

Samba Music from Brazil



- Samba is carnival music from Brazil
- Originated in Rio de Janeiro to celebrate Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday - the festival before Lent)
- Played by a large percussion ensemble to accompany dance
- Musical fusion of the rhythms of Africa, Portugal, Spain and Cuba

- Samba Batucada is a purely percussion form of Samba and is often played in huge street processions
- Samba is now known all over the world and is used to create a party atmosphere
- Percussionists and flamboyant dancers follow highly decorated floats in a street procession



Key words:

Rhythm: The pattern made up of long and short sounds

Texture: How many layers of music you can hear

Polyrhythm: Many different rhythms/layers played at the same time

Percussion: Any instrument that produces its sound by hitting, scraping or shaking

