

## **SAMBA NIGHT DANCE CLUB** **Lillian Baylis Theatre,** **Rosebury Avenue, EC1**

THE 200-strong crowd at the Sadler's Wells Samba Dance Club was, as expected, largely female – but there were some men in attendance, all of them gleeful at being in a room with so many gyrating women.

The fast pace of the music (supplied by DJ Cluffy, who regularly plays at the ICA's Batmacumba Brazilian club nights) and the enthusiasm of teacher Mariana Whitehouse, made even the most beginner of this beginners' class lose any self-consciousness they may have come in with.

The stage was not quite high enough for Whitehouse to be visible to all, but every few songs the people at the back were invited to swap with those at the front, ensuring that everyone could see at least some of the demonstrated steps.

Following such a high-energy start to the evening, the post-class disco continued until midnight, the sweaty crowd practising their newly-acquired moves in a free-for-all of Brazilian beats.

With a couple of well-staffed bars serving the thirsty and a free cloakroom removing the need for dancing around handbags, Sadler's Wells clearly had everything taken care of.

Book early for the next two events, Flamenco Dance Club and Streetdance Dance Club and join in the fun. – **JO CAIRD**

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