



**FEATHER GIRL:** Brazilian samba-style dancers joined black-and-white minstrels, right, in the cavalcade

## PLAY AND DISPLAY

THE heat was on yesterday as this year's Edinburgh festival kicked off in style.

A crowd of 150,000 spectators sweltered in the sun as the capital was transformed into a giant carnival by the annual Cavalcade through Princes Street.

And don't let the mysterious

monochromatic stylings of the artist on the right fool you.

Most of the acts taking part in the procession were considerably more colourful, not least the Rio-style samba style of the performer in our picture.

The 56th Edinburgh Festival Fringe will see more than 25,000

performances of nearly 1700 shows staged in a record 236 venues over the next three weeks.

A Fringe spokesman said: "It is nice to see everything come together. We work on it for so long, it is great to see the real energy the festival brings.

"That's what it's all about, really"

