

For the first time, the World Tap Dance Championships took place in the UNYP Arena in Prague. Around 1700 tap dancers from five continents showed off their skills from 8.00 am to around 10.00 pm. This made for very long days for the participants, the jury and the numerous Swiss fans in red and white.

Nine Swiss choreographies were shown in the children's category. Although they did not make it to the finals, they offered the children valuable opportunities to gain their first experience at a World Championships and to cheer on the older competitors.

The juniors' 25 choreographies were loudly encouraged even with bells. There was huge joy when **Bethan Yorke**, **Clémence Dubois** and **Vince Bürki** each made the difficult leap into the final with their solo. Bethan Yorke was overjoyed to celebrate the first podium place in the Junior 1 category with the silver medal. Congratulations to all the finalists!



Bethan Yorke, Vice World Champion Solo Juniors 1, Centre de Danse OR Nyon

There were 21 Swiss choreographies in the adult category and 7 great final places were achieved: two solo males, two duos, two trios and a small group, which is already an excellent result. On Saturday evening, it was first the turn of the two duos in a very strong field, where **Florence Dreier & Edwin Berchtold** took a very good 4th place and **Federica Barbieri & Fabio Guillelmon** 7th place.

The high-calibre men's solo final was eagerly awaited and the arena 'boiled' when it became clear that the medals would be split between two Swiss (!) and one Canadian. In the end, the result went in favour of 31-year-old Canadian Michael Glenney (already runner-up in 2017).

However, the Swiss fans were delighted with the first medal in this category since 2013 (Daniel Leveillé) and the fantastic double podium and warmly congratulated **Fabio Guillelmon** on his silver and vice world champion title and **Edwin Berchtold** on his bronze.



Fabio Guillelmon

The finals in Trio and Small Group took place on Sunday evening. The small group '**Devil in my veins**' from DanceStudio Borak (**Federica Barbieri, Edwin Berchtold, Morena Candido, Fabio Guillelmon, Noelia Pauletti, Isabel Reinecke, Chiara Sancassani**) finished in a fantastic 5th place. The trio '**la valse d'Amélie**' with **Edwin Berchtold, Noah Crockett and Fabio Guillelmon** successfully defended the vice world champion title that the Centre de Danse OR had won for Switzerland last year and won silver. The second trio '**To build a home**' with **Nubia Buchli, Mila Martic and Isabel Reinecke** achieved 4th place. Congratulations to all finalists!



Fabio Guillelmon, Edwin Berchtold, Noah Crockett, Vice World Champions / Silver Trio

The two Battle of the Feet were also held on Sunday, which somewhat overwhelmed the jury, especially in the men's competition. **Florence Dreier** was the winner in the women's

competition against Anastasia Pavlishina, while **Edwin Berchtold** had to give way to last year's world champion Igor Bezdieniezhykh.

The Swiss Adult 2 category can be proud of their results in the Small Group with a very good 4th, 5th and 6th place as well as in the Formations with a 4th and 5th place. Maybe next year it will be enough for a medal?

The Large Productions were awaited with great anticipation, with seven groups competing and putting in a great deal of effort. The additional training and performance opportunities at the SM had paid off, as the Swiss National Team (62 participants) won the Production World Cup for the seventh time in Switzerland with **'The Wizard of Oz'**. The professional costumes were also a feast for the eyes. Many thanks to Rebecca & Olivia Grobéty and Dani Borak for their great work and for transporting the sets/costumes. The colourful, cheerful award ceremony was a wonderful end to these World Championships.

With one gold, three silver and one bronze medal and a total of 11 final appearances, this World Championships is one of the most successful in recent years from a Swiss perspective. Below are all the Swiss results.



Results

Children

Solo female

- 11. Ronja Habegger
- 14. Tabea Giertz
- 18. Lily Boxford

Duo

- 14. Lily Boxford & Davia Natanassian
- 18. Braida Bühler & Flavia Hardmeier
- 20. Tabea Giertz & Mia Holliger

Trio

- 18. Sir Duke (Ronja Habegger, Braida Bühler, Flavia Hardmeier)

Small Group

- 22. Call the law (Lielle Bieri, Braida Bühler, Flavia Hardmeier, Ronja Habegger, Ida Giger, Julia Rohr, Emma Widmer)

Formation

- 13. Cats (DanceStudio Borak)

Juniors

Juniors 1 Solo Female

- 2. Bethan Yorke**
- 13. Nives Tamarut
- 14. Sophie Vogel

Juniors 2 Solo Female

- 6. Clémence Dubois**
- 16. Delia Jost
- 18. Nubia Buchli

Juniors 1 Solo Male

- 13. Andrin Hardmeier
- 15. Hubert Bohren

Juniors 2 Solo Male

- 6. Vince Bürki**
- 10 Oliver Schüpbach
- 13. Pius Schmid

Duo Juniors 1

- 8. Lynn Gänsicke & Bethan Yorke
- 17. Sophie Vogel & Sharleen Bieri
- 18. Elisa Delarue & Rosalie Maraite

Duo Juniors 2

- 13. Oliver Schüpbach & Vince Bürki
- 20. Hanna Müller & Irina Giertz
- 22. Rabea Feusi & Karina Verich

Trio Juniors

- 12. Faith (Sophie Vogel, Nives Tamarut, Sharleen Bieri)
- 18. Diamond Heist (Bethan Yorke, Mila Shir, Emilie Gagnebin)
- 21. No roots (Nora Bühler, Nora Diener, Céline Müller)

Small Group Juniors

- 16. Running (Pius Schmid, Oliver Schüpbach, Lydia Szabo, Ronja Saurer, Nil Sahin)
- 24. Come along (Delia Jost, Rabea Feusi, Hanna Müller, Nives Tamarut, Karina Verich, Irina Giertz, Luana Meneghello)

Formation Juniors

- 13. Seuss (Centre de Danse OR)
- 20. Nancy Mulligan (DanceStudio Borak)
- 21. Four elements (Tanzwerk)

Adults

Adults Solo Female

- 7. Federica Barbieri
- 8. Florence Dreier
- 18. Isabel Reinecke

Adults Solo Male

- 2. Fabio Guillelmon**
- 3. Edwin Berchtold**
- 10. Noah Crockett

Duo Adults

- 4. Florence Dreier & Edwin Berchtold**
- 7. Federica Barbieri & Fabio Guillelmon**
- 15. Nubia Buchli & Mila Martic

Trio Adults

- 2. La valse d'Amélie (Fabio Guillelmon, Edwin Berchtold, Noah Crockett)**
- 4. To build a home (Nubia Buchli, Mila Martic, Isabel Reinecke)**
- 11. Meet the mimes (Clémence Dubois, Elise Mélanjoie-dit-Savoie, Olivia Doeбели)

Small Group adults

- 5. Devil in my veins (Edwin Berchtold, Fabio Guillelmon, Federica Barbieri, Noelia Pauletti, Isabel Reinecke, Chiara Sancassani, Morena Candido)**
- 10. Drowning (Linda Stefanutti, Simona Gallacchi, Luria Hampe, Zoe Wehrmüller, Ronja Ott)

13. I did something bad (Audrey Scott, Noah Crockett, Marilia Cocenza-Urban, Olivia Doebeli, Clémence Dubois, Elise Mélanjoie-dit-Savoie, Vanessa Cotasson)
15. Sing sing (Margot Lladós, Pola Aleksandrowicz, Nicolas Renaud, Zoé Schulthess, Emily Thalmann, Chiara Tissot)
30. Illusion, Coma, Pimp & Circumstance (Yael Widmeier, Laura Vazquez, Anshali Sellan, Alina Mägerle, Noelia Bruzzese, Leonie Moser, Aline Spiess)

Formation Adults

8. Ain't about to stop

13. Barbie & Ken

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