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The **annual Samba Parade** warmed up the city of Assens on the 14 of August 2010, bringing to Denmark a little bit of Brazil. The streets were covered with colorful ribbons and filled with people of all ages and backgrounds but the special atmosphere of "**Samba i Assens**", as always, is created by the energy and the creativity of the parade participants: children, girls, boys, women and men dressed in multicolored costumes, dancing and playing all around. This year **Andebølle Ungdomshøjskole students** joined the parade too, together with the charming dancers in glitter dress, the samba musicians and the smiling children in carnival costumes.

The preparation for the Carnival parade in Assens began weeks earlier with **special classes about how to play samba music and how to dance** these South-American rhythms. The music teacher, Peter, helped the students with the 'playing part' while one of the Volunteers in Andebølle, Wendy, from Martinique, taught the students to dance and to **move their bodies like Brazilian samba dancers**.

In the Music class **the students learned how to play drums of all sizes, maracas, tambourines and other instruments**. After this first part, in which every instrument had its own tune, the students learned how to play together with the others, synchronizing all the different rhythms to create a perfect samba tune.

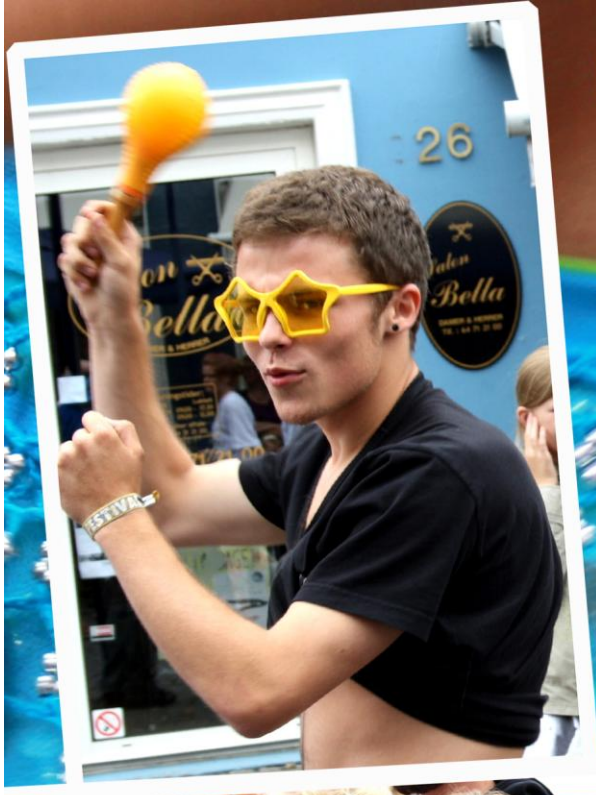
At the same time, in another room, **the girls were learning how to dance samba** with the help of Wendy. They had a great time during the Dance class, and even the initial shyness of the girls disappeared **after some funny hips shaking and some sexy samba moves in Rio-style**.

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The results of both classes were combined and the students were finally **ready to play and dance samba in the Assens parade**. On the 14 of August the school was ready for "the big day" and all the kids were excited about the Carnival. Unfortunately they had no time to prepare costumes and masks for the parade and, once arrived in Assens, they were really sad about it because all the participants were dressed in special, funny outfits. After few minutes of confusion, **the parade started and excitement and fun took away the sadness**.

The students began to play and to dance, **marching with their drums and their maracas through the streets of Assens** and having a really great time together and, at the end of the day, the Brazilian atmosphere followed the kids back home, in Andebølle.

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