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## Loco Bloco & Brava! for Women in the Arts Present: From The Bay To Bahia

An Artistic Report Back From A Hella Loco Journey To Bahia, Brazil

Saturday December 21, 2013 – 8:00pm Doors open at 7:00pm for visual and performance Lobby Art Free Pre-Show Q&A Panel with Trip Participants 6:00-6:45pm Brava Theater Center: 2781 24<sup>th</sup> Street @ York, San Francisco

## **Project Description**

From The Bay to Bahia: A Hella Loco Journey to Brazil, re-connects participants and audiences to past, present and future visions of community expression and resistance rooted in the "Bloco Afro" philosophy and Mission district street arts. This summer, Loco Bloco had the great opportunity to study in Bahia, Brazil through a 2 week Cultural Exchange. 32 members of Loco Bloco spent time training and exchanging music and dance with instructors and artists from Olodum, Ilê Aiyê and Balê Folclôrico Da Bahia. This production expresses a commitment to our community, a way to share our experience and inspiration. The Brazil exchange validated our understanding of how arts and culture support and uplift communities and affirms Loco Bloco's continued investment in the advancement of Bay Area underserved populations. It is a multimedia experience featuring original pieces built from the Afro-Brazilian dance and drum training and context Loco Bloco experienced during the exchange. On December 21, 2013 at Brava Theater Center, Loco Bloco will tell the story of our experiences and the connections discovered between the communities and art of Salvador Bahia and the San Francisco Bay Area. The production will include:

- Original Afro-Brazilian Folkloric choreography from Nildinha Fonseca (Balê Folclôrico Da Bahia)
- Original choreography from Tania Santiago
- Afro-Brazilian music and *Bateria* rhythms from Arayê (*Olodum*)
- Traditional Candomble songs
- Original Loco Bloco *Bateria* compositions and choreography which fuse Afro-Brazilian rhythms and movements with Bay Area Hip Hop and House
- A full length Music Video to Loco Bloco's original song "From the Bay to Bahia" directed by Andrea Rodriguez
- Spoken word and dance theater highlighting impactful experiences from the trip

Tickets: youth \$5 -18+ \$10- \$20 (group discounts available)
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