. Seating is general admission. No prepaid spectators are accepted.

**On-site Registration:** Available Friday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am to noon and Sunday 8:30 am to noon. It is to your advantage to register on Friday evening.

**Scores:** Group and Duo score postings and score sheets will be available for viewing. Solo score postings and score sheets will not be provided.

**Vendors:** Vendors will be located at the event. Contact Terry Glass at <u>glassterrygenera@bellsouth.net</u> for vending information and fees.

**Dollywood All-Star Team**: See Dollywood All-Star Team information.

**Personal Program Messages:** The 2017 USA National Clogging Championships will offer participants, spectators and family members the opportunity to place personal messages in the Official Event Souvenir Program. This is your way to wish your favorite group, director, dancer or family member the best of luck. Just forward your messages along with \$5 per message to the USA National Championships, c/o Susan Phillips, 2986 Mill Park Court, Dacula, GA 30019 or clog@clog.org. Each message can be up to 25 words in length.

**Dance Order:** Entries will be programmed with random computer placement. Enter early and save with registration discounts.

**Music:** Group & Duo contestants must provide all music either on a compact disc (CD) or high quality file. Variable speed CD players will be available for use. If you will be playing from your IPad, please bring the appropriate cables. Have backup music sources available. Speed checks will be provided prior to performance. No on stage sound checks planned. Music for solos, short duos and special events will be provided by the event.

#### Qualification:

<u>TEAMS</u> - Just place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in your age division within a qualifying category at any NCHC Qualifying Event by July 31, 2017. Entries competing in the National Championships must have at least 51% of the dancers that originally qualified. A list of qualifying events is available online. Note: NCHC is also extending

an invitation to the division winners of the 2016 USA National Clogging Championships that were held in Nashville.

<u>Duo/Duets</u>, <u>Solos & Acapella Teams</u> - Accepting open entry / No pre-qualification or pre-requisite necessary

<u>Dollywood All-Star Team</u> - Accepting open entry from participants of the 2017 USA National Clogging Championships.

<u>Traditional Categories</u> – Accepting open entry from participants of the 2017 USA National Clogging Championships. (Any category with figure requirements)

See the <u>www.clog.org</u> for additional local information.

# **Directions to the USA National Clogging Championships**

# PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR DANCERS

Gaylord Opryland Hotel • 2800 Opryland Drive • Nashville, TN 37214-1297

No matter where you're driving from, it's easy to get to Gaylord Opryland from area interstates, as well as the Nashville International Airport.

See below for directions, and be sure to print an Area Map for your journey.

#### From Nashville International Airport

- Leave the airport complex and go west on Interstate 40
- Proceed to Exit 215 and take Briley Parkway 155 North
- Go to and exit the parkway at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland Complex

#### **Interstate 40 West from Knoxville**

- Go west on Interstate 40
- Proceed to Exit 215 and take Briley Parkway 155 North
- Go to and exit the parkway at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

### **Interstate 40 East from Memphis**

- Go east through Nashville on Interstate 40
- Proceed to Exit 215 and take Briley Parkway 155 North.
- Go to and exit the parkway at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

## Interstate 65 South from Louisville / Bowling Green

- Go south on Interstate 65
- Proceed to Exit 90B to Briley Parkway 155
- Go south on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn right off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

# Interstate 65 North from Birmingham

- Go north on Interstate 65
- Proceed to Exit 90B to Briley Parkway 155
- Go south on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn right off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

#### Interstate 24 West from Chattanooga

- Go west on Interstate 24
- Proceed to Exit 54B to Briley Parkway 155
- Go north on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn left off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex

#### Interstate 24 East from St. Louis

- Go east on Interstate 24
- Proceed to Exit 43 to Briley Parkway 155
- Go east on Briley Parkway and exit at Exit 12
- Turn right off the exit ramp onto McGavock Pike
- Turn left at the first intersection into the Gaylord Opryland complex