Flor de Fado began as a live concert that has been performed both in Portugal and abroad. The powerful repertoire selected by Mafalda matured with each live performance and the empathy between the artist and the audience grew increasingly strong. In time, Flor de Fado became an addiction and Mafalda felt a growing desire to record those unique moments not to create a live album, but a record that was “alive” and full of feeling.

During the first quarter of 2008, Mafalda Arnaut got together in the studio with the musicians that had accompanied her during the live shows: Luis Pontes (classical guitar), Ramon Maschio (classical guitar), Ângelo Freire (Portuguese guitar), and Fernando Júdice (acoustic bass). They were joined by the cellist Davide Zaccaria, and thus was born the album Flor de Fado.

In Flor de Fado we can find fados written by Luís Pontes and Ramon Maschio, who is also the musical arranger of most of the songs, as well as fados by Mafalda Arnaut and Flávio Torres da Silva, a poet and songwriter with an increasingly inspired and profound vision of the Portuguese soul and an indisputable skill in creating words that beg to be sung.

We hope that you will enjoy Mafalda Arnaut’s Flor de Fado as much as she has enjoyed creating it. We can feel the recognizable dedication, emotion, and charisma that Mafalda imparts to everything she does.

12:00 Opening of the Exhibition (Pavilions 1 and 2)
13:00 Porto de Honra, sponsored by (Foyer A and LCC lobby).
14:00-14:15 Musical performance by Mafalda Arnaut - “Flor de Fado”.
Auditorium 1
25th May 2010
From 14:00 to 16:00
14:15 1. CRP Executive Board President - Ricardo Oliveira
14:20-14:25 2. 16th WM President - Emanuel Maranhão das Neves
3. AIPCR President and Assistant Deputy Minister of Transport and General Director for Infrastructure and Technology of Quebec - Anne-Marie Leclerc
5. IRF Vice-Chairman and Deputy Minister of Transport of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Abdullah Al-Mogbel
6. Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India - Kamal Nath
7. Spanish Minister for Public Works and Transport - Presidency of the Council of the European Union - José Blanco López
8. Portuguese Minister for Public Works, Transport and Communications - António Mendonça
15:30-15:45 Presentation of Dr. Mino Award of Excellence
15:45-16:00 Musical performance by Mafalda Arnaut - “Flor de Fado”.
16:00-18:30 Plenary Sessions - Themes 1 and 2
18:30 Beginning of the Welcome Cocktail sponsored by (served in the Exhibition area)