

BIOGRAPHY

Portuguese conductor, composer, and clarinetist, **Luís Carvalho** is one of the most versatile musicians of his generation. Having performed numerous concerts and recitals around the World, he often premieres his own pieces and others by leading Portuguese and foreign contemporary composers, some of which have been specifically dedicated to him.

Carvalho holds a Doctor of Music degree from the University of Aveiro (Portugal), and has been a prizewinner at such important competitions such as the «Estoril Interpretation Competition» (2001), the «4th International Póvoa de Varzim Composition Competition» (2009 – for his orchestral work *Metamorphoses... hommage à M. C. Escher*), and the «1st Francisco Martins Composition Competition» (2017) of the Orquestra Clássica do Centro for *Mosaico*, another orchestral work. Furthermore, Carvalho came top winner at the «Audition for Young Conductors» held by the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra in 2010, and was a finalist nominee for the *Authors Prize 2012* of the Portuguese Authors Society (SPA), for another of his orchestral works – *Nise Lacrimosa*. In 2013 «Audiência» regional newspaper awards him the *Prestige Trophy* for his career devoted to music.

As a conductor, Carvalho appears with most of the Portuguese leading orchestras, namely the *Portuguese Symphony* (Lisbon), the *Porto National*, the *Lisbon Metropolitan*, the *Algarve Orchestra*, the *Madeira Classical Orchestra*, the *Centre Classical Orchestra* (Coimbra), the *Beiras Philharmonic* (Aveiro), the *Portuguese Chamber Orchestra*, the *Póvoa de Varzim Symphony*, the *Aveiro University Symphony*, the *ESART Symphony*, the *EPMVC Symphony*, the *Porto Conservatory of Music Symphony*, the *Espinho Classical*, the *Portuguese Symphonic Band* and the *ESML Wind Orchestra* (Lisbon). Abroad his partnerships include groups from Russia, Hungary, Italy, Spain, and Finland. Carvalho is founder and artistic/music director of **Camerata Nov'Arte** (Porto), an ensemble which proposes alternative programming, including projects with theatre. In 2013, the group undertook its first, very well-received international tour to Brazil (ES – Espírito Santo). Carvalho's musical companions include many renowned soloists, Portuguese and foreign, having furthermore participated in the most important Portuguese festivals, such as Estoril, Alcobaca (Cisternmúsica), Póvoa de Varzim, Espinho, Algarve, Paços de Brandão, Guimarães, Autumn Festival (Aveiro), CCB Music Days (Lisbon), RDP/Antena 2 PJM Festival (Portuguese Broadcasting Corporation), and abroad at the Macao Festival, the Domingos Martins Winter Festival (Brazil), the ClarinetFest–Madrid (Spain) and *Musique en Guyenne* (Monflanquin/France).

Carvalho's repertoire is vast and eclectic, spanning from the baroque to modernity, and includes several World premieres. On the scenic/operatic field, his experience includes the premiere of Portuguese opera *Tale of the Foundation of the City of Coimbra*, by Manuel de Faria, *La voix humaine* by Poulenc, *Il segreto de Susanna* by Wolf-Ferrari, *Pierrot Lunaire* by Schoenberg and *How to make orange colour* by Portuguese composer Pedro Faria Gomes.

Also, a recognized composer, Carvalho's works have been performed in Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Venezuela and Brazil. His catalogue, mainly published by AvA-editions (Portugal) and Molenaar (Holland), includes works for orchestra, band, chamber music, solos and many arrangements, orchestrations and revisions, most of which derive from commissions by many important Portuguese institutions, groups and individuals/soloists. Within the scope of his doctoral research, Carvalho conceived a «reinvention of the draft for large ensemble» for Gustav Mahler's last and unfinished *Symphony No.10 in F# major*, which he himself premiered, conducting Camerata Nov'Arte in June/2014.

Carvalho is featured in nearly two dozen CD's, either as a clarinetist, conductor or composer and in labels such as NUMÉRICA, CASA DA MÚSICA, AFINAUDIO, PUBLIC-ART, and MOLENAAR.

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