

# **Anthony J Russo**

**Anthony landed his first professional gig at 15 in the 18+ Equity Ensemble of “*Anything Goes*”. (The Muny-St Louis, MO 1999) At 17, he was hired for the 6th National Tour of Dein Perry’s “*Tap Dogs*” and went on to perform all 6 roles in the show throughout North America, Europe, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Australia, and China. (2001-2015) Between tours with Tap Dogs, Russo has been involved in the creation and performance of Cirque Du Soleil’s “*Banana Shpeel*” in Chicago/NYC (2009-2010), Rasta Thomas’ “*Tap Stars*” in Hamburg, Germany (2011), and Noah Racey’s “*PULSE*” in Sarasota, FL (2012). Recently, Russo performed a tap duo act in the #1 show in Las Vegas, “*Absinthe*” (Dec 2016). In January 2017, he performed alongside his brother in a guitar/tap dance duo act, “*The Russo Brothers*” at The Palm Cabaret - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.**

**In 2005, Anthony produced his first tap intensive, “*TAPademics*”, and continues to host the workshop at his family’s dance studio in St Charles, MO. Anthony is Co-founder and Director of the touring in-house tap workshop, “*Tap The Map*” (2007-present).**

**His teaching/judging experience also includes JUMP, NUVO, DMA, DEA, among many others(2001-Present). Most recently, he was the tap teacher for 24 Seven Dance Convention (2012-2017).**

**In 2013, Russo was awarded Outstanding Young Missourian by The Missouri Jr Chamber Of Commerce for his contributions to dance education nationwide. His touring company, “*Tap The Map*”, received acknowledgment from The Missouri House Of Representatives for facilitating over \$75,000 in scholarships to students around the US and Canada.**

**Anthony is currently based in Las Vegas, NV.**