

## Afoxé Loni - Afro Brazilian Drums Voice Dance

Afoxé Loni® is considered to be one of the **most beautiful and musically sophisticated Blocos outside Brasil**. In 1997 dancer and choreographer **Murah Soares** initiated the project together with **Krista Zeißig** (percussion & conception), with **Dudu Tucci** taking over the musical direction one year later.

Afoxé Loni follows the **afro brazilian tradition of Bahia**, where Afoxé processions are closely tied to the carnival.

At the **Carnival of World Cultures in Berlin**, Afoxé Loni traditionally forms the head of the parade, with 120 – 200 drummers and dancers from Berlin, Germany and other European countries. The **core group is based in Berlin** and has established a professional performing ensemble of 20 artists that has been invited to **represent the afro-brazilian culture** at more than one auspicious occasions, for example at the “Critics Awards” ceremony at the Berlin “Schauspielhaus”, at the Expo 2000 (World’s Fair) or the opening of the Olympia Stadium in Berlin 2004. International invitations include Streets Ahead in Manchester, Rhythm Sticks (London), International Folk Festival Førde (Norway) and Fête de la Musique (Milan).

Afoxé Loni offers various stage performances and the street show. These performances can also be combined.

Afoxé Loni performs plugged and unplugged.

The size of the group can be adapted according to the circumstances of the event.

### Performances

#### Stage Show Drums Voice and Dance, 10-15 artists

The traditional afro-brazilian show lays its emphasis on the musical culture of Bahia and the Northeast of Brazil. Music and dance are full of poetry and drama. Drummers and dancers in their garments of white and yellow form a traditional union and spread beauty, dignity and the joy of life. A short presentation of orixás, the stick dance “Makulele” and the Maracatú from Pernambuco complete the performance.

#### Afro-brazilian rhythms - dances of the gods

4 drummers. 1 singer and up to 9 dancers

This unique show is a stage adaptation of the traditional dances and rhythms of ritual background, undoubtedly one of the most fascinating aspects of afro-brazilian culture. Each deity has its own characteristic rhythms, dances, costumes and symbols, which invoke a mystical pantheon of African origin.

#### Street Show, unplugged, Percussion and Dance, size flexible.

Just like in “Carnival of the Cultures of the World” in Berlin, Afoxé Loni fascinates and animates its audience at street festivals or in parades. 20-30 dancers and drummers are enough for an impressive spectacle which is perfect for a combination of stage and street show.

#### Edutainment, holistic introduction to afro brazilian culture

around the performances the group offers: introduction speech from ethnological side of view, talk on Brazilian music, singing, brazilian kitchen, film, stand with books/Cds.

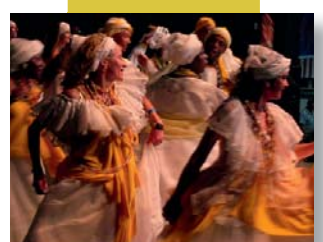
#### Workshops

short workshops percussion / dance or 2-days trainings that enable participants to perform a parade together with the artists of Afoxé Loni

#### Combination with Brasil Power Drums

Get your individual festival package - the same artists in the name of “Brasil Power Drums” offer performances of samba and modern brazilian beats.

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## References

- 1997-2009 Carnival of the Cultures of the World, Berlin
- 2009 Festival Gnaoua et Musiques du Monde d'Essaouira (Morocco)  
Zagreb Summer Evenings (Croatia)
- 2008 Kultfest Rovinj (Croatia)  
Festival Hudba z podzámčí 2008, Lednice (CZ)
- 2007 Feria de San Marcos Aguascalientes (Mexico), Citadel Spandau (Berlin)  
Letni Filmova Skola Festival Uherske Hradiste (CZ), Maschsee-Festival,  
Hannover (D), Trutnov Festival (CZ), Culture Brazil Events Alnwick (UK),
- 2006 Samba Syndrom (Berlin), Sabor de Samba International (Offenburg).  
International Folk Festival Fårde (Norway)
- 2005 Masala Weltbeat-Festival (Hannover), Carnaval BerlímBrasil,  
Carnaval do Brasil (Berlin), Familienfest Neukölln (Berlin)
- 2004 Opening Olympia Stadium Berlin
- 2003 Rhythm Sticks Festival (London), Festa Latina Chemnitz
- 2002 Afoxé Loni (GB), Ocean Race (Kiel)
- 2001 Fête de la Musique (Mailand), Joy Parade (Dublin)  
Streets Ahead Festival (Manchester)
- 2000 10 Years German Reunion, Reichstag Berlin; Expo Hannover,  
Streets Ahead Festival (Manchester)
- 1999 Encontro Festival, House of World Cultures (Berlin)  
Schauspielhaus Berlin Critics Award (Berlin)
- 1997 Samba Festival Drogheda (Ireland)

