

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Drummer for a Day with Batala

Company: Cumbe Dance

Venue: Restoration Plaza

Location: Brooklyn, NY

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Batalá New York, the premiere all-women percussion group, will demonstrate an array of Afro-Brazilian music styles and teach about its global influence. Attendees will then have a chance to learn foundational rhythms, explore musical techniques and learn to play Samba Reggae. The workshop will culminate with students playing an original Batalá song alongside members of the ensemble. This workshop is best for beginner and intermediate students, and is especially suited for dancers who are curious about drumming. Everyone is welcome and women are especially encouraged to attend.

Batalá New York is an all-female percussion ensemble that specializes in Afro-Brazilian music, primarily Samba Reggae — a genre originating in the state of Bahia in northeast Brazil. As its name suggests, Samba Reggae is world music that incorporates Brazilian Samba and Caribbean Reggae. Like Samba Afro and Axe, Samba Reggae incorporates African rhythms preserved and honored through Afro-Brazilian religions such as Candomblé. All three genres have influenced Batalá's repertoire. During Carnival every year, Samba Reggae is performed in the streets of Salvador, the capital of Bahia, by musical blocos with percussion sections with hundreds of drummers. In homage to that tradition, Batalá New York's performances are percussive, energetic and highly dynamic with colorful costumes and lively choreography. Learn more at www.batalanewyork.love.

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