

# Samba time for Nelson

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A CITY-centre parade and a six-hour concert for 20 000 people in Rio's famous "Sambadrome" are planned to welcome Mr Nelson Mandela on Thursday when he arrives in Brazil.

Mr Mandela is immensely popular in this city of seven million people, half of whom are black or coloured.

Mr Mandela and his wife, Winnie, are expected to arrive at about 6am from Venezuela. Mr Mandela will open a school to be named after him, and later he will receive an honorary doctorate from the Rio de Janeiro State University.

The popular reception planned for the evening will bring the city centre to a standstill with a parade from the railway station to the Sambadrome, where the world-famous carnival parade takes place each year.

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