



Afro-Brazilian Percussion and Dance Ensemble

Welcome to Batucaxé!

The goal of our ensemble is to learn, explore and perform rhythms and dance inspired by the traditional and contemporary music of Brazil. We offer a joyful opportunity to be part of the music, regardless of your level of expertise. Through your participation and commitment, we hope that Batucaxé will bring you a sense of joy and pride, as a member of a diverse organization whose purpose it is to grow, celebrate and inspire.

Learn Percussion and Dance.

Afro-Brazilian percussion ensembles are our primary inspiration. Our repertoire includes contemporary styles such as samba and samba-reggae, as well as the traditional, folkloric styles from which modern styles developed. We explore music and flavors from other traditions as well, to develop our unique sound, and to create music and performances pertinent to our own community.

Players and dancers of all levels of ability and commitment are welcome. Individual lessons are available to help new members achieve basic proficiency. The Batucaxé Community Group offers the opportunity to learn skills and repertoire and to perform several times throughout the year, including our annual Carnival celebration. The Batucaxé Performance Group consists of experienced members from the Community Group who are able to commit to a rigorous schedule of rehearsals and performances.

Be Part of a Great Community.

Batucaxé is a remarkable community of musicians, dancers, administrators, supporters and fans committed to being a positive, contributing force in our city and world. As a member of Batucaxé you can:

- Join forces with other local organizations for festivals and events
- Participate in “guerilla sambas,” appearing in unexpected places for unplanned performances
- Participate in Outreach programs for schools and youth groups
- Be part of Tucson’s annual Carnival parade & celebration, uniting groups from around the area
- Learn about the culture and arts of Brazil at Culture Night presentations
- Participate in Helping Hands events to assist fellow members with projects, moves, etc.
- Join committees to plan the organization's development and implement its projects
- Volunteer to drive the vans, tune the drums, set up/tear down the stages, write the grants or perform other roles critical to our success.

Commitment and Involvement

Our goals drive us to be a fun ensemble, and an excellent one as well. To achieve both requires a commitment from our members to attend rehearsals and to practice, to increase their skills as players and listeners. We encourage our members to become acquainted with, and learn to love, the music, their instruments, and the members of their sections. High levels of commitment and involvement are the key to enjoyment and satisfaction, and there are many opportunities for both in the group.

Our commitment to you in return is to use every method available to assist you in developing your skills and your appreciation of the music and dance. We do our best to make the learning process enjoyable and stress-free. We encourage you to let us know what we can do to help you build your skills or express your creative spirit in the ensemble.

Benefits of Membership

Batucaxé is a non-profit, 501(c)3 corporation. Membership in the organization is tuition-based, with fees being used to cover our program costs and operating expenses. Members enjoy the following benefits:



- Weekly group rehearsals and regular sectional rehearsals
- Opportunities to perform throughout the year
- Use of instruments
- Instructional reference materials (lyrics, CDs, music charts etc.)
- Access to our resource library of CDs, DVDs, books and other educational materials
- Culture Night presentations
- Band t-shirt
- Significant discounts on the purchase of your own instruments.

Tuition Structure

Tuition is based on a one-year commitment and can be paid in any of the following ways:

- \$40.00 per month
- \$120.00 per quarter
- \$240.00 every 6 months
- All at once at \$430 (10% discount)
- 10% family discount where two or more people are family members.



Rehearsals

The Community Drum group meets Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Community Dance group meets Sunday 5:00-7:30 pm and Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Each section also holds regular rehearsals to focus on their particular parts.

All groups meet at Rhythm Industry Factory, 1013 S. Tyndall, (near 22nd and Park).

Batucaxé is carrying on a tradition of building community through drumming and dancing. We invite you to be a part of this amazing experience, to participate in the passion, joy, self-expression and freedom.

Please contact Mike Millard, (520) 325.4675, or email us at membership@batucaxe.org for more information. Visit www.batucaxe.org for more information about the organization.

Thank you for your interest in Batucaxé ~ we hope you will join us!