
CARNAVAL IN CALGARY 2004

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SHAKE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY WITH THE 1st BRAZILIAN CARNAVAL IN CALGARY

The Brazilian Association is proud to invite everyone in Calgary and area to our first "Mardi Gras" party called "Carnaval in Calgary 2004". Our party is taking place before Ash Wednesday at the same time that the 4 day "Carnaval" happens in Brazil, the difference being that we have only one night to celebrate. Come, shake the winter blues away, and celebrate Carnaval with us!

Live Brazilian Music

Carnaval in Calgary 2004 presents live Brazilian music with "Banda D'Aldeia from Toronto, with support from "Magic Tours". Banda D'Aldeia will perform a variety of music rhythms representing the way carnaval is celebrated in the different regions of Brazil.

Carnaval Costume Contest

If you come in a costume you can participate in a contest to win a prize! However, costumes are optional. Prizes include gift certificates from Conga Room, Fiore Cantina, Mimo's Restaurant, La Dolce Vitta, dance lessons at the Alberta Dancesport, and much more.

Brazilian Martial Arts & Folk Dance Entertainment

Be entertained with authentic expressions of Brazilian culture by ; "Capoeira", Brazilian martial arts, and Maculêlê, a Brazilian folk dance specially presented by "Aché Brasil Calgary".

Brazilian Drinks and Treats

Taste the best of Brazilian drinks available in Canada - BAVARIA Beer & Cachaca Ice Cooler. Brazilian treats, specially prepared by members of the Brazilian Community, will also be available.

Carnaval in Brazil

Along with soccer, Carnaval is the biggest expression of popular culture in Brazil. Carnaval happens every year for a period of 4 days before Ash Wednesday. It is a mixture of parties, shows, and theatrical expression, involving arts and folklore. In its original form, it is basically a party that takes place on the streets. Today, however, in most Brazilian cities, it happens in community halls and clubs as well.

Brazilian Carnaval is slightly different throughout the various parts of the country. For instance, in northeast of Brazil, such as in Salvador, Bahia, it is a street celebration that goes all day long with many "trio eletricos", which are big trucks driving around the neighbourhoods

with a carnaval band playing "ache" style of music to entertain the huge crowd of people following the truck dancing and singing. In the state of Pernambuco, there are traditional parades with themes and songs that people have sung for many generations. "Frevo" is a very popular style of music with its fast paced and energetic dancing steps.

In Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, carnaval is also an elaborate competition between groups consisting of many hundreds of members, who spend all year planning and rehearsing for each carnaval. The groups select a theme and prepare a street parade with detailed choreography and costumes for its members. They are judged on various aspects of their parade presentation "desfile", including the harmony among the participants and the music played by each groups' own drummer musicians. Costumes are an important part of the traditional Brazilian Carnaval. Some people may opt to participate in costumes either individually, or as a "bloco", which is a group of people dressed in the same costume. Party organizers promote costume contests with prizes for the best costumes in different categories, such as a group, couple or individual, women, men and so on.

BCAAB PRESENTS

LIVE BRAZILIAN MUSIC

Banda D'Aldeia

From Toronto

D'ALDEIA brings to you a heavy source of rhythm through the sounds of samba drums, surdos, combined with Brazilian folkloric melody. Join D'ALDEIA as they journey through beat and dance in energized Brazilian style!

**Tickets \$15 advanced
\$20 @ the door**

Tickets 614-7003, also at:

Alberta Dancesport - 217-0000 (Goretti)
Capoeira Aché Brasil - 714-8612 (Stan)
Conga Room - 262-7248 (Orlando)
Carlson Wagon Northlan 289-4413 (Isabela)
Fiore Cantina - Great Italian - 244-6603
Megatunes (cc accepted) 932 17 Ave. SW -
229-3022

Capoeira & Maculêlê Show

Capoeira Aché Brasil Calgary
Under Mestre Eclilson de Jesus

Capoeira began evolving from African slave, indigenous and Portuguese influences in Brazil around 400 years ago, through to the last century to become two styles today Angola and Regional. Capoeira is now practiced as a sport around the world and is one of the few sports where one must work cardio, core stability and flexibility together.

Capoeira is played one-on-one as a game in a circle of other players, to music and songs that speaks of life, love and former figures in capoeira history. It is the music and songs that feed the energy into the roda and encourages one to play harder, faster, and maybe outplay the other through quick movements or trickery.

Maculêlê: Originally created in the sugar cane fields by the slaves. While they were cutting the cane, this dance utilizes sticks and machetes. Hailing from the interior of Pernambuco and Bahia state, maculêlê imitates the movements of cutting cane.

Capoeira Aché Brasil Calgary practices under the direction of Mestre Eclilson de Jesus, of the famed performance group Ache Brasil (www.achebrasil.com). This group of students in Calgary has been in existence for nearly five years now, and is comprised of members who have been training between three months and five years.

Currently, they are training directly with Instructor Sapo, (Pernambuco, Brazil). Sapo has more than ten years of experience and is happy to share his knowledge with all of the students of Ache Brasil.

For further information, see
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Saturday, February 21st - Doors at 8PM Chinese Cultural Centre
