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Brazilian Nites presents **Balé Folclórico da Bahia**  
and the *U.S. PREMIERE* of "Sacred Heritage"  
**Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.**



*"A dance of exuberant reverence...high voltage energy...the company had most of the audience on its feet, swaying, waving arms and dancing in the aisles." - Boston Globe*

Los Angeles – Brazilian Nites Productions proudly presents, Afro-Brazilian dance troupe **Balé Folclórico da Bahia**, in the U.S. Premiere of "Sacred Heritage" on **Saturday March 12, 2011** at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre.

From the Brazilian state of Bahia and back in Los Angeles for the first time in seven years, Balé Folclórico da Bahia performs a spectacular cultural repertoire of Afro-Brazilian dances. With mesmerizing choreography of high back kicks, flips and spins, feverous rhythms and the boundless energy of rapid fire footwork, the troupe's world renowned, dancers, musicians and singers evoke the heartbeat of their nation. The performance features colorful Carnival dances, acrobatic capoeira and martial arts and the irrepressible sound of samba. **Please note: This performance contains partial nudity.**

This exciting new program mixes new repertoire with classic favorites "Afixire" and "Capoeira" plus the U.S. premiere of "Sacred Heritage" a new work with roots in the polytheistic religion of Candomble – the sacred energies of nature – in a dance that evokes the African gods that slaves in Brazil honored, in order to stay connected to their identity and culture.

Balé Folclórico was formed in 1988 by Walson Botelho and Ninho Reis and is the only professional folk dance company in Brazil. Under the artistic director, Jose Carlos Arandiba, the 38- member ensemble of dancers, musicians and singers perform a kaleidoscopic repertoire based on Bahian dances of African origin including: slave dances, capoeira, samba and Carnival choreography. The company presents the regions most important cultural manifestations under a contemporary theatrical vision that reflects its popular origins. Balé Folclórico made its debut in 1988 at the Joinville Dance Festival in Brazil and was awarded the prize for Best Performance of the Year by the Ministry of Culture that same year. The company made its European debut in 1992 at the Berlin Alexanderplatz International Festival followed by the Biennale de la Danse in Lyon in 1992. Their U.S. debut in

1995 resulted in a series of sold out shows across the U.S. – more than 200 performances in over 90 cities in North America alone. The troupe has continued their success and traveled the globe, becoming known as one of the world's top folkloric dance ensembles with recent tours of France, Germany, Switzerland and South America.

Patricia and Gilberto Leao, Producers of **Brazilian Nites Productions**, have brought L.A. the best of Brazilian talent since 1990. They are producers of upcoming BRAZILIAN CARNAVAL on March 5 at Club Nokia.

**Tickets are \$25, \$35, \$45 for general admission and \$65 for preferred seating. Group discounts are available by calling (818) 566-1111.** Purchase General Admission and VIP Seating tickets by calling (818) 566-1111 or visit [www.BrazilianNites.com](http://www.BrazilianNites.com) or <http://www.eventbrite.com>. **The Wilshire Ebell** is located at 4401 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90005. Parking on site.

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### **Balé Folclórico da Bahia – CALENDAR LISTING**



**WHAT:** Brazilian Nites presents **Balé Folclórico da Bahia** presenting the best in folkloric, acrobatic and Carnaval dances of Brazil. The ancient and contemporary choreographies reflect the influences of indigenous Brazilians, African slaves and Portuguese colonialists and the Afro-Brazilian polytheistic religion of Candomblé in an enchanting display of colorful costumes, breathtaking beats and infectious rhythms.

**WHO:** **Balé Folclórico da Bahia** – the internationally renowned 38 member ensemble of Brazilian dancers, musicians and singers from Bahia.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 pm.

**WHERE:** The Wilshire Ebell Theatre - 4401 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, CA 90005.

**HOW MUCH:** Tickets are \$25, \$35, \$45 for general admission and \$65 for preferred seating. Group discounts are available by calling (818) 566-1111. Purchase tickets by calling (818) 566-1111 or visit [www.BrazilianNites.com](http://www.BrazilianNites.com) or [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

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