

VamoLá

Brazilian Drum & Dance Ensemble

Through lively processions, parades, and stage performances, **VamoLá** brings to life the celebratory spirit of Brazilian carnival! While the emphasis is on *samba*—“the essence of the Brazilian musical soul”—**VamoLá** offers a rich array of other Brazilian music and dance styles as well, from the radical, hip-hop rhythms of *samba-reggae* to the elegant, powerful rhythms of *maracatu*. This exuberant drum and dance ensemble envelops the audience in driving rhythms, inviting the audience to join in and delighting viewers of all ages.

The drummers play the instruments found in a Brazilian *bateria* (percussion band), from the deep heartbeat of the big *surdo* drums to the sharp riffs of the *tamborims*, and from the *agogô*s (bells), *chocalhos*, and *caixas* to the strong solos riffs of the lead drum (*repinique*). You'll also hear the playful *cuica*, famous for its distinctive, birdlike calls in samba.

Wearing colorful costumes—from glittery Rio-style *fantasias* to earthy Afro-Brazilian styles—the dancers perform *samba* and other high-energy choreography, interacting with the drummers and the audience.

Since 2001, **VamoLá** has performed at major festivals, events, and venues, including: *Symphony Thunder at Benaroya Hall; Mardi Gras at Columbia Tower Club; Bumbershoot; World Rhythm Festival; BrasilFest; Brazilian Carnival; NW Folklife Festival; Ethnic Fest; Out to Lunch Concert Series; First Night New Year's Gala; Hispanic Seafair; Rainbow Festival; Festival Sundiata; Solstice Parade; Trolloleen; Pride Parade and Festival; Winter Solstice Feast; Fiestas Patrias; Cinco de Mayo Seattle; Dia de los Muertos; Grande Fiesta Latina de Halloween; Central District Festival; Fremont Fair; and University District Street Fair.*

VamoLá also performs at corporate events, including lunch events and seasonal parties for Microsoft Corporation, Vulcan, and PemCo; at private clubs, such as Re-bar and Rock Salt; at black-tie fundraisers for museums; and at benefit auctions for Artist Trust, Lifelong AIDS Alliance, and First Place School. **VamoLá** also presents interactive performances and workshops with local and visiting Brazilian artists.

If you're organizing a festival, parade, stage performance, evening or weekend school show, or even a birthday party, please contact us. We'll help you create an unforgettable experience!

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