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- WHAT:** BALÉ FOLCLÓRICO DA BAHIA
WHEN: Thursday, January 27th at 7:30 PM
WHERE: Fine Arts Center Concert Hall
University of Massachusetts Amherst
TICKETS: Call 800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to <http://www.umasstix.com/>
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“Exuberant, indefatigable and virtuosic” – The New York Times
“These dancers move to the heartbeat of a nation” – San Francisco Chronicle

(@ THE FAC PRESENTS EXPLOSIVE FOLKLORIC DANCE COMPANY FROM BRAZIL)

The UMass Fine Arts Center is presenting a one-night-only performance by one of the most unique and exciting folk dance companies in the world, **BALÉ FOLCLÓRICO DA BAHIA**, on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:30PM in the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall. In a spectacular display of color, movement, and music, this 38-member Brazilian troupe of dancers, musicians, and singers performs a thrilling program of Bahian folkloric dances of African origin, including slave dances, capoeira, samba, and Carnival celebrations.

There will be a free Capoeira demonstration and workshop on Sunday, January 23rd from 2-3:30PM in the Fine Arts Center lobby. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of self-defense, music, dance and acrobatics. Local Omulu Guanabara Capoeira will offer a demonstration followed by instructor Marola and his group offering an introductory workshop. Participants in the workshop must be aged 12 or over.

Balé Folclórico da Bahia is the premier ambassador of Brazilian folkloric culture, and channels more than 500 years of rich Portuguese, indigenous, and African history into each moment of dance, song, and celebration on stage. As the only professional

folkloric dance company in Brazil, Balé Folclórico da Bahia has garnered extraordinary critical acclaim. This year they are launching extensive tours in Africa and Asia and make a long-anticipated return to the United States, celebrating 22 years of explosive music and dance.

Balé Folclórico da Bahia, was founded in 1988 by Walson Botelho and Ninho Reis and has achieved considerable success in its short history. Under the artistic direction of José Carlos Arandiba, the company's many national and international tours have earned a prestigious reputation throughout the country and abroad, garnering phenomenal critical and public acclaim.

Over the last two decades the troupe has traveled across the globe, becoming increasingly celebrated as one of the world's finest folkloric dance companies. Balé Folclórico da Bahia has performed at the most important theaters in the United States and Canada and throughout the world.

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CALENDAR LISTING

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BALÉ FOLCLÓRICO DA BAHIA

"This Brazilian show is a breather!" – *Boston Herald*

In a spectacular display of color, movement, and music, the 38-member Brazilian troupe of dancers, musicians, and singers performs slave dances, capoeira, samba, and carnival dances of African origins. Fasten your seat belts and get set for one of the most explosive and exuberant music and dance shows you will ever experience.

January 27, 2011 at 7:30PM

Fine Arts Center Concert Hall

Tickets: \$30, \$25, \$15; Five College/GCC/STCC students and youth 17 and under: \$10. Call 545-2511, toll-free at 800-999-UMAS or purchase online at fineartscenter.com.

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FREE CAPOEIRA DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of self-defense, music, dance and acrobatics. Join the Fine Arts Center and local Omulu Guanabara Capoeira for a demonstration and then enjoy an introductory workshop with Instructor Marola and his group. Demonstration free and open to the public. You must be aged 12 or over to participate in the workshop. Sunday, January 23, 2PM - 3:30PM, FAC Lobby

Free