

CORDAO DE OURO DERBY

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I am an instructor in the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira and teacher of Brazilian percussion. The two are strongly linked through music and dance.

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Capoeira is renowned for its playfulness, non-contact nature and acrobatic elements. I have adapted this to a wide range of situations for example *parent-child groups and people with additional learning needs and physical impairments*. Capoeira can be practised by ALL age groups. My workshops are a mix of movement, song and dance and can be tailored to any requirement.



Events in Brasil



Workshops at festivals in the UK



Professional Performances

Workshop clients include, *Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University, ABC Dance School, Derbyshire Dance Network, Erewash Borough Council and numerous schools throughout the East Midlands.*

2001 – Began capoeira with Contra-Mestre Papa Leguas who is now based in Patos de Minas, Brazil. Our group is called Cordao De Ouro (Belt of Gold) and is one of the largest schools of Capoeira in the world. Some highlights include;

2003 – Began assisting at workshops and beginners sessions in Nottingham and the local area
2005-2006 – Developed and ran a weekly children's workshop group alongside another teacher
2008 – Attended Capoeira, Fortaleza, Brazil
2012 – Assisted at numerous events and workshops in Brasil
2013/2014 – Attended Capoeirando event in Bahia, Brasil

2011- present. I run the Derby Cordao de Ouro Group. There are weekly adult and child sessions. We perform demonstrations and run workshops throughout the local area.

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Brazilian percussion is some of the most diverse on the planet drawing on hundreds of years of African heritage and worldwide influence. Its exuberance during the carnival season has spread throughout the world and workshops bring a range of people together for a common purpose. My workshops *are inclusive of all levels of experience and ability* and can also include movement and songs.



Family drumming projects

*5+ years leading
The Nottingham School of Samba*

Workshop clients include *Nottingham Trent University, Specsavers, Surestart Children's Services, Derbyshire County Council and numerous schools and colleges in the East Midlands*

DRUMMING

2001 – Joined Nottingham School of Samba. Over the following years I have performed and work-shopped throughout the UK. Some highlights include;

2011-2012 – Workshops and performance with Nova Guarda, a group based in Birmingham that performs the music of Monobloco, a well-respected Rio de Janeiro based percussion group.

2013 – Played with Nacau Cameleao Maracatu in Olinda Carnaval, Brasil

2012 – Workshop with Mestre Nils of GRES Portela samba school, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

2012 – Drummed with GRES Cubango samba school, Niteroi, Brasil

2014 – Drumming course in Salvador, Brasil with Dudu Tucci

2009-2010 – Completed the One Voice Music Roots of Brazil Afro-Brazilian percussion course. This in-depth course explored the many different folkloric and carnival styles of percussion found in Brazil.

REFERENCES:

The Nottingham School of Samba: Jonathan Smith (Chair), tel: 07840-274409

Nottingham University: Becci Hubbard, tel: 0115-848 4827

ABC Dance School: Tatiana Woolley, tel: 07906-851509

Please contact me for other references if needed

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Professional Development

2007-2012 – Director and lead Mestre of Nottingham School of Samba. I headed up the 30 strong community group, organising performances and workshops and inviting guest teachers. The role also included instrument maintenance and financial responsibilities. I was lead mestre composing and adapting percussion arrangements. I passed on leadership of the group in order to take a 5 month trip to Brazil. The group continues strongly and I return on a regular basis to pass on new material and offer guidance.

2007- present – I run one-to-one instrument tuition and one-off or short-course percussion and capoeira workshops. These have been everything from hen-nights and corporate team-building sessions to youth residence courses. Clients include Specsavers, Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University, Derbyshire County Council, Surestart Children services, PAYP youth offending services and dance schools.

To support both these activities I have travelled and trained throughout the UK, Europe and Brasil. I am proficient on, and teach, a very wide-range of Brazilian percussion instruments.

Other supporting experience and qualifications;

DBS Certification(Nottingham School of Samba/Amateur Martial Arts Association)
Public Liability Insurance
Emergency First Aid
Full Clean Driving License

Additional work

Sessional Tutor (January 2012 – August 2012); *Nottingham Trent International College*
Lecture and workshop teaching of international students in computer programming and software design.

Module Tutor /Leader (September 2003 – May 2011); *Nottingham Trent University*
Lecture and workshop teaching of students in the Education department. I designed and taught modules in software design, Information Technology and Project Planning programming.

QUALIFICATIONS

PGCHE	Oct 2007	The Nottingham Trent University
PhD Mechatronics	Feb 2005	The Nottingham Trent University
BEng Electronics & Computing 2:1	June 1999	The Nottingham Trent University