

## **G.R.E.S. Força Natural**

Samba association Força Natural is a samba school founded by capoeiras in 2007, where a lively connection is still maintained with both old and new masters. Our colors are white and green. The core activities of the samba school, namely bateria and general dance instruction, have been established in Lahti over the years, and in addition, regular dance instruction has been started in Kouvola this season.

In our activity, we basically implement the Brazilian principle of sociocultural inspiration (animação sociocultural), which defines the quality of the community's work together. This means that the membership is committed, above all, to a common journey on the so-called Brazilian traditional samba exploration expedition. This is seen and heard above all in the melodic tuning of the bateria and the pursuit of harmony; our harmony most resembles the harmony of the bateria of the Grande Rio samba school in 2004. The overall sound of the bateria, balanco total, is optimized for the street.

In addition, accessibility and equality are the most important values of our school, because samba belongs to everyone. We are proud that the carnival brings together people from many places around Finland, such as Lahti, Helsinki, Tampere, Mäntyharju, Mikkeli, Joensuu, Kouvola, Kerava, Kuopio, Kajaani and even Sweden.

## **Strange creatures at Helsinki Samba Carnival 2025**

We are participating in this year's samba carnival with the theme "Strange creatures - strangeness is an illusion". The theme began to live already in 2020, when a small group started to brainstorm a new carnival song. Let me tell you that the group, which mainly consisted of bateria, had bonded together, playing experimentally in the most unusual places. Searching wildly and freely, a good sense of community was found, and the moments of joint experimental playing began to form a wonderfully tickling feeling of the same spiritual safety and the people around them. People had been found who were ready to do things in a way that was different from what they were used to, a little strange way and yet technically respecting the traditional batucada: "Luckily, we have found this group where I can freely be strange together!"

The message of our 2025 carnival procession is about understanding difference and how normal so-called normality actually is. How can we open our minds and hearts so that we dare to face each other boldly without assumptions? No problem! Let's practice together! In a safe space and as yourself, we invite you to explore the diversity of our procession. Because after all, strangeness is just an illusion and in reality we all have a whole galactic space inside us!

## **PROCESSION ORDER**

### **0. Sign bearer G.R.E.S. Força Natural**

### **1. Comissão da Frente -> Naturally Força Natural (vanguard)**

*"I feel fantastic! Força Natural shows it! Do you want to see everything? Naturally!" "A surprisingly good-looking face painted with watercolors. And the sequins are just right when we start the time jump. Fear not!"*

### **2. Abre Ala -> My Little Pony (set wagon with the school symbol)**

*“From glitter dust to the future, to the life of samba again!”*

**3. Porta Bandeira & Mestre Sala (flag-bearer pair)**

**4. Ala das Passistas -> Winged dreamlike creatures (technically the most skilled samba dancers in the school)**

*“Seven winged ones glide up and down like a dream. Only the flap of their wings can be the strongest, in an instant they fly to another world.”*

**5. Rainha da Bateria -> Galactic friend (queen of the bateria)**

*“The carnival's upheaval takes me along! A friend joins the crowd, starts singing, blinking her numerous carnival eyes - look what I see!”*

**6. Ala da Bateria -> Eight-eyed Butterfly Monkeys (drum group)**

*“The Eight-eyed Butterfly Monkeys raise their drums and start playing the familiar rhythm ee - oo - ee and the strange one ee - oo - ee - oo!”*

**7. Ala da melodia & sound car (singers and guitar)**

**8. Ala de Mirimi -> Samba mussels (children's group)**

*“You never know what at the same time crawling, flying pearls will hatch. A heart-shaped, pink pearl wears the costume of the dry land mussel.”*

**9. Ala da Coreografia -> Office Rats (general dance group)**

*“The highlight – The office rat gets wings in the birch forest of Kesanto, as if at home, fluttering among the trunks. Let's enjoy the world with a sharp eye, let's not wonder about anything else, let's enjoy the samba!”*

**Samba de Enredo 2025 “Strange Creatures”**

” Strangeness is an illusion, inside us  
we are him and he is us.

Sometimes I fall, but that doesn't matter,  
we are not alone on the ride.”

“I feel fantastic!

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Do you want to see everything?

Naturally!”

From a shell I turn  
into a butterfly sparkling in natural white.

The eight-eyed butterfly monkeys  
pick up their drums and start playing  
a familiar rhythm, ee-oo-ee!

And a foreign one, ee-oo-ee-oo!  
The carnival's subversion takes me along!

A friend joins the crowd, starts singing  
blinking her numerous carnival eyes  
- look what I see!

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face painted with watercolors.  
And the sequins are just right,  
when we start the time jump.  
Fear not!"

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at the same time crawling,  
flying pearls will hatch.  
A heart-shaped, pink pearl wears  
the costume of the dry land mussel.  
Seven winged ones  
glide up and down like a dream.  
Only the flap of their wings can be the strongest,  
in an instant they fly to another world.  
From glitter dust to the future, to the life of samba again!  
The highlight – The office rat  
gets wings in the birch forest of Kesanto,  
as if at home, fluttering among the trunks.  
Let's enjoy the world with a sharp eye,  
let's not wonder about anything else,  
let's enjoy the samba!"