## **NOLA Capoeira**

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## NOLA Capoeira announces Spring event, community welcome!

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New Orleans, LA - NOLA Capoeira and the Capoeira and Brazilian Cultural Arts Center (CBCAC) announce their annual Spring Batizado and Tournament from Thursday, April 4 to Saturday, April 6, 2024. This exciting 3-day event will take place at the NOLA Capoeira academy on North Broad Street.

This event will highlight capoeira workshops with Mestre Cocada (Rogerio da Silva) visiting capoeira master from Goioerê, Paraná, Brazil. Mestre Cocada will also be helping honor students during three separate batizado and troca de corda ceremonies. A "batizado" is a ceremony for students who earned their first belt in the art of capoeira, a "troca de corda" is when students who have already earned their first belt, get promoted to the next level, similar to other martial art belt ceremonies. The first ceremony, for kids 5-8 years old, will be on Thursday, April 4 at 5pm. The second ceremony, for kids 9-12 years old and teenagers, will be on Friday, April 5 at 5pm. The third ceremony will be for adults, also on Friday, April 5 at 8pm.

The event will culminate with the annual tournament on Saturday, April 6 at 10am, where students will compete against each other using skills and techniques they have been training for the past year. NOLA Capoeira and the CBCAC invite the community to come to the NOLA Capoeira academy at 1016 N. Broad Street to watch the ceremonies and annual tournament in-person. The community will be able to learn more about the Afro-Brazilian martial art form while supporting participants. Doors open 30 minutes before all event activities and are free to the public to watch.