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Singer & Composer

Fernando *Tordo*

INSTRUMENT	GENRE	BASED IN	LATEST ALBUM
Song	Portuguese Music	Lisbon, Portugal	2025

SONG — PORTUGUESE MUSIC

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ABOUT

Six decades of Portuguese song

Fernando Tordo is one of the most prolific and best-loved songwriters in the history of **Portuguese music**. Born in Lisbon in 1948, he has built a career of remarkable longevity, spanning more than five decades, as a **singer**, **composer** and writer, and is an essential figure of contemporary Portuguese song.

His name is inseparable from his partnership with the poet **José Carlos Ary dos Santos**: Tordo composed the music, Ary dos Santos wrote the words, and together they gave Portugal "Tourada", "Cavalo à Solta", "Estrela da Tarde" and "Novo Fado Alegre".



FERNANDO TORDO · PHOTO © RITA CARMO

> *"For the first time in history, the Portuguese Symphony Orchestra joins a popular-music songwriter for a unique concert with Fernando Tordo."*
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> — MIGUEL JUDAS · DIÁRIO DE NOTÍCIAS · 2019

1948
Born in Lisbon

60
Years of career · concert "60 Years of Songs"

1973
Eurovision with "Tourada" · 10th place

2×
Winner of the Festival RTP da Canção (1973, 1977)

DISCOGRAPHY

Recordings

Albums and EPs available on Spotify.



2025

Fernando Tordo com a Banda Sinfónica Portuguesa

Arr.: Lino Guerreiro, Valter Rolo



2022

Os Fados Que Eu Fiz

With Cuca Roseta and Paulo de Carvalho



2019

Duetos — Diz-me Com Quem Cantas



2016

Outro Canto

Written and produced in Brazil

FULL DISCOGRAPHY ON THE ONLINE EPK AND ON SPOTIFY (+9)

SIGNATURE SONGS

01 Tordo / Ary dos Santos
«Tourada» (1973)

02 Tordo / Ary dos Santos
«Cavalo à Solta» (1971)

03 Tordo / Ary dos Santos
«Estrela da Tarde» (1976)

04 Tordo / Ary dos Santos
«Novo Fado Alegre» (1976)

05 Tordo (words and music)
«Adeus Tristeza»

ON STAGE







BIOGRAPHY

Fernando *Tordo*

In 1973 he won the Festival RTP da Canção and represented **Portugal at Eurovision**, in Luxembourg, with *"Tourada"* (music by Tordo, lyrics by Ary dos Santos), which finished 10th. Read in Portugal as an allegory of the regime, it became a symbol of the years leading up to the Carnation Revolution.

He began singing in the 1960s with Os Deltons and Os Sheiks, and released his first solo album, *"Tocata"*, in 1972. In 1977 he won the Festival RTP da Canção again with *"Portugal no Coração"*, as part of the group Os Amigos. He has given songs to voices such as **Carlos do Carmo**, Simone de Oliveira, **Mariza** and Carminho.

Commander of the Order of Merit (2003) and **of the Order of Liberty** (2023), he keeps taking his work to the stage, revisiting it with new arrangements: in 2025 he presented the album recorded with the Portuguese Symphonic Band and, in 2026, he celebrates six decades of songs with a concert premiered on 10 February at the Teatro da Trindade in Lisbon.

HONOURS AND MILESTONES

COMMANDER · 2003

Order of Merit

Awarded the rank of Commander of the Order of Merit by the President of the Republic, Jorge Sampaio.

COMMANDER · 2023

Order of Liberty

Awarded the rank of Commander of the Order of Liberty by the President of the Republic, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.

EUROVISION · 1973

Tourada

Won the Festival RTP da Canção and represented Portugal at Eurovision: 10th place, with 80 points.

LIVE

Stages and festivals

2026	**Ponta Delgada** Coliseu Micaelense · "60 Years of Songs"	13 SEP.
2026	**Covilhã** Praça do Município · 24 April celebrations	24 APR.
2026	**Lisbon** Teatro da Trindade INATEL · premiere of "60 Years of Songs"	10 FEB.
2025	**Porto** Coliseu Porto Ageas · with the Portuguese Symphonic Band	29 MAR.
2019	**Lisbon** Teatro Nacional de São Carlos · with the Portuguese Symphony Orchestra	

WITH ORCHESTRA AND BAND

Portuguese Symphony Orchestra

Portuguese Symphonic Band





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Bring Fernando Tordo's songs to your *stage*.

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LINKS

- TOURADA · OFFICIAL VIDEO
- ESTRELA DA TARDE · COLISEU DOS RECREIOS
- LISTEN ON SPOTIFY
- INSTAGRAM
- FACEBOOK
- SPOTIFY

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