

RAINHAS DO NORTE ,Queens of the North'

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drums and voices

Rainhas do Norte (Queens of the North) is a band of drums and voices, which is composed of 9 women from Brazil and Germany. The enthusiasm for the connection between the rich musical culture from northeastern Brazil and the influences of the street-beats from Berlin and Europe is what unites these women.

This is what they are going to present it to its audience: the mixed music that they live and love. The traditional heavy maracatu-bass-drums, used in the maracatu-de-baque-virado-style at Recife's carnival, constitute the instrumental base of this band. They mix maracatu, coco, baião and afoxé (traditional Afro-Brazilian beats) with funk, drum'n'bass and hip-hop. Tradition and modernity today.

The band was founded in 2002 in Berlin by the percussionist Neide Alves, from Recife/Pernambuco (Brazil). As the band's musical director, she uses the experience, knowledge and skills she acquired playing in many significant bands in her homeland, including the band Sagrama and the legendary carnival group Maracatu Nação Estrela Brillhante.

In their concerts, the Rainhas do Norte express their pleasure of playing together and inspire the audience to dance to their music. The songs vary in character, sound and instrumentation. The musicians frequently take turns with voices and instruments. They play alfaias (bass-drums), caixas (snare-drums), gonguê (great cowbell), xequerê (rassel), timbal (hand-drum), ganzá (shaker), etc.

Rainhas do Norte – the band

Christine Nussbaum- Alfaia Bassdrum, Xequerê Rassel
Emilia Mello- Snare, Alfaia Bassdrum, Glocke
Franci Oliveira- Gesang, Alfaia Bassdrum
Grace Kelly- Alfaia Bassdrum, Shaker
Karin Zey- Gesang, Alfaia Bassdrum, Timba
Marie Leão- Gesang, Snare Shaker, Triangel
Renate da Ribeira- Gesang, Cowbell

References

They have played already in many different places and occasions, as at the Berliner Carnival of the Cultures, at the Muvuca Afro-Brazilian Culture Collective, at the famous club Pfefferberg (Berlin), at the legendary cultural-center Tacheles (Berlin), Oxident (Berlin) at many events at the gorgeous Potsdamer Platz (Berlin), Ministry of International Developments, as well as at the internationally recognized Rudolstadt World Music Festival (Thüringen/Germany) and in Poland & Finland.

Now they want to go abroad, inspire other people in the world and get inspired through other cultures. Music is a melting pot.

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