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CapoeirArab's Second Annual Festival 15-18 July 2010

Annual Festival brings Brazilian culture to Syria

CapoeirArab's second Batizado capoeira festival will take place in Damascus 15-18 July 2010. A 'Batizado', from capoeira's Brazilian origins, is a traditional annual capoeira festival. Capoeira teachers and players come together from all over the world to share expertise and help develop capoeira play in Syria.

This year's Batizado will celebrate the growing appreciation of capoeira in Syria. The festival highlights all CapoeirArab's activities. These include capoeira, music, makulélé, Syrian and Brazilian dance and music with children as the main focus of all events.

"The second Batizado marks how capoeira has found its place in Syria and is here to stay. The event particularly focuses on our work with children. Our kids day will have over 200 children showing off their Capoeira skills for the general public to enjoy." says Tarek Alsaleh, Chairman of CapoeirArab.

CapoeirArab's first Batizado last year brought together over 80 participants from 25 different countries. There were performances in Damascus, Lattakia, and Palmyra attracting over 5,000 people. The events were widely covered in the media including Syrian National Television.

This year's Batizado has even more events, including a children's day with capoeira, music, and dancing, and painting workshops. There will be shows in front of the Ummayd mosque in Damascus and in Bosra Theatre. There will also be a by-invitation-only 'Brazilian Night' on Saturday 17 July 2010 in Mustafa Ali Gallery, Al - Amin Quarter in Old Damascus at 8:00pm.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, the Syrian Sports Federation, Damascus Governorate, the Embassy of Brazil, Al Makan Art Association and Mustafa Ali Gallery the Second Annual Batizado takes place in Damascus on 15-18 July. Some of the best capoeiristas in the world will show their skills and everyone is invited to join in on the play of capoeira!