Eduardo “Dudu” Fuentes taught and performed Samba percussion music for the Center for World Music from 2017 to 2018. A master performer, Dudu is one of Rio de Janeiro’s foremost percussionists. As former director and principal arranger of Bangalafumenga and Batucalacatuca, two popular Carnaval blocos (street bands), Dudu is recognized for creating percussion arrangements that have breathed new life into traditional Brazilian rhythms. Dudu’s unique style of adapting folkloric Brazilian rhythms—like ciranda, cóco, maculelê, and ijexá—for samba bateria instruments has taken him around the world, teaching workshops in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

Formerly a member and teacher for the award-winning group Monobloco, Dudu currently teaches and arranges for his new bloco, Vagalume O Verde. He is also a member of Du Rio, a band created along with other members of Monobloco. When Dudu is not working with his blocos, he parades in the baterias of various Rio samba schools, including São Clemente, Imperio Serrano, and Portela.