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### Dancer taps into CSA

Hulin teaching students while visiting area for a week

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An international tap dancer is in town this week, teaching new moves to kids at Community School of the Arts.

French artist Pascal Hulin traveled from Germany to Marion on Friday and will be staying here 10 days. Hulin travels all around the world and teaches various levels of tap dance.

CSA Executive Director Mark Fauser said it's nice to have someone of Hulin's expertise and culture come and teach the children. He said a member of his staff found Hulin on the Internet, and they asked him to come and teach.

"I was thrilled," Fauser said. "He's a very gracious, humble man, but is extremely confident and good at what he does."

Hulin is choreographing three numbers for the kids' end-of-the-year dance show in June.

Tristan Miller, 12, said Hulin is a good teacher.

"He likes to have fun, but he gets the job done," he said.

Tristan said the dances Hulin is teaching them are a different style than what they're used to and is challenging.

Leah Breedlove, 15, agreed that she's learning a lot of complicated steps from Hulin. She's being exposed to dance moves she's never seen or experienced before.

"I love being challenged as a tap dancer because it always makes me better," Leah said.

The kids have already learned two dances in a couple of days, she said, and the dances are fast.

"I'm enjoying the challenge," Leah said.

Sarah Moore, 12, said Hulin is a good teacher and has taught the kids a lot of new dance moves.

"I think of him as a tap role model that people should look up to because he's so good at it," Sarah said. "Just watching him is awesome."

Hulin said the kids are catching on quickly.

"They are doing well," he said. "They are passionate."

He said he hopes to bring the students to the next level in tap and hopefully make tap dancing more popular in Marion.

As far as the city, Hulin said he is enjoying the small-town, family atmosphere here. He has been to the United States 13 times to teach workshops, and he's also been to more than 30 other countries. He's thinking about moving to the U.S.,



French tap dancer Pascal Hulin, right, teaches students a dance routine Saturday morning at Community School of the Arts. ELAINE MOORE / [emoore@chronicle-tribune.com](mailto:emoore@chronicle-tribune.com).

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"I will be back as long as they like me," he said.



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