

# **QUADRILHA BRAZILIAN FESTIVAL GORT**

## **SATURDAY JUNE 23rd 2007**

Join us for the 4th year of the traditional *Quadrilha Festival* with attractions such as Live forro band, (Forro Roots), axe, hip hop and much much more.

*June 23rd @ 1pm in The Square, Gort, Co. Galway*

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

The annual Brazilian Festival started 3 years ago in Gort and has become a popular medium for the local Brazilians to express themselves and share a little of their culture with the Irish people.

***'Quadrilha' is a traditional Brazilian Festival.***

It was introduced to Brasil by the Portuguese for whom St. John's Day on the 24th of June is one of the oldest and most popular celebrations of the year. The festivities traditionally begin after the 12th of June, on the eve of St. Anthony's day and last until the 29th of June which is St. Peter's Day. There are bonfires, folk dancing, fire works and feasts.

The dance called after and associated with *'Quadrilha'* will be performed at the Gort festival in June. It will be danced by a number of couples led by a 'bride' and a 'groom'.

*This festival is associated with gaiety and happiness.*

*To achieve this atmosphere we use colourful clothes when dancing Quadrilha.*

*The women wear dresses of many different patterns and shades.*

*The men wear checked shirts, trousers with colourful patches and straw hats.*

*Both the men and women paint their faces*

Gort is a small town in the west of Ireland with the largest proportionate population of Brazilians in the country. The first arrivals in 2000 came mainly from the cities of **Anapolis** and **Goiania**. They have been well received by the local community and have made a positive and valuable contribution to the area. A once quiet rural Irish market town has been transformed by the colours, emotions and sounds of South America

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