

Mardi Gras Brasil Carnival Conference 2027

Escola de Samba Casa Samba · New Orleans, LA

Six days of training culminating in the Endymion Parade — the biggest parade in New Orleans — on Saturday, February 6, 2027.

Location

Annunciation Recreation Center · 800 Race St, New Orleans, LA 70130 · Phone: 504-236-7479 · Location phone: 504-658-3095. This location is subject to change; registered guests will be notified via email.

Daily Schedule

Day 1 · Monday, February 1, 2027

Registration & Check-In

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration and check-in. Auditions for Bateria (drummers) and Passistas (dancers). Introduction of Samba percussion instruments — Platinella, Tamborim, Reco-reco, Cuica, Agogo; drum section — Repinique, Caixa, Repique de More, Surdo.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Monday Night Performance — Master Drummers of New Orleans, feat. Boman Pierre & Jason Marsalis. Mestre Curtis presents an EPIC Night of Percussion including his handmade Ancestral String Instrument Orchestra.

Day 2 · Tuesday, February 2, 2027

Auditions & Rehearsals

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Full-group rehearsal session. Individual sectionals for the percussion instruments; dancers split into three groups (Section A pros / Section B non-pros / Section C animal section). 30-minute snack break included.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Evening rehearsal session for local participants who work during the day.

Day 3 · Wednesday, February 3, 2027

Rehearsals

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Beginner rehearsal — introduction to Samba instruments.

12:15 PM – 5:00 PM Full-group rehearsal — Bateria + Passistas.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Evening rehearsal. Optional last-minute costume adjustments and instrument repair.

Day 4 · Thursday, February 4, 2027

MANDATORY Rehearsal

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mandatory day rehearsal. Everyone registered must attend.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Mandatory evening rehearsal. Special class group sessions, private classes and last-minute preparation for dancers and musicians.

Day 5 · Friday, February 5, 2027

Final MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mandatory dress rehearsal. Parade orientation, distribution of costumes for the Bateria and information on parade day meeting location and credentials.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Final evening rehearsal.

Day 6 · Saturday, February 6, 2027 — ENDYMION PARADE DAY

The Parade

10:00 AM Meet at 800 Race Street (Annunciation Recreation Center) — we will catch a bus to the designated parade location at Marconi Drive and City Park Avenue.

2:00 PM Parade line-up near Marconi Drive & City Park Avenue. Casa Samba will be located behind the Grand Marshal (position TBA).

5:00 PM Endymion Parade begins. Route: City Park Drive → Carrollton Avenue → Canal Street → Saint Charles Avenue → Poydras Street → New Orleans Superdome.

Registration Tiers

Tier	Price	Notes
Professional Samba Dancers	\$75	Limited to 25 spots
Zoo Animal Section (general)	\$100	6 groups of 35 people each
Zoo Animal Section (students)	\$75	6 groups of 35 people each
Non-Professional Samba Dancers	\$100	Limited to 25 spots
Casa Samba Directors & Staff	\$0	Pre-approval by Mestre Curtis
Bateria (Samba Drummers)	\$350	Limited to 60 · Costume yours to keep
Bateria — Pay per day/night	\$70	2-day minimum
Passistas — Pay per day/night	\$30	2-day minimum

Registration form and payment: pci.jotform.com/form/253024827567159

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