

Roots of Rhythm



Brazil

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Special Guests:

Ballet Folclórico do Brasil

Samba - a lively, rhythmical couple dance, which was imported from certain circle dances that originated from Angola and the Congo.

Maculele - (Pronounced: mah-koo-leh-LEH) is an Afro Brazilian dance where a number of people gather in a circle called a roda with one or more atabaques positioned at the entrance of the circle. Each person strikes with a pair of long sticks, traditionally made from biriba wood from Brazil.

Capoeira - An African-Brazilian martial art and dance. Capoeira was created and developed by both the native slave Indians in Brazil and slaves brought from Africa. From the 16th to the 19th centuries, slaves were brought from Africa by the Portuguese explorers to work on the Brazilian's sugar cane plantations. The main ethnic group of slaves brought to Brasil were the "bantos" - from Angola, Gulf of Guinea and Congo; "sudanese" - from the Gulf of Guinea and Sudan; and "maleses" - from Angola and Costa da Mina.

Special thanks to Mestre Amen and all the dancers from Ballet Folklórico do Brasil.

Names of Dancers

1. Kaylani Lee
2. Cedrick Carr
3. Malika Samuels
4. Da'shwana Rowe
5. Justin Stamps
6. Miguel Moran
7. Hector Juarez
8. Ivana Ogaldez
9. Anthony Cifuentes
10. Gustavo Mora
11. Edgar Vera
12. Jennifer Quinonez
13. Kathy Portillo
14. Jonathan Jimenez
15. Oscar Varela

Names of Speakers

1. Brenda Zamudio
2. Esmeralda Reveles
3. Mohammed Villatoro

Thank you for coming...I hope you enjoyed the show!