

## **Banda Sinfónica Portuguesa – CV**

Created in November 2004, the Banda Sinfónica Portuguesa is based in Oporto and consists of 70 young and talented musicians who have graduated or will soon graduate from prestigious Music Colleges in Portugal and abroad.

The BSP had its debut on the 1st of January 2005 at the Teatro Rivoli in Oporto, where the first album was also recorded. They received support from the CulturPorto and later the PortoLazer in promoting and expanding their project.

Currently the BSP is a regular guest at the prestigious Casa da Música in Oporto, where they give performances of important composers, including some premieres.

The BSP has been promoting talented young musicians, who have performed as soloists with the Band, such as Paulo Areias (Oboe), João Pedro Santos, Diogo Ferreira and Vicente Alberola (Clarinet), Nuno Simões and João Pacheco (Percussion), Jean-Yves Fourmeau, Gilberto Bernardes, Hugo Marinheiro and Mário Marques (Saxophone), Jorge Almeida, Hugo Santos, Telmo Barbosa e Manuel Luís Azevedo (Trumpet), Ricardo Matosinhos and Hélder Vales (Horn), Marco Rascão (Trombone), Sérgio Carolino (Tuba), Marco Pereira (Cello), Fernando Marinho (Flute), *Quarteto de Saxofones do Porto*, *Carynx* Brass Quintet and *Avant-Garde* Wind Quintet.

Other aims of the BSP are in the educational field: they take Masterclasses with important artists such as, António Saiote and Iva Barbosa (Clarinet), Jorge Almeida (Trumpet), Vicent David and Jean-Yves Fourmeau (Saxophone), *Qarteto de Saxofones do Porto* and also were hosts to the *Jornadas de Saxofone Porto 2005*, the I, II, III and IV Wind Band Conducting Masterclasses hold by Marcel Van Bree, Jan Cober (Holland), Douglas Bostock (England) and José Rafael Vilaplana (Spain) in partnership with the Wind Band in Famalicão and *Banda Militar do Porto*.

In November 2007, 2008 and 2009, the BSP was directed by Jan Cober, Douglas Bostock and José Rafael Vilaplana. The BSP has received excellent reviews and has been highly acclaimed by interantional arists for its extraordinary role in the cultural field in Portugal. They have performed in many venues around the country, such as the Teatro Rivoli in Oporto, Europarque, Culturgest – Lisbon, *Claustros de São Bento da Vitória* in Oporto, Council Theatres in Bragança and Vila Real, Concert Halls in Espinho and Lagoa, Serralves Foundation, *Concha Acústica do Palácio de Cristal* in Oporto, but also in Spain – the *Teatro*

*Monumental de Madrid* (RTVE) and *Rosalía de Castro* (Corunha). They have also participated in the *Certames Internacionais de Boqueixón* and Vila de Cruces.

In April 2008 the BSP won 1st Prize/ 1st Division at the *II Concurso Internacional de Bandas de La Sénia* in Catalunya (Spain).

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The artistic Director is Francisco Ferreira.