

Felipe Fraga

Summary of Qualifications

Over 20 years of Brazilian percussion experience

Expertise in Brazilian percussion including pandeiro, surdo, caixa, repinique, etc. and leading a bateria

Significant experience with non-Brazilian percussion including drum kit, congas, bongos, etc.

More than 5 years experience outlining curriculum and teaching Brazilian percussion to all ages through private instruction and organized workshops

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Brazilian Percussion

Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago, IL

September 2010 – 2012

Lead all instruction for Old Town School of Folk Music Brazilian bateria

Devise curriculum for students to master instruments used in traditional samba school baterias

Director, Unidos do Quilombo Brazilian bateria

Quilombo Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

April 2008 – 2013

Founded first Brazilian community-based percussion troupe in the City of Chicago, Unidos do Quilombo

Developed curriculum to lead students through instruments and patterns used in traditional samba school baterias

Continually innovate the repertoire by creating new pieces, breaks, introducing new genres

Organize workshops with other percussionists from Brazil to offer variety of teaching styles and philosophies

Instructor, Brazilian Percussion

Price 21st CCLC-Elliott Donnelley Youth Center, Chicago, IL

April 2009 – June 2010

Instruct students ages 9-14 for after-school percussion program targeting at-risk youth

Instructor/Workshop presenter, Brazilian percussion

The Music Institute, Evanston, IL

July 2007 – January 2009

Instructed students of the Music Institute in Brazilian percussion

Continue to participate in school visits to present Brazilian music and orchestra repertoire as part of cultural events in the Chicago area

Performance Experience

Currently performing with: Farofa, Quarteto Nuevo, Caro Pierotto and Katia Moraes.

Past experience: Ricky Martin, Aloe Blacc, Janelle Monae, Stanley Clarke, Wallace Roney, Yolanda Adams, Joe Vasconcelos, the Junior Orchestra of the Federal University of Paraná, Youth Philharmonic of

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the Federal University of Paraná, MPB Conservatory Orchestra of
Curitiba

Education

Shepherd University, 2014 - 2015
Los Angeles, California, USA
Concentration: Jazz Studies in drums

Escola de Música e Belas Artes do Paraná, 1993 – 1997
Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil
Concentration: Classical Percussion

Oficina de Musica de Curitiba Music Symposia, 1995 – 1997
Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil
Concentrations: Classical and contemporary Brazilian music

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