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Betcha You've Never Seen Gapper Clog Before!
On 4/20 He'll Be Going Heel-to-Heel Against Familiar Faces
In The Most Outrageously Fun Dance Competition Ever

Coming April 20 at NOON to Ft. Square in downtown Cincinnati… familiar faces from around town will compete in the most outrageously fun hoedown contest on this here side of the river – the **Appalachian Festival Downtown Hoedown**! Cincinnati Reds mascot Gapper is going to make for some stiff competition. Kiss 107's Tim and my mom calls me George will be the hosts.

Long time Appalachian Festival dancers, Harkie's Hoedowners whose members have performed at the Kennedy Center, in the National Parade, on tour in Austria, and at Disney World, will have 15 minutes to teach contestants the foot-stompin' heel-to-toe dance moves of the popular Cotton Eyed Joe. Then talents will be put to the test.

There will be an Audience Favorite chosen that day; then, a week later, videos of contestants will be posted on Vimeo (a link will be on the Appalachian Festival web site – www.appalachianfestival.org) for the greater community to vote. Videotaping and editing is courtesy of the Ohio Center for Broadcasting.

Dancers will need a lot of support so crowd encouragement is highly recommended!

It will all kick-off at Noon with a performance by Northern Kentucky's 5th grade Crossroads Elementary Dance Team who will also perform at the Appalachian Festival on May 8. The Appalachian Festival Downtown Hoedown will wrap up a little after 1 p.m.

Contestants

Kayla Augsbach - Crossroads Elementary Dance Team
Jamie Brandt - National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
Steve Caminiti - Professional Comedian
Katie Clavey - Cincinnati.com & Metromix Cincinnati Video Talent
Katy Crossen (Kate The Great) - United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Lori Deutscher - YMCA of Greater Cincinnati's R.C. Durr YMCA
Gapper - Cincinnati Reds mascot
Jessica Noll - KyPost.com and WCPO.com
Amy Storer Scalia - Cincy Chic
Dustin Sproat - Cincinnati Cyclones

One of Cincinnati's most popular family events – the Appalachian Festival – will be transforming Coney Island into a mountain-life village with down home bluegrass music, handmade crafts, artisan demonstrators, storytelling, a pioneer village, mouth watering food and educational exhibits. Festival hours are: Fri. (May 7) 9 a.m.- 9p.m., Sat. (May 8) 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. (May 9) 10 a.m.-6 p.m. **Fantastic Friday special pricing**: $4 adults, $2 seniors and kids; **Sat. & Sun. pricing:** adults $8, seniors (55+) $4, kids 4-11 $2, Kids 3 & under free. Parking $6 For information: www.appalachianfestival.org.

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