Bloco X - Demo Video Guidance - Tamborim

Querido Ritmista,

Thank you for your interest! What we really need - and value - is for you to be able to play a clean carreteiro, with good swing: at slow, medium and fast speeds for a sustained period of time. So please make these solo recordings:

1 min constant carreteiro @ 120 bpm
1 min constant carreteiro @ 140 bpm

Please also record the “Sou do X” desenho along to this recording. Here’s an example of Clarissa and Nina playing the desenho.

Please upload your videos to YouTube – keep them 'unlisted' – we will keep them private. And send the links to tamborim@blocox.com before the 30th June. After this date we may not be able to respond in time for the October meeting – the earlier we receive demos the better.

And please click here to send us all the details we need for our lists.

For your interest and practice, we also feel that it's important to be able to adjust your swing to match the one of the person playing next to you. And as a tamborim player you obviously need to learn a lot of desenhos too. We know that we have a wide range of sambas in our repertoire and we really don’t expect people to learn all of them within a few months. However, we need players who have good awareness about what they don’t know and therefore only play when they are quite sure they know the part. Many of our lovely old sambas have easy arrangements that can be played by following the tamborim director. However, a few sambas have more complicated desenhos that need to be learned well before you play them. Lastly, we should ALWAYS match the swing of the caixas. If you have any questions please ask.

Lots of samba love,
The Bloco X Tamborins