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Brazilian Music and Dance troupe coming to the Carroll Arts Center this Memorial Day

Thrilling Afro-Brazilian ensemble, Ologundê, will bring folkloric music, dance, and martial arts to the stage with their show, Axé Puro, coming to the Carroll Arts Center on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 at 2pm. This exciting, educational, pay-what-you-can performance is sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

Axé Puro displays the ensemble's diverse repertoire of Brazilian music, dance, and more. This 45-minute show includes traditional dance rituals from the Afro-Brazilian religion, Candomblé (a fusion of Yoruba and Catholic religious practices), the breathtaking acrobatics of capoeira martial arts, and the exhilarating moves of the semba de roda, a spontaneous dance which can be traced back to Angolan traditions. Complete with heart-pounding percussion and colorful traditional garb, Axé Puro is an enthralling peek into ancient traditions.

The Ologundê ensemble celebrates the rich Afro-Brazilian culture of Salvador, Bahia through a variety of music, dance, and martial arts. Composed of Brazilians living in the United States and Brazil, Ologundê includes former members of world-renowned music and dance troupes and is under the direction of master percussionist Dendê Macêdo. The ensemble has performed throughout the US since its formation in 2002 and toured Greece as part of the Cultural Olympiad, appearing at the Kalamata Dance Festival and the Athens Festival at the Acropolis. The company's educational programs have been featured at venues such as Lincoln Center, the Juilliard School, the Eastman School of Music and the Peabody Conservatory among many other esteemed institutions.

Face masks are optional inside the Carroll Arts Center. These health policies may be modified in the future. Read the Carroll Arts Center's most current health and safety protocols at CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org/covid-19-policies.

This program is sponsored by Jeff Griffith, Diane Vacarro, and a BGE Rural Access Grant through Arts for Learning Maryland. Tickets are \$5 in advance or Pay What You Can at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or by calling the box office at 410-848-7272. The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 West Main Street in Downtown Westminster.

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CALENDAR LISTING (please list under Dance or related category)

“Axé Puro: Folkloric Music & Dance from Brazil.” Mon. May 30 at 2pm. The Ologundê ensemble celebrates rich Afro-Brazilian culture through a diverse repertoire of music, dance, and martial arts. \$5 in advance or Pay What You Can at the door. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. [410-848-7272](tel:410-848-7272). Tickets and more info at CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.

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