

# **Instructor Gaviao Fierros**

## **Instructor of Capoeira**

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## **Biography**

In February of 1997 Gaviao watched a captivating capoeira performance at his San Antonio high school. Shortly thereafter he met and began training under the director of that performance, Professor Lalo Vieira, student and nephew of Master Jelon Vieira. Professor Lalo retired and Professor Esquilo Preto, another accomplished student of Mestre Jelon, began teaching the San Antonio capoeira group, continuing Professor Lalo's work.

Instructor Gaviao has demonstrated his skills in capoeira in several large performances. In 1999, Gaviao traveled to New York City to perform in the globally televised New Years dance marathon in Time Square. He worked under Mestre Jelon's dance company Dance Brazil, sponsored by Nike. Traveling to San Francisco in April of 2000, Gaviao took part in a presentation for Nike in Niketown. In May of 2000, he performed with Dance Brazil at the University of Tempe, Arizona. He also performed at Winterfest in South beach Florida in 2007 and has appeared on the Discovery Channel

Gaviao is a regular honored guest at many Batizados, (annual gatherings of capoeiristas to ascend in rank) his skill as a capoeirista is recognized by many fellow Instructors, Professors and Mestres and he has the privilege of being a sponsored guest at many of these events where he teaches workshops. He has taught workshops in Gainesville and Miami FL, San Antonio, Houston and Austin TX, San Diego CA, Milwaukee WI, Phoenix AZ, Durham NC, St. Louis MO, New York NY, At Alvin Ailey School of Dance in New York, Tucson AZ, New Orleans LO, Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs CO.

After traveling, learning and teaching capoeira, Gaviao decided to open his own academy under the supervision of Professor Esquilo. In 2001 Gaviao moved to Denver, CO and started 'Capoeira Denver'. In May of 2008 he opened the doors of his own studio where he continues to teach and grow his school. He has now had three of his own Batizados in Denver Colorado and has given Cordas (or belts) to over 100 students.

He works with many respected local organizations such as Cleo Parker Robinson School of Dance, Pura Vida Fitness and Spa, the Colorado School of Mines, Regis High School, KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy, Denver Public Schools, Fort Collins Museum, the Girl Scouts of America, la Raza Youth Leadership Institute Conference, Denver Parks and Recreation, The Alta Vista Center for Autism and many more.