



CAPOEIRA ANGOLA CENTER NEWSLETTER

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FEATURING
Upcoming Workshops at
the Capoeira Angola Center
October 1st-3rd 2010

Mestre João Grande's Espalhando as Sementes

New York City, October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2010

EARLIER THIS YEAR, Mestre João Grande honored three of his disciples as Contra-Mestres at the Capoeira Angola Center in New York City. Many of you shared these significant moments as Jurandir, Cabello and Mario received Mestre João Grande's blessing as Contra-Mestres. Now, it's time to celebrate!

THE CAPOEIRA ANGOLA CENTER proudly announces a weekend of intensive Capoeira Angola Workshops in New York City! Please join Mestre João Grande in officially presenting Contra-Mestre Cabello and Contra-Mestre Mario at this event. Tisza, Salim and other special



Mestre Moraes Visits the Capoeira Angola Center

(June 18-19, 2010)

During the weekend of June 18-19 we had the opportunity to have Mestre Moraes as our guest at the Academy. Mestre Moraes led three special workshops and we had the pleasure to practice music and share a roda with him. It was a special weekend not only because of his presence, but because Mestre João Grande has conferred Mestre Moraes with a special certificate, in which officially states that Mestre Moraes was a student at Mestre Pastinha's academy and received instruction from Mestre João Pequeno and Mestre João Grande during the time in which they both assisted Mestre Pastinha with the training. Mestre Moraes promised to be back at the Academy soon to receive his certificate. We will keep you posted on his next visit!

guests, such as renowned historian Danny Dawson, will also be present during this extraordinary weekend to further enhance the experience with their contributions of Capoeira Angola classes, music, dance and history. DON'T MISS this amazing opportunity to share this historical moment with Mestre João Grande as he, for the first time, shares the floor with two of the three Contra-Mestres who have learned from him!

The event will begin on Friday October 1st at 6:30pm and will go through Sunday October 3rd at 9pm. Please bring your own Berimbau and Dobrão. The whole weekend will cost \$175.00 but if you pay by September 15th, it will only cost \$150.00! Can't make it the whole weekend? No problem, pay \$75 per each full Saturday or Sunday (\$30 for Friday). Half a day would cost you \$40.00.

FOR EVENT schedule, details and updates, be sure to check our website www.joaogrande.org and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/joaogrande. We look forward to training with you!

left: *Contra-Mestre Mario, Mestre João Grande, and Mestre Moraes during his visit to Capoeira Angola Center*
PHOTO: Satoko Hojo



above: *Contra-Mestre Mario*
PHOTO: Gya Watson

Contra-Mestre Mario

(June 20, 2010)

MARIO PEREIRA was born in Sao Paulo Brazil. He started training Capoeira Regional in Brazil when he was 13 and trained for 3 years with his first teacher. In 1990, Mario, then a professional dancer, met Mestre João Grande. During that first meeting, Mario realized the vast knowledge that Mestre João Grande had, not only about capoeira, but about movement in general. He began training with Mestre João Grande at the academy in Harlem during that year. Because of his background, Mario is able to combine the movements of dance along with capoeira. Mario continues to learn from Mestre João Grande and has great respect for the art of Capoeira Angola and it's roots in African and Brazilian cultures. Today, in addition to his contributions at the Capoeira Angola Center, Mario performs regularly in New York doing shows which exemplify Afro-Brazilian art and tradition.

New Capoeira Angola Center: Oakland, California

To all our friends on the west coast, we proudly announce Capoeira Angola Center Oakland under the instruction of Professor Salim!



Capoeira Angola with Professor Salim



Tuesdays & Thursdays ★ 6:30 - 8:30pm
@ Shabnam's Dance Studio
580 Grand Ave, Suite 304 (by MacArthur), Oakland
\$15 Drop-In ★ \$100 for 10 classes
Professor Salim has been training the Afro-Brazilian martial-art, Capoeira Angola for 15 years as a student of Mestre João Grande. He is excited to establish the Oakland branch of Mestre's Capoeira Angola Center and share his knowledge of the art with Bay Area residents.
Please wear white or khaki pants, a white t-shirt and comfortable sneakers for more info, contact Salim: (347) 721 - 4996 / angolacenteroakland@gmail.com

We are always excited to share news about our growing community. Learn more about our affiliate groups in next month's issue of the Capoeira Angola Center Newsletter!

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