

DLAFF PRE-LAUNCH PARTY AT FAVELA CHIC

Around 260 people enjoyed the samba lessons given by Maria Pinho and her girls, danced to the rhythm of the Netto Pio's band and finally let go with DJ Deany Seagulls' tunes.

As a taste of what will be the 8th Discovering Latin America Film Festival [26th November/6th December] the party at Favela Chic last Thursday 1st October could not have been a better indicator for success. Everybody, from the DLAFF's sponsors (Mexicana, Dusted, Film London, Gaucho, Toe Prints and Brazilian Embassy) to this year's supported charity (Kiya Survivors) was present at the event. The volunteers' dedication that night was also a key factor for the party to run smoothly and on time.

The evening kicked off with the screening of four short films, "A day like this", "Noelia", "Un juego absurdo" and "The sinners", warming up to receive on stage (you could also read 'wooden table' here) the samba movements of Maria Pinho, who gave a lesson on Brazilian flexibility and then put on a show with her dancers. At this point, the crowd was willing to dance, and did so with the live music of Netto Pio's band, who also delivered an impressive performance playing everything from funk to traditional Brazilian songs.

An eagerly awaited moment of the night was the raffle and the announcement of the highlights for the Festival by Libia Villazana and Mauricio Davila, Director of DLAFF and founder of DLA respectively. The audience won tickets for the Closing Gala Night, the Charitable Screening, and a dinner for two at Sabor restaurant. The fun then continued with the eclectic DJ Deany Seagulls, who kept everyone dancing until late.

Thanks to everybody who came to celebrate the pre-launch of the festival with us, including Favela Chic for holding the party at their premises. The amazing venue had surely something to do with the high public attendance! Thanks too to all the volunteers who spread the word about DLA that night and made of our first party such a remarkable triumph.

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