

Brazilians at samba workshop

A TRIO of Brazilian musicians performed to pupils during a visit to a Downend school.

The musicians held a workshop with students from Downend School's samba group and Year 10 GCSE music students.

There were also separate practice sessions for percussion, voice and guitar before a full rehearsal and performance at an assembly yesterday afternoon.

JP Courtney is a well known performer and director of Brazilian music in the UK and is involved with projects all over the country as well as in Rio. Fabio Allman is one of the lead vocalists of Monobloco and has been well-known in Brazil for a decade. As well as being the recognisable face of Monobloco, he has performed with rock band Bruixa and PlayBob along with fellow Rio native Pepe Barcellos, a guitarist and singer.

The musicians were in Bristol following a performance with Ziriguidum, a Bristol-based percussion group.

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Well-known faces: Lead vocalists Year 10 students Kyrre Telfer-Bennett and Helen James with Pepe Barcellos, right, Fabio Allman (beard), JP Courtney (red T-shirt), head of music Sam Macraw and the rest of the samba group