

let's talk

# TAP

with Christine Denny  
from Tapatak Oz

TODAY LET'S TALK TAPATAK OZ!

## WHAT IS TAPATAK OZ?

The Tapatak Oz System is a new Tap system available on DVD created by Christine Denny. **"I wanted to create a set of DVDs that not only gave the viewer heaps of different steps, combinations and choreography but also offered them a range of teaching techniques that would help them get the best results from themselves and their students,"** said Christine.

Tapatak Oz DVDs are easy to use for both experienced and inexperienced tappers, whether they are teachers or students. Every step is explained in great detail giving instruction on how the arms should coordinate with the feet, what the angle of the leg should be, where the accent should be placed to bring out the rhythm of the step clearly, what facial expression and dynamics could be applied to the step and what the purpose of the exercise is. Camera angles include front, back and a close-up of knees to feet from behind. The Advanced Levels are all chaptered so the more experienced tappers can skip the lengthy explanations and get to the finished step quickly.

**"The idea was to create a system that was as much about showing how to get the steps across to the student as to provide the choreography itself. This is why each level is communicated to the viewer in the way suitable to the particular age group of the DVD. For instance the tone taken to teach Tiny Tots is totally different from that taken when instructing the most senior level of the DVDs,"** said Christine.

The DVDs provide the experienced teacher or dancer not only with some new material for their classes but also with an effective teaching resource that their younger teachers can access to improve their knowledge of how to teach and formulate a structured class.

Along with this there are written manuals with every count explained making it a very clear and easy to use system. You can learn the exercise from the DVD in your own time and then take the manual with you into class, or out and about with you, to give you a little prod should you have forgotten some of the key counts or components in the routine or exercise.

## DO YOU HAVE TO BUY THE MANUALS?

Everything can be purchased as separates. The more you buy the more you save as discounts apply with package purchases!

## CAN WE TAKE EXAMS IN TAPATAK OZ?

Tapatak Oz does not focus on exams it is about sharing in Christine's 20 years of teaching experience and knowledge. Designed to compliment whatever other syllabus or styles you are currently doing because it is fun, thorough, gets results, and gives access to a new and different take on tap.

## DO I HAVE TO TRAVEL TO SYDNEY TO DO A COURSE?

No you don't. Each DVD is a master class. It is like having Christine right there in the room with you. She explains everything in such detail that you can work through the DVDs yourself and understand very clearly what you are meant to be doing.

## WHAT STYLE OF TAP IS IT?

Christine has had music especially written to go with the DVDs and it ranges from traditional, blues and swing to rock and funk! The steps reflect this with lots of contrasting routines, canons, rhythm games, turns, timesteps and technique. There are lots of opportunities in the older levels for you to add in your own choreography!

## DO I HAVE TO PAY A MEMBERSHIP FEE OR SUBSCRIBE?

No just visit the website, put in your order and a few days later you are ready to go.

FOR HEAPS OF GREAT STEPS, EXERCISES, CANONS & ROUTINES CHECK OUT [WWW.TAPATAKOZ.COM.AU](http://WWW.TAPATAKOZ.COM.AU)

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