

Two Parties and Baby do Brasil to Celebrate Brazil Day in Los Angeles

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Heartened by the success of the first Brazilian Day in L.A. 2005 the Consulate General of Brazil in Los Angeles decided to do it all again this year, bringing Angelenos and Brazilians together.

The party will happen at the La Brea Tar Pits in Hancock Park, Los Angeles, on September 30, from 12 noon to 6 pm. This one-day extravaganza will offer continuous music, dance, and performances representing a broad repertoire of traditional and contemporary Brazilian expressions as well as traditional folkloric performers.

The culture experience of Brazil to be offered will include capoeira (a Brazilian dance mixed with martial art) demonstrations, a kids corner, an art exhibit, dance, and music, lots of music!

Among the attractions: Kátia Moraes & Pure Samba - Leo Costa (drums), Antonio Sant'Anna (bass), Mitchell Long (guitar) - will perform classic sambas, bossa nova, frevo, and other rhythms of Brazilian Popular Music.

Brasilidade, formed by Carlinhos Pandeiro de Ouro (pandeiro - tambourine), Salvador (percussion - surdo drum), Erock (vocals, cavaquinho and banjo) and Vinicius (guitar and cavaquinho) promises to shake the auditorium with the best of percussion, evoking the contagious sounds of samba and pagode.

Plus a unique Carnaval tradition, the Maracatu Nação Casa Real Cazadero, formed by Beto Guimarães, a choreographer from Olinda, Pernambuco and Derek Wright, director of Bateria Lucha (an Oakland-based Brazilian percussion ensemble), dancing to an extremely funky and joyous rhythm that has been used for hundreds of years during Carnaval in the northeastern Brazilian State of Pernambuco to mock the colonial royal court, to honor the Orixás, and to celebrate emancipation.

DJ Sergio Mielniczenko will keep the crowd involved in a positive vibe with the best of Brazilian music, from classic bossa nova to the newest beats of world music. Banda Balaio, formed by Flávio (vocal), Reildo (keyboards), Thiago (guitar) Leandro (drums) and Nelson (bass) will perform Brazilian Rock n' Roll and Pop music.

Children of all ages will have the opportunity to learn while they play at the "Kids Corner", featuring soccer and Capoeira workshops, face-painting, folklore story telling, drawing of prizes, pop corn and cotton candy.

Rose Lobo, Carmen Gusmão, Jorge Vismara, Marcia Brito, Milenna Saraiva and Sandra Zebi, six great Brazilian artists currently working and living in Los Angeles will showcase an exhibition of photography, painting and sculptures.

Vendors will feature the best of Brazilian Cuisine, exotic drinks, clothing, accessories, arts & crafts, and more! Participants are allowed and encouraged to picnic, bring cameras, umbrellas, and blankets. Two roundtrip tickets to Brazil will be given away, a courtesy of AeroMexico Airlines.

Where: At the La Brea Tar Pits in Hancock Park, located at 5801 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, California, 90211.

When: September 30, between 12 pm and 6 pm.

Free Admission

Galaxy's Brazil Night

On Sunday, September 10, beginning at 2 pm, the Los Angeles Galaxy will be presenting its own Brazilian celebration they are calling Brazil Night. The party will happen before the Galaxy's match against the Houston Dynamo at 5 pm in the Home Depot Center.

In honor of Brazilian Independence, which is September 7, the Galaxy will be celebrating Brazil's rich history and tradition with music, dancers and Jujitsu.

"The Brazilian culture has long been synonymous with the game of soccer," said L.A. Galaxy President and General Manager Alexi Lalas.

"The rhythm, the music, the passion, the color and the joy that the Brazilian community exhibits for the game and their heritage is something that we can all celebrate."

Brazil Night festivities include a Brazilian themed vendor village, Oya Brazil Samba Show dancers, Jujitsu and Capoeira demonstrations, and will feature live concert performances by Baby do Brasil (formally known as Baby Consuelo) and Sonia Santos and Ana Gazzola with their band Brasil-Brazil Show.

Baby do Brasil, the perpetual muse of the "Novos Baianos", adopted the stage name Baby Consuelo in 1966. She created her own irreverent and innovating style. Baby is considered today as one of the best singers from Brazil and was called the "Latin Janis Joplin" by the daily Los Angeles Times.

Famous songs of her repertoire such as "Menino do Rio", composed especially for her by Caetano Veloso and "Todo Dia Era Dia de Índio" (Jorge Benjor) belongs to the classics of MPB. She recorded regularly until 1986. In the 90s, she changed her name to Baby do Brasil (Baby from Brazil).

Brasil-Brazil Show, a Los Angeles band, will also perform and are known for an invigorating, magical experience comprised of internationally renowned performers, featuring Ana Gazzola and Sonia Santos.

Fans can expect the fervor, enthusiasm and excitement of popular Brazilian music with a variety of styles, rhythms and faces of this colorful and tropical culture. The band is outfitted in bright yellow and green costumes and the production has the joyful feel of Carnaval.

Tickets can be ordered by phone at 1-877-3GALAXY.

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