

TAMBOR

Welcome to Bristol Encontro!

We're delighted to welcome you to Bristol Encontro.

As you may know, this is a non-profit event, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in making it possible. Your time, effort, and dedication mean so much to us.

Most of all, we would like to thank **you** for being part of our journey and helping us turn our dream of having our own Encontro here in Bristol into a reality.

We are also running a GoFundMe page for anyone who would like to contribute and support the event:

www.gofundme.com/f/bristol-encontro-tambor

Please take a moment to read through this information pack carefully. If you are unsure about anything, don't hesitate to get in touch — we're here to help.

We look forward to sharing an amazing experience with you!

SCHEDULE

WELCOME PARTY – RODA DE SAMBA

Friday 24th April

6:00pm – 10:00pm

The Fleece, 12 St Thomas St, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6JJ

MAIN EVENT

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April

2:30pm – 10:30pm

(1:00pm arrival for artists)

Trinity Centre

Trinity Centre, Trinity Rd, St Jude's, Bristol BS2 0NW

AFTER PARTY

Saturday 25th April

11:00pm – 3:00am

Exchange

72–73 Old Market St, Bristol BS2 0EJ

ARTISTS – TICKET INFORMATION

All artists will receive a performer's ticket for the day they are performing.

Tickets have already been sent. Please check your inbox and your junk/spam folder.

If you cannot find your ticket, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you would like to attend the rest of the weekend's events, please purchase a ticket via See Tickets. Your support helps make this event possible and supports the other groups performing.

www.seetickets.com/tour/bristol-encontro-presents-tambor-2026

TIMES

It is very important that we keep to a tight running schedule throughout the day.

Please make sure you stick to the running order.

If a group starts late, they will still need to finish at their allocated time, as we cannot afford to overrun.

- Please check your set time with your stage manager on the day, as times are subject to change.
- You must be at your assigned stage and fully set up at least 30 minutes before your scheduled set time.

ARTIST ACCREDITATION

All performers must arrive at **1:00pm** on the day they are performing to collect their wristband.

Please note: the **box office closes at 2:00pm**. If you arrive after this time, you will not be able to collect your wristband, so please do not be late.

Wristbands must be collected in person. Please bring valid photo ID.

The venue operates a strict no re-entry policy. Please make sure you bring everything you need for the day with you. In the case of an emergency, please speak to a member of our team and we will be happy to support you.

There will be live music from 1:00pm–2:00pm, and the outside bar will be open so we can start the celebrations together.

If you are performing on both days, we understand it is a long weekend. You may collect both your Saturday and Sunday wristbands on Saturday at 1:00pm. Please make sure you bring both tickets with you.

FOOD & DRINK

We will have festival street food traders set up outside. They will be open from approximately 1:00pm – 7:00pm.

All food and drinks must be purchased from the venue.

The venue will also have a fully licensed bar open from 1:00pm until close.

However, each group is permitted to bring a bottle of rum or cachaça for use on stage or after their performance. This must be kept out of public areas. If it is visible in public areas, it will be confiscated by security.

Each band will also receive a bucket of cold beer, cider, and soft drinks after their set.

Huge thanks to Bristol Beer Factory for their generous donation through their “Brewed to Give” programme. For more information about how they support community projects, please visit: www.bristolbeerfactory.co.uk/pages/brewed-to-give

STAGES

MAIN ROOM STAGE

Full PA and lighting provided for bands requiring amplification.

Stage dimensions:

7.3m (W) x 6m (L) x 2.9m (H)

Stage height: 1m off the floor

Huge thanks to Rich W and DPA for providing a large microphone package free of charge for the weekend.

Groups performing on this stage must send their tech specs in advance to: bristolentrouk@gmail.com

UPSTAIRS STAGE

Designed for groups who do not require full amplification.

Stage dimensions:

6m (W) x 4m (L)

Stage height: 1ft off the floor

The back metre of the stage is raised by an additional 1ft.

Lighting will be provided, along with a small PA and vocal microphone if you wish to speak to the audience between songs.

TENT / OUTSIDE STAGE

Designed for groups who do not require amplification.

Stage dimensions:

6m (W) x 4m (L)

Stage height: 1m off the floor

If you would prefer to perform on the floor closer to the audience rather than on the

stage, that is absolutely fine, as we have more space available outside. Please speak to your stage manager on the day to arrange this.

PARKING & EQUIPMENT

Parking at Trinity is strictly limited to one vehicle per performing group, on the day they are playing only. Unfortunately, we do not have enough space to accommodate vehicles for the full weekend.

Vehicles should arrive on site at 12:00pm.

Each group is allocated ONE parking space in the artist car park. This space is strictly for equipment transport and is not for individual band members' cars.

Saturday performers may leave their allocated vehicle overnight on Saturday. However, it must be moved off-site by 10:00am on Sunday morning.

Sunday night parking is also permitted.

Please note: after midnight, pay-and-display charges will apply. The car park operates on a camera system. You can pay when leaving on Monday and backdate the hours accordingly.

All equipment and valuables must be stored in your band's vehicle. Each group should unload their drums in time for their performance and pack them away immediately after finishing.

Please note that we do not have space inside the venue to store drums. All equipment remains your responsibility at all times.

If you require additional weekend parking for a van, we are arranging extra spaces at the campsite.

To request an additional parking space, please contact the team directly at: bristolencontrouk@gmail.com

TRAVEL

The **main event (Saturday & Sunday)** will take place at:

Trinity Centre

Trinity Rd
St Jude's
Bristol
BS2 0NW

Please **do not drive directly to Trinity** for the event, as **there is no parking available on site**. The venue car park will be closed to the public as it will be used for event operations.

Due to the venue's **central city location**, **public transport is the easiest and most convenient way** to travel to and from the event.

If you do need to drive into the city, **Cabot Circus multi-storey car park** is a good option and is approximately a **10-minute walk from the venue**.

ACCOMMODATION

We would encourage as many people to attend the **full weekend**. We understand that finding **affordable accommodation** can sometimes be challenging.

Good news this year! We've partnered with a local campsite to offer a **budget-friendly weekend option**.

For **just £30 total** , you can stay **up to three nights (Friday–Monday)**.

The campsite is only **15–20 minutes' drive from Trinity**.

If enough people are staying at the campsite, we will look to **arrange a coach service** to and from the venue.

Please note: this will only be possible **if there are sufficient numbers to make it financially viable**. If not, there is a **regular local bus service available**.

You can **book and find more information** using the link below:

www.seetickets.com/event/bristol-encontro-artist-camping/the-stables-campsite/3519677

For **group bookings**, please speak to your **main group contact or director**. They have been provided with a **separate form for organising group reservations**.

DRESSING ROOMS

There are **only two very small dressing rooms** available inside the venue.

The **downstairs dressing room** is allocated for **female dancers**. However, if any **female drummers** need to quickly use the space to change, that is absolutely fine — please **knock before entering**.

An **upstairs dressing room** is also available. In previous years, many bands chose to **arrive already wearing their band T-shirts**, or simply **changed quickly in the public toilets or in their band vans**.

The **upstairs room** can also be used for **dancer changeovers**, as it is located **next to the stage**.

To help avoid congestion, please **only use the dressing rooms if absolutely necessary**.

⚠ Important:

Do not leave valuables in the dressing rooms. Please keep all valuables **securely stored in your vehicle**.

CAN I BRING CHILDREN TO THE EVENT?

YES – Welcome Party

24 April – The Fleece, 12 St Thomas St, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6JJ

All ages are welcome.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

YES – Main Event

25 & 26 April – Trinity Trinity Rd, St Jude's, Bristol BS2 0NW

Children under 14 are welcome from 2:30pm – 6:30pm only.

Family Day tickets are available via See Tickets.

NO – After Party

Exchange 72–73 Old Market St, Bristol BS2 0EJ

This event is **strictly 18+ only**.

STAY UPDATED

Follow us on our **social media channels** to stay up to date with the latest event news, announcements, and updates.

www.facebook.com/BristolEncontroUK

www.instagram.com/bristol_encontro

MERCH

We will be doing a Pre-Order of Tambor 2026 shirts.
A small number of shirts will be on sale at the event.

Please keep an eye out on our socials for updates

CONTACTS

We would kindly ask that communication stays between you and your group director.

They can then contact our team with a list of questions if they do not already know the answers.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, this will help our team of volunteers deal with queries in the most efficient way, as we have over 650 artists attending over the weekend

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE EVENT

We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone involved in this event.

All artists, directors, volunteers, staff and attendees are expected to treat one another with respect, kindness and professionalism at all times. We celebrate the diversity of our community and want everyone to feel comfortable, valued and able to fully enjoy the experience.

Harassment, discrimination, bullying, or inappropriate behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes offensive language, unwanted physical contact, intimidation, or behaviour that makes others feel unsafe or unwelcome.

Thank you to all the groups for being part of this event. We are really excited to be welcoming you to Bristol Encontro – Tambor 2026 and look forward to a fantastic weekend of music, community and celebration together.

SATURDAY SET TIMES

UPSTAIRS STAGE

ARCO IRIS
3:00^{PM} - 3:40^{PM}

**GARDEN CITY
SAMBA**
4:00^{PM} - 4:40^{PM}

BAQUE TROVÃO
5:00^{PM} - 5:40^{PM}

**KARAMBA
SAMBA**
6:00^{PM} - 6:45^{PM}

OUTSIDE STAGE

**THE SILVER
SAMBISTAS**
3:20^{PM} - 4:00^{PM}

SAMBA GALEZ
4:20^{PM} - 5:00^{PM}

**BRISTOL
CAPOEIRA**
5:20^{PM} - 6:00^{PM}

BLOCO FOGO
6:20^{PM} - 7:05^{PM}

MAIN STAGE

KABOOZLE
3:40^{PM} - 4:20^{PM}

JUBA DO LEÃO
4:40^{PM} - 5:25^{PM}

NORDESTINOS
5:45^{PM} - 6:30^{PM}

DJ ROBERTO CANASSA
7:00^{PM} - 7:30^{PM}

BLOCO B
7:30^{PM} - 8:30^{PM}

SAMBAYABAMBA
9:00^{PM} - 10:15^{PM}

V3

DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC 2:30^{PM}

SET TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY SET TIMES

UPSTAIRS STAGE

SOL SAMBA
3:00^{PM} - 3:40^{PM}

ILU AXÉ
4:00^{PM} - 4:40^{PM}

SIMBORA
5:00^{PM} - 5:40^{PM}

**SAMBASSADORS
OF GROOVE**
6:00^{PM} - 6:45^{PM}

OUTSIDE STAGE

BATALA BRISTOL
3:20^{PM} - 4:00^{PM}

**BRISTOL
CAPOEIRA**
4:20^{PM} - 5:00^{PM}

KIDS PARADE
5:30^{PM} - 6:00^{PM}

**OLÁ SAMBA
BATERIA**
6:20^{PM} - 7:05^{PM}

MAIN STAGE

POCKET BLOCO
3:40^{PM} - 4:20^{PM}

**CARNAVAL
TRANSATLANTICO**
4:40^{PM} - 5:25^{PM}

BARRACWDA
5:45^{PM} - 6:30^{PM}

BRISTOL SAMBA
7:00^{PM} - 7:40^{PM}

BRISTOL SAMBA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
7:40^{PM} - 8:00^{PM}

SAFRELA
8:30^{PM} - 9:30^{PM}

V3

DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC 2:30^{PM}

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BENCHES

STAFF & TRADER PARKING

FOOD TRADER
WITH 16 AMP POWER SUPPLIED FROM VENUE

16AMP POWER
SUPPLIED BY VENUE

HARRIS BARRIER
SUPPLIED BY VENUE

ARTIST PARKING
ONE SPACE PER GROUP FOR DRUMS

ARTIST DRESSING ROOMS

PRODUCTION OFFICE & ARTIST ACCREDITATION
AKA TERRY'S VAN

TRADERS

PORTABLE TOILET

DJ
DJ TABLE
CDJ'S PLUS 1210'S & MIXER

OUTSIDE BAR
CAIPIRINHA BAR

STEWARDS
SECURITY
FIRST AID TRAINED