



asébahia

o poder de fazer acontecer



**Embrace the
magic**

“I looked within and was reminded of the importance of oral histories, music, songs, and movement. I have never felt more at home in my body then during these days.”

- Asé Bahia participant



The dominant forces in society today are making us more disconnected than ever before – from our communities, from our bodies, from our lineages, and from the places we call home.



Yet there is also
abundance and
hope.

Throughout our lives, our family has found relationships, joy, and new opportunity through the beauty of Capoeira. Its multifaceted dialogue of rhythms, styles, movement, music, and song has helped us both root in place and open new doors.



**Bahia has long been a home for this critical
cultural and community practice.**

**But the gentrification, violence, and economic
hardships of this place have made it increasingly
hard to do this together.**

**So we set out to build a safe and accessible
space to gather community, pass on the practice
of Capoeira, and share stories.**


And thus Sitio Sabiá was born.



OUR PURPOSE

**We are weaving a community tapestry
through Capoeira, dance, folklore, music,
and the embrace of mother nature**

*...because we deserve spaces that honor our sacred connection
to one another, our traditions, and the land.*



**This year, we launched our
inaugural event...**



Asé Bahia 2023



The stats:

Length: 4 days, 3 nights

Total attendees: 91

Attendees lodging onsite: 57

Registered international guests: USA (California, New York, Philadelphia, Florida), Peru, Argentina

Attendees from Brazil: Praia do Forte, Salvador, Camacari, Santo Amaro, Feira de Santana, Mina Gerais, São Paulo

Classes: 18 classes with master artists from across the state of Bahia

Food: 10 meals; all organically sourced local farmed goods



The budget:

FUNDRAISED: XX

NUMBER OF DONORS: XX

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
XX	XX
TOTAL	XX

Our goal was to support participants in...

Experiencing the magic of Capoeira

By...

- Hosting a wide range of Capoeira classes taught by diverse artisans, dancers, and capoeiristas that were accessible to all levels
- Centering various movement practices to help participants reconnect with their bodies

Rooting in the land

By...

- Structuring programming to support exploration of the property
- Centering and sharing Sitío Sabia's sustainable farming practices
- Hosting programming that brought participants into conversation with local and cultural place

Building intergenerational relationships

By...

- Inviting both Arembepe's local community, as well as musicians and participants from all over the world
- Bringing together mentors and mentees in shared spaces to exchange intergenerational knowledge

Grounding in self discovery

By...

- Honoring movement and physicality as a way of intuitive knowing
- Holding space for reflection
- Orienting to personal and cultural legacy

We developed the event vision, programming, and logistics to be in alignment with our core values:

Safety, equity, and accessibility for a diversity of participants

Relationship building between generations, artistic disciplines, and local and global communities

Artistic sovereignty that centers cultural heritage and story sharing

Hospitality built on sustainable environmental practices, shared responsibility, and a sense of “home”



Sexta 14 de Julho

HORÁRIO DO PROGRAMA E ARTISTAS MESTRES SUJEITOS A ALTERAÇÕES

8:00	AULA DE ALONGAMENTO WITH CLODO SANTANA
9:00	CAFE DA MANHA
10:00	CAPOEIRA FORTE (KIDS + ADULTOS) *Alternative: Trilha Hike
12:00	ALMOÇO
14:00	AULA ARTESANAL: PANDEIROS E PALHA
16:00	MACULELE COM MESTRE MACAQUINHO *Merenda
18:00	RODA DE CONVERSA
20:00	JANTAR

PARA MAIS INFORMAÇÕES

**sample program from one day at Asé Bahia 2023*

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We spent four days immersed in...

... movement

... community

... tradition





What we heard

MAJ
MAJ

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Asé Bahia é um evento transformador, de conexão e trocas. A energia positiva, a diversidade cultural, o contato com a natureza, com sabores e amores presentes ali criam um ambiente incrível de união e aprendizado mútuo.



**Experiencing the
magic of capoeira**

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Asé Bahia taught me so much about the importance of connecting the practice of Capoeira to its origins. I have spent a lot of time training, but I was interested in the fitness of it. This event gave me an opportunity to explore its origins, the rituals, and the culture behind the richness of Afro-Brazilian history and movement. I would tell people to attend as soon as they can. Especially if they are seeking a deeper understanding and respect for folklore and the arts.

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I loved being thrown into the Capoeira class with a woman Mestra because as we learned after the class it is not as accessible for women to continue being mestres after having children.



Rooting in the land

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Foi um sonho estar na natureza com pessoas novas.

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Salve, salve. Asé Bahia foi massa. Foi maravilhosa estar na natureza, deu para nos ficar mais fluido. Me senti em casa, foi parceria querido. Senti super avontade. Até com pessoas de outros pais, mais esse evento proporciono nos ficar a vontade com muito respeito. Os oficinairos foi gente maravilhoso. Uma programação bem potente.



Building intergenerational relationships

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The time with my kids and other families changed the way I look at learning for my children.

A photograph of two young girls with long dark hair, wearing light blue patterned t-shirts and blue leggings, dancing barefoot in a room with a large window and a staircase in the background. The text "Grounding in self discovery" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Grounding in self discovery

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*A retreat that helped me disconnect from everything and look within and be reminded of the importance of oral histories, music, songs, and movement. **I never felt more at home in my body then during these days.***

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Just know this is incredibly important for our humanity. Don't ever give up on creating these experiences.

A photograph capturing a warm moment between a man and a child. The man, with dark curly hair and a beard, is wearing a light pink t-shirt and has extensive tattoos on his arms. He is smiling broadly as he embraces a young child from behind. The child, also with dark curly hair, is wearing a black sleeveless top and a colorful patterned skirt. In the background, other people are visible, including a man in a grey t-shirt with a 'Take A...' logo and another in a red t-shirt. A large wooden drum with a woven pattern is prominent on the right. The setting appears to be an indoor space with wooden poles and hanging items, possibly a workshop or a cultural center.

“Such kindness, I felt like I was at home.”



What's next

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***Mais** Capoeira*

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***Melhorar** a estrada o acesso.*

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***Acredito** que vá precisar de uma
equipe maior para o próximo
asébahia 📍🥰*





We're excited to...

Invest in continued infrastructure development for Sitió Sabia

In order to **make the farm more accessible, comfortable, and supportive for programming needs, and to increase the hosting capacity for events**

Design and deliver new events

In order to **support the existing local and global Capoeira communities and generate new passion for this cultural practice**

Build content, tools, and resources

In order to **increase the impact of our programming and encourage participants to integrate, share, and teach their learnings in their home communities**

Want to collaborate? Reach out if you're curious about...

Bringing an event to Sitió Sabia

**Staying involved with the community and
subscribing to our newsletter**

**Funding the farm and our vision for community
and Capoeira**



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