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João *Farinha*

From Coimbra Fado to the world's stages

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Fado	Coimbra, Portugal	2024

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ABOUT

The voice of Coimbra Fado, for the world

Fado runs in his blood and Coimbra runs through his veins. From an early age, **João Farinha** breathed in the world of **Coimbra Fado**, introduced by his father and nurtured in the halls of the Coimbra Academic Association, at the city's Conservatory — under maestro Virgílio Caseiro — and in the Schola Cantorum choir.

Founder and member of landmark projects such as **ÆMINIUM** (1998), **Coimbra Ensemble** (2005) and the **Fado ao Centro** collective (2011), he is today one of the foremost ambassadors of Coimbra Fado, championing its renewal at home and abroad.



JOÃO FARINHA · PHOTO © CORTESIA DO ARTISTA

1998	2011	10+	20+
Co-founder of the group ÆMINIUM	Co-founder of Fado ao Centro, in Coimbra	Recordings	Countries performed in, from Brazil to Japan

DISCOGRAPHY

Recordings

Available on all digital platforms.



2024
A Conta Que Deus Fez
Produced by Tiago Machado



2022
Ao Vivo
Recorded live in Coimbra



2020
Solto



2018
Sim
with Fado ao Centro

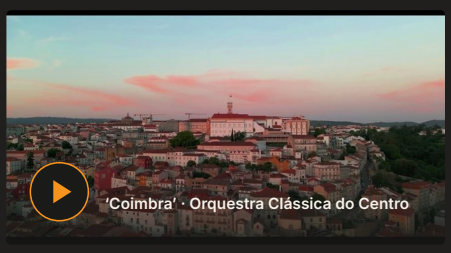


2012
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Fado ao Centro

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BIOGRAPHY

João *Farinha*

Born in Coimbra in 1976, he graduated in Management from the University of Coimbra, where he first wore the black student's cloak and knew that fado would shape his future. He studied singing at the Coimbra Music Conservatory and sang in the Choir of the Former Orpheonists of the University of Coimbra (2006).

In 1998 he founded the group **ÆMINIUM** with João Monteiro and Pedro Cunha, and in 2005 the **Coimbra Ensemble**. In 2011 he was one of the creators of **Fado ao Centro**, a Coimbra fado house with a daily show that defends and promotes Coimbra fado at home and abroad; in the project's "original" trio he sang alongside Luís Barroso and Luís Carlos.

His solo career began in 2018 with *Sim*, followed by *Solto* (2020), *Ao Vivo* (2022) and *A Conta Que Deus Fez* (2024), produced by Tiago Machado with guests including Ruze, Tiago Nogueira, Mafalda Umbelino and Quatro e Meia. The latter includes a 1981 recording of his father, found in the RTP archives.

In July 2026 he released *Coimbra*, with words and music by him and arrangements by Pedro Carvalho, recorded with the Orquestra Clássica do Centro. On stage, Coimbra fado is the foundation of a repertoire that meets pop and jazz, and has led him to work with Beto do Bandolim (Brazil), Luís Pedro Madeira, José Rebola and Tiago Nogueira.

His compositions have been heard on stages from Brazil to Japan, via Canada, the United States, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Morocco, Cape Verde, Hong Kong, Macau and Vietnam. Among his references are **Zeca Afonso**, **Carlos Paredes** and **Adriano Correia de Oliveira**, alongside the poetry of **Manuel Alegre**.

MILESTONES

1998	2011	2018	2024	2026
Co-founds the fado group ÆMINIUM	Co-founds Fado ao Centro, in Coimbra	Solo debut with 'Sim'	'A Conta Que Deus Fez', with Tiago Machado	'Coimbra', with the Orquestra Clássica do Centro

LIVE

Stages and festivals

Venues such as the CCB, Casa da Música, Coliseu Micaelense, Theatro do Circo and Convento São Francisco. From the intimate trio to extended line-ups with bass, percussion, electric guitar and strings.

2026	**Proença-a-Nova** Vale do Urso	17 OCT.
2026	**Pinhel**	6 NOV.
2026	**Coimbra** 'Em Casa d'Amália' · Jardim da Sereia · City Festivities	JUL.
2025	**Hamburg** Laeiszhalle (Kleiner Saal) · with Fado ao Centro	3 APR.
2024	**Porto** Casa da Música	6 OCT.
2024	**Coimbra** Convento São Francisco · launch of 'A Conta Que Deus Fez'	27 SEP.

WITH ORCHESTRA

Orquestra Clássica do Centro





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