

Samba do Coração

Brazilian Dance and Percussion Extravaganza

Samba do Coração, (Samba from the Heart) is a samba school (escola de samba) as well as a performing company, offering classes to adults and children year round. The group, directed by Mary Dollar and Fernando de Sanjines, is inspired by the many rhythms and dances from Brazil, and dedicated to the growth of Brazilian culture in the San Francisco Bay Area. As their name implies, the group's specialty is samba, but their repertoire is rich and varied. From the sensuous samba rhythms of Rio de Janeiro to the earthy afro-Brazilian beats of Bahia, be prepared to experience the spirit and excitement of Carnaval with Samba do Coração!

Samba do Coração offers a brilliantly costumed quality *Brazilian Extravaganza* show or parade for any occasion. The group has performed in parades, festivals, cultural events, parties, weddings, conventions, community events, fundraisers, and clubs. Since 1993 Samba do Coração has appeared in every San Francisco Carnaval parade, and has been honored with top awards, including overall visuals, dance, music, theme song, and costumes.