

## João Gaspar

From Leiria city, Portugal, João Gaspar is granted with the Merit Award for Best Student at Escola Profissional Metropolitana and gets a Merit Scholarship to accomplish the Bachelor degree at Academia Nacional Superior de Orquestra. In 2018 gets the Master Degree in Music Education at Escola Superior de Música de Lisboa.



As soloist, the Paxman Artist had premiered in Portugal Brian Balmages' *Pele* and Lee Actor's *Concerto for Horn and Band*, a live recording to CD and released his first Album, "Postcards", in 2021.

Has been performing with many orchestras and ensembles as European Union Youth Wind Orchestra, The World Orchestra, Orquestra de Jazz de Matosinhos, Orquestra XXI, Orquestra d'Almada, Ensemble do Movimento Patrimonial pela Música Portuguesa, Orquestra de Câmara Portuguesa, Orquestra Metropolitana de Lisboa or Orquestra Gulbenkian.

Has been guest teacher in several masterclasses at Panstwowa Skola Muzyczna w Krakowie (Poland), Guatemala Horn Festival (Guatemala), IV Brass Week (Portugal), Congreso Internacional de Trompas de Guadassuar (Spain), Escola Profissional de Artes da Covilhã (Portugal), Holyhorns Horn Festival (Brasil)

Gaspar is member of the Portuguese Air Force Band and teaches at Conservatório Regional de Artes do Montijo.

As guest conductor he was invited by the Orquestra Sem Fronteiras, Orquestra Clássica da Madeira, Orquestra do Algarve and currently he is Principal Conductor and Artistic Director of Sociedade Filarmónica Vestiariense Band, in Alcobaça.

Besides the number of arrangements for many ensembles as well as pedagogical repertoire, he has original compositions for Solo Instrument, Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Orchestra.

João Gaspar is the mentor of famous speeches for young artists "Communication and Artistic Entrepreneurship" and author of the pedagogical method "The French Horn Creative Studio". He is also author of the recognized children book "Vila Compasso" and of "Sonho de Voar", the educational project of the Portuguese Air Force Band, winner of the First National Defense and Equality Award from the National Defense Ministry.