

Children  Carrying
The Sound

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On Monday, October 1, 2012, Mestre Nininho and Derek Wright taught a guest workshop on *maracatu* percussion at the Chicanos Por La Causa Youth Center in Tucson, Arizona. The workshop was hosted by Children Carrying the Sound, a local community drum and dance group in Tucson. The students in attendance included members of Children Carrying the Sound and of Batucaxe, a local Samba Group in Tucson.

The workshop was mostly attended by our High School students. For them the workshop was not only inspiring but they were able to learn about the maracatu traditions. The Students play a few maracatu rhythms already and were very excited to learn some of Nininho's techniques and rhythms. As well as getting the opportunity to hear where this rhythms came from, the history and story of maracatu. At the end of the workshop our students had the opportunity to play some original arrangements for Nininho and Derek. This workshop was a wonderful and once in a lifetime experience for most of our students.

Our group has taken some of what Nininho taught us and have applied it to some of our songs and performances. We look forward to hopefully having Nininho back to do more workshops for our students. The whole experience as one of our students would say "Was mind blowing and inspiring all at the same time."

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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