

SAMBA LARANJA is directed by Dr. Elisa Dekaney and Joshua Dekaney. As the Syracuse University Brazilian Ensemble it was formed in 2001 and exists as a university class and a working band. The ensemble has been featured three times at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City and has performed in Bethesda, Maryland, Boston, and through out central New York state where it has performed for over 14,000 public school students.

SAMBA LARANJA has recorded two albums for Syracuse University Recordings (SUR): our self titled 2007 debut and our the 2011 record "Native Orange". The group's third release "Pathways" will be out in November 2014.

At Syracuse University SAMBA LARANJA consists of undergraduate and graduate students from a wide variety of studies with about half of the students majoring in music education, music industry, and/or music performance. The ensemble meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 400 of Crouse College and is open to all registered students at Syracuse University & SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry.

As a working band, SAMBA LARANJA performs in smaller versions as a trio, quartet, and quintet. This version of the group performs at more intimate settings such as private functions, conferences, and galleries.