



Forró²⁰ de Nice²⁶

15 – 16 – 17 – 18

OCTOBRE



Forró de Nice



FESTIVAL GUIDE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the Nice Forró Festival!

We're so happy to have you with us for this year's adventure.

This is already the 9th edition of a festival born from a shared passion, a lot of motivation, and two friends who love forró: Cindy & Nina.

Our community is all about creating a respectful, safe, welcoming and fun environment.

Respect one another, whatever your dance level, and most importantly... have fun!

We wish you an amazing time in Nice!



You will find all the info you need on Instagram or Facebook :

<https://www.instagram.com/forrodenice>

www.facebook.com/forrodenice



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Always dance with respect and care.

We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable — be part of making that happen. Respect your partner's physical boundaries.

"No" always means "no".

No form of harassment is acceptable.

If you need to talk about anything concerning your safety or well-being, please come and talk to Nina or Cindy. We're here for you.

And one little reminder for everyone's comfort: dancing gets warm! 😊 Out of respect for your dance partners and everyone around you, please take care of your personal hygiene throughout the festival — a shower, deodorant and a fresh T-shirt when needed can make all the difference.

Let's make the dance floor a safe, respectful and happy place for everyone!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Throughout the festival, you'll meet our wonderful team of volunteers — friendly faces, big smiles and people always happy to help!

Everyone is doing their very best to make this weekend amazing for you. Organising a festival is a huge amount of work (and sometimes a little bit of organised chaos), so if something doesn't go exactly as planned, please stay kind, patient and respectful.

A smile goes a long way — and our volunteers deserve plenty of them!



LOCATIONS

THURSDAY :

Hotel Aston La Scala

12, avenue Felix Faure

06000 Nice



Tram stop : Opéra - Vieille Ville

FRIDAY :

Stockfish

5, avenue François Mitterrand

06300 Nice



Tram stop : Vauban

SATURDAY :

Workshops :

Off Jazz

16, rue Cassini

06300 Nice



Tram stops : Garibaldi
Port Lympia

Party :

Stockfish

5, avenue François Mitterrand

06300 Nice



Tram stop : Vauban

SUNDAY :

Workshops :

Off Jazz

16, rue Cassini 06300 Nice



Tram stops : Garibaldi
Port Lympia

Party :

Stockfish

5, avenue François Mitterrand

06300 Nice



Tram stop : Vauban

AFTER PARTIES :

La Cuisine - Théâtre Nationale de Nice

155, boulevard du Mercantour 06200 Nice



Tram stop : CADAM

Rooftop

Opening party 2020



DJ VIM VIM



DJ SYLVAIN

*Sunset
dance
here !!*

JEUDI 15 OCTOBRE
19H - MINUIT

HOTEL ASTON LA SCALA





THE SOCIALS

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
4 TO 6 PM

FRIDAY

TOUR BELLANDA
Parc du château
Montée Lesage



SATURDAY

I LOVE NICE
9 quai Rauba
Capeu



SUNDAY

**PLACE
ROSSETTI**



**#I Love
NICE**



INFO & RULES

ABOUT LOCATIONS

● On thursday, the party at Hotel Aston La Scala, is **a rooftop party !!**

You're welcome from 7pm to enjoy the sunset (and until midnight).

● Concerning workshops at Off Jazz, outside /casual shoes are strictly forbidden in rooms !

Bring your dance shoes (or socks)

● For the parties at Stockfish, we have to leave the venue at exactly midnight ! **Not a minute later !**

But we are not Cinderella... if you want to keep dancing, no problem- The vinyl after party continues at La Cuisine, 25 min by tram - even quicker with a shared Uber/Bolt.

🇪🇺 Cash only at the bar and at the entrance, please ! No card payments accepted.

● All our social dance spots are outdoors, near the beach or in the Old Town. There are no lockers or cloakrooms, so please :

Keep an eye on your belongings.

— Forró de Nice cannot be held responsible for any loss or theft.

(and bring your swimsuit - yes, this is Nice, and you can still swim in the sea in October! 😎)



DAILY SCHEDULES



15-18 octobre - Nice

VENDREDI / FRIDAY

16h - 18h

SOCIAL
DJ Sylvain

Tour
Bellanda

20h
00h00

PARTY
DJ Xeleleu
Trio Exactamente

Stockfish

00h30
3h30

**AFTER
PARTY**
DJ Vimvim
DJ Xeleleu

La Cuisine
du théâtre



Viva esse forró !



15-18 octobre - Nice

SAMEDI / SATURDAY

12h - 16h

CLASSES

Off Jazz

16, rue Cassini

16h - 18h

SOCIAL

DJ VIM VIM

I love Nice

9, quai Rauba Capeu

20h
00h00

PARTY

DJ Daniel
Jorge Do Rojao

Stockfish

00h30
3h30

**AFTER
PARTY**

DJ Xeleleu
DJ VimVim

La Cuisine
du théâtre



Viva esse forró !

15-18 octobre - Nice

DIMANCHE / SUNDAY

13h30
15h45

CLASSES

Off Jazz
16, rue Cassini

16h - 18h

SOCIAL
DJ Daniel

Place
Rossetti

20h
00h00

PARTY
vinyl
DJ Diluvio
DJ VimVim

Stockfish



Viva esse forró !

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULES



SAMEDI / SATURDAY

Off Jazz - Rue Cassini

ROOM 1

ROOM 3

ROOM 4

12h30 - 13h30

Luiz
Henrique
Intermediate

Gisa
Advanced

Cindy
Beginner

13h45 - 14h45

Julie
Intermediate

Cesar
Advanced

Gisa
Beginner

15h - 16h

Luiz
Henrique
Open level

Cesar
Intermediate

Julie
Advanced



DIMANCHE / SUNDAY

Off Jazz - Rue Cassini

ROOM 1

Luiz
Henrique
Intermediate

ROOM 3

13h30 - 14h30

Cesar
Open level

ROOM 4

Julie
Intermediate

14h45 - 15h45

Luiz
Henrique
Advanced

Cesar
Intermediate

Gisa
Intermediate



CLASSES THEMES

GISA – 3 CLASSES

BEGINNER | Dance & Play — creating playful exercises from the basic steps

INTERMEDIATE 2 | Ancestral Forró — exploring the resilience and roots of the Amassa Cacau foundation

ADVANCED | The Power of the Hips in Sacadas — Pedágio + Bêbado combo



LUIZ HENRIQUE – 4 CLASSES



★ OPEN LEVEL | Possibilities within the Caminhada

INTERMEDIATE 1 | Cremosidade — Focus on Xote / Flow

INTERMEDIATE 2 | Multiple Sacadas

ADVANCED | Inverted Peão with Suspension and Variations





CLASSES THEMES

CESAR NEVES – 4 CLASSES

INTERMEDIATE | Chaining: Connecting movements through displacement and spatial awareness

INTERMEDIATE | 5 tempos; mastering 5-step turns



ADVANCED | Darkside: exploring possibilities on the darkside, anti-clock wise direction.

OPEN LEVEL | Arrastapé



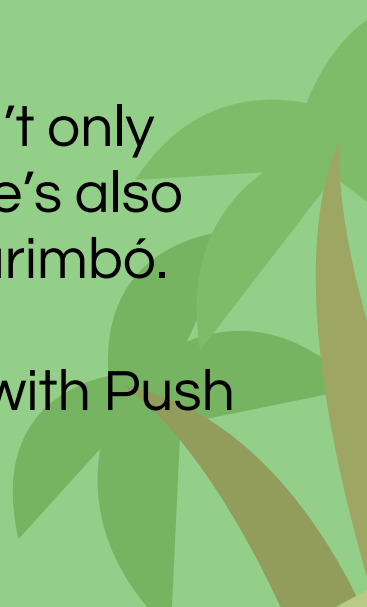
JULIE MEDOUS – 3 CLASSES



INTERMEDIATE | Special Follow Workshop —
Open to Leaders: Variations on the Paulista Turn.
Open to leaders to revisit the open and closed Paulista.

INTERMEDIATE | Did you know you don't only dance Forró? Among other genres, there's also Carimbó! Musicality in the context of Carimbó.

ADVANCED | Inverted Sacada combined with Push & Pull



BANDS
DJS
TEACHERS



JORGE DO ROJÃO

Accordionist, singer and songwriter from São Paulo, Jorge do Rojão began his musical journey at the age of six, playing violin in a church orchestra. At twelve, he discovered his father's accordion — and it quickly became his greatest passion.

He began his career in Forró Pé de Serra, performing with various trios and bands before launching his solo career under the stage name Jorge do Rojão in 2013.

He has accompanied major artists and bands including João Silva, Antônio Barros, Zenilton, Azulão de Caruaru, Rastapé, Bicho de Pé and Peixelétrico.

With over a decade of experience, he has recorded three albums and established himself as a prominent figure in the Forró Pé de Serra scene, both in Brazil and internationally.



TRIO EXACTAMENTE

Get ready to travel through the sounds of Forró Pé de Serra with Trio Exactlymente!

A singer passionate about vintage forró vinyl, a Bahian musician with irresistible groove, and an English accordionist with incredible rhythmic talent — three different backgrounds brought together by one passion: the authentic sound of Forró Pé de Serra

Formed in Lisbon in 2023, the trio draws inspiration from the repertoires of the 60s, 70s and 80s and has already been making forrozeiros dance across Europe!

Raw, warm and deeply danceable energy awaits you.

The trio consists of:

- Gabriel John Walsh (sanfona)
- Mytho Roots (zabumba)
- Francisco Martins (triangle and voice)



DJ DANIEL

DJ Daniel's journey with forró started on the dance floor. He began at the end of 2021 while living in Germany, first as a dancer, drawn to the rhythm, energy, and deep connection of the dance.

In 2024, he took that passion to the decks, stepping into the world of DJing. Since then, he has been dedicated to creating vibrant dance floor experiences, with a focus on forró and inspired by its diversity and rhythms.

Expect a musical journey that keeps you connected, moving, and fully present on the dance floor !



DJ SYLVAIN

Passionate about dance above all, Sylvain discovered forró in 2011 and immediately fell under the spell of its music, its culture, and its infectious energy.

Trained on the Parisian dance floors of Forró Intenso and then in Brazil at the Pé Descalço school, he spent years dancing, learning, and living forró in all its forms.

It was only natural that his passion led him behind the turntables, with a simple desire: to share his own vision of forró and get dancers moving at Parisian parties

His musical universe ranges from traditional to modern forró, with a varied and dynamic selection designed to keep you dancing all night long!



DJ DILÚVIO

As a Portuguese record collector and forró enthusiast, Dilúvio has been making waves in the forró community since discovering the genre in 2018. His passion for vinyl began in 2019, establishing him as a regular DJ on the Lisbon scene thanks to his carefully curated collection of authentic forró records !

Based in Lisbon, he is the creator of Forró do Cais, a lively event held every two weeks that has become a staple of the capital's forró scene. His sets—infused with the rich sound of vinyl—have also energized events such as Quartas- Populares at Vitrola Forrozeira, Forró da Utopia, the Não Para Não Para Festival in Paris, the Gira Girassol Festival, and O Baião Vai !



DJ VIM VIM

Originally from Northeastern Brazil and raised on the outskirts of São Paulo, he has been sharing his passion for Forró across Europe since 2010 as DJ and also teacher. Known for his deep connection to the roots of Forró and Samba, he is constantly researching, collecting, and celebrating the rich musical heritage of Brazil. A dedicated vinyl collector, he has been performing exclusively with records since 2014, bringing his unique sound to some of the most important Forró festivals across Europe.

With an extensive musical repertoire that goes far beyond Forró, DJ Vim Vim explores a wide range of Brazilian genres, including Samba, Samba Rock, Funk, Soul, Samba Jazz, MPB, Psychedelic Funk, and many others. His sets combine deep musical knowledge, authenticity, and a genuine connection to Forró Pé de Serra, creating an unforgettable experience on the dance floor.



DJ XELELÉU

One of the longest-active Forró Pé de Serra DJs in the world, Xeleléu has been sharing the richness of Northeastern Brazilian culture since 1999, through a wide and diverse repertoire marked by xote, xaxado, baião, maracatu, and other rhythms connected to this musical tradition.

Within this rich musical language, he also promotes the legacy of traditional artists such as Luiz Gonzaga, Dominguinhos, Jackson do Pandeiro, Trio Nordestino, Os 3 do Nordeste, Marinês, and Anastácia, along with bands and trios from the new generation.

Throughout his remarkable career, he has completed four tours across Europe and performed in numerous venues throughout Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Espírito Santo, Minas Gerais, Bahia, Brasília, and Santa Catarina. He has received several awards and shared the stage with hundreds of important names in Brazilian music.

Currently, he is part of the Projeto Forró pra Juventude, a pioneering collective of DJs in Rio de Janeiro that performs 100% vinyl DJ sets.



LUIZ HENRIQUE

Luiz Henrique is a Brazilian dancer, teacher, and director specializing in forró. Born in Contagem, Minas Gerais, he joined the Forró Universitário scene in 2013 and has since taught in Brazil and internationally, including Europe, Japan, and Russia. He is also the director of Pé Descalço Eldorado.

His work brings together dance, music, Brazilian culture and community, with a strong commitment to preserving the roots of forró. His experience, musicality and passion have taken him around the world, sharing forró with dancers of all backgrounds.



CESAR NEVES

Cesar began his forró career in 2004 at Pé Descalço in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, at just 16 years old. In just two years, he became one of the most important teachers of the PD style and methodology. In 2011, Cesar made his first European tour, and it wasn't long before it went worldwide. Since then, he has taught in countless cities and countries.

Today, he is based in London, where he directs the first Pé Descalço unit outside Brazil. Cesar is famous for his charisma, patience and endless energy both in the classroom and on the dance floor.



JULIE MÉDOIS

Born in the French countryside, Julie holds academic backgrounds in languages and cultural Management. With experience in circus arts, artistic projects, and social initiatives, she found in forró a unique meeting point between culture, movement, and human connection. Since 2019, she has dedicated herself intensively to the study of dance through extensive training in Brazil. Her work combines artistic sensitivity, cultural organization, and an international perspective. As co-founder of Viajando Pelo Roots, Julie serves as both an instructor and the company's Administrative and Financial Director.

Today, Viajando Pelo Roots has become one of São Paulo's leading references in Forró Roots, with approximately 200 active students, a monthly social dance event (baile), an exclusive learning app, and an online store featuring the brand's T-shirts and accessories.



GISA

Gisa fell in love with Forró 17 years ago, and since 2013 she has been sharing that passion through teaching, research, and creative work.

Originally from Minas Gerais, she brings not only strong technique, but also warmth, connection, and creative freedom, making Forró a true celebration of life.

She trained at the renowned Pé Descalço school, where she later became an examiner and dancer.

Over the years, she has built a rich and diverse career, working as a teacher and researcher at Pira Escola de Forró, performing and teaching with Forró das Bonita, and touring across Brazil with Icaro Abreu

Now based in Portugal, she leads “Forró da Gisa” in Lisbon, organizes the immersive “Tonelada de Forró” event in Alentejo, teaches at Espaço Baião, and shares her vibrant energy at festivals across Europe.

For Gisa, Forró is more than just a dance. It’s a space for connection, freedom, and self-expression, where everyone is welcome, every story matters, and joy is at the heart of every movement

All of this is possible because some people dream big enough
to make it happen.

These four days represent endless days of work, countless
hours of preparation, stress, determination... and, of course,
a lot of good laughs along the way.

But none of it would exist without you.

For the 9th time, we want to thank you from the bottom of
our hearts for being here, for dancing with us, and for being
part of this dream come true.

It might be just a festival to you — although we hope it
becomes much more than that.

To us, it's a dream that turned into an adventure... and
somehow became a huge part of our lives.

Thank you for being part of it.

Cindy & Nina



AND NOW...



Forró de Nice

LET'S DANCE !!!