

GINGARTE CAPOEIRA CHICAGO

Founded in 1991 with a handful of students, Gingarte Capoeira has become the largest capoeira organization in the Midwest, with over 100 students, and many locations throughout Chicago. Currently, Gingarte has established capoeira classes at The University of Chicago, Old Town School of Folk Music, Roosevelt University, and DePaul University. Gingarte trains and practices under the tutelage of Contra-Mestre Marisa Cordeiro, one of the highest ranked and respected female capoeiristas in the United States. Gingarte offers classes in capoeira, dance, music, and language at their Academy in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago, and also performs capoeira, maculelê, and samba throughout the city. Apart from a strenuous workout, students also learn to play musical instruments, sing Portuguese capoeira songs, and understand this important part of Brazilian culture.

For more information about Gingarte Capoeira, please visit our website: www.gingartecapoeira.org or contact Contra-Mestre Marisa (773) 924 - 3220

A HISTORY OF CAPOEIRA

At a glance, capoeira may look like a dance - two people gracefully moving to the rhythm of the berimbau, atabaque, and pandeiro, with those in the *roda* clapping and singing a string of call-and-response Brazilian traditional songs. But look closer and suddenly the dance transforms into a fight, as the capoeiristas skillfully attack and counterattack with kicks and agile acrobatics, adding *malandragem* (trickery) and *malicia* (malice) to the game.

Capoeira is an African-Brazilian art form that “weaves fighting, music, dance, and rituals into a strategy, by which people live, struggle, celebrate, and survive together”. Its roots are embedded in the African slavery history of Brasil in the 1800s. The art arose out of injustice and oppression, as the slaves were forced to learn how to defend themselves, disguising their techniques within the charade of a dance.

Today, capoeira holds onto these roots and philosophies as a martial art, symbolizing the struggles against many forms of oppression. More than a fighting art or dance, capoeira is a way of life for those who practice it.

BATIZADO & WORKSHOPS

July 13th - 16th, 2006

Gingarte Capoeira Chicago and Contra-Mestre Marisa cordially invite you to participate in our 12th Annual Encounter, offering workshops in capoeira, music, maculelê, and samba, taught by top capoeira mestres from Brasil and the U.S.

This year, we welcome special guests:

- Mestre Canguru
- Mestre Flavinho Tucano
- Mestre Curisco
- Mestre Xavier
- Contra-Mestre Denis
- Contra-Mestre Muriel
- Contra-Mestre Saroba
- Contra-Mestre Zumbi
- Contra-Mestre Gui
- Instructor Pedro
- Instructor Xara

Workshops will take place at Gingarte’s Academy:
2909 N. Milwaukee Ave., 2nd floor
Chicago, IL 60618

The Academy is located on the east side of Milwaukee Ave., a few blocks north of Diversey Ave., and south of Belmont Ave.

Please bring a berimbau if you have one!

If you need housing, please contact Sharon at 773.517.1753 to make arrangements. Please call in advance to secure a place to stay, and bring sleeping bags/blankets.

Gingarte Capoeira will perform on Saturday, July 15th at the UIC Theater (1040 W. Harrison). Following the performance, there will be a party (location TBA) open to all.

This event is partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, with support from the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, and the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation.



REGISTRATION FORM

(Please print)

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone (include area code)

Email address

Capoeira Group Name

Mestre/Professor(a) Name

I will be attending:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	All Workshops (includes T-shirt)	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Full Day Workshop	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Workshop Session (each)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe): _____	
(Note: No refunds for paid workshops.)		

For advance registration, please send this form, along with a check payable to *Capoeira Chicago*, to:

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