

PROGRAMME OF ANDANÇAS 2015

From 3 to 9 August, the Barragem de Póvoa e Meadas in Castelo de Vide will again welcome about 30.000 visitors, to celebrate and participate in the 20th edition of the Festival Andanças.

Andanças is dedicated to traditional music and dances, and it is a festival where participants are not just spectators and audience but play an active role, with the possibility of participating in dozens of workshops each day. This year, the programme of Andanças includes about 500 activities, taking place in different parts of the festival site. The objective is to have each participant create a very own individual schedule within the programme of the festival.

For the celebration of **20 years of Andanças** we are preparing various novelties:

- The festival site in the valley of the dammed lake will serve as exhibition space for **art installations**, which in the cross-over of different languages and the natural scenery promise to surprise the participants;
- For the first time there will be a **fair for traditional instruments**, where instrument makers will display and sell their work as well as share experience and knowledge;
- At the festival site, five stages will host dance workshops during the day and balls at night, on three stages concerts are scheduled for different times, and one stage is especially dedicated for children. This year there will be a new stage, the Terreiro, inspired by traditional venues for social gatherings and interaction through dance;
- More than **50 music groups and projects** will fill the programme during seven nights of concerts and balls, with several of them running in parallel until 4:00 in the morning. The programme offers groups that grew together with Andanças along the years, like Aqui há Baile, Origem Tradicional, Nação Vira, Trabalho, but also projects which play in Portugal for the first time, like Rhizottome, Elanor or Tukki Bukki, and even local groups like Rancho Folclórico Nossa Senhora da Alegria;

- More than **130 dance workshops** invite on a journey around the world, through the rhythms and choreographies of all continents. There will be a multitude of different dances, like tarantellas from Italy, circle dances from the Balkans, mazurkas from Poland, urban dance, classical Indian dances, African-Columbian dances, tap-dance, forró, samba, bachata, swing, rock n' roll, dances from Cape Verde and Angola, African tribal dances, dances from Galicia, Basque Country, Miranda, Azores and much more;
- In **12 instrument workshops** the participants have the opportunity to try and learn various percussion instruments, bag-pipes, cavaquinhos, hand-crafted instruments of the Inocência Casquinho and traditional songs from the North of Portugal;
- The **125 activities especially for children and families** include dance workshops – Capoeira, Columbian, Indian, Mozambican, and Portuguese dances, world and street dances, and more – but there will also be theatre, circus, creative and instrument workshops, tales, and relaxation workshops;
- During one week of Andanças there will be **46 relaxation activities**, meditation and awareness training, which are preparing the participants for a day full of workshops and help them to relax at the end of the day. There will be sessions of Encontros do Umbigo (Bellybutton encounters), Vinyasa Yoga, Qi Gong, Ayurvédic Massage, Tai Chi with partners, Biodanza, and more;
- There will be **parallel activities** at different areas of the festival grounds every day, for example workshops of plastic arts, walks through the surrounding region, cooking workshops, workshops of arts and crafts, talks, cinema, tales, nature workshops, circus, theatre and much more;
- The celebration of 20 years of Andanças will culminate on Sunday afternoon in a parade, street animation and many surprises!

More information, the complete programme and the online ticket sale can be found on the web-site of Andanças: <http://www.andancas.net/2015/en/>.



Andanças is organised by [PédeXumbo](#) – Association to Promote Music and Dance. The association was created with the aim to spread popular dances and culture in a participatory and dynamic way. We have our own location in Évora and a professional permanent team, which develops projects all over Portugal. We are dedicated to the recovery and dissemination of different cultural practices, by supporting records, co-productions, artistic creations, research, education, organization of festivals and the regular performance of workshops, concerts and balls.