



Sharing the road



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The project Matriz, by Tereza Salgueiro, presents itself as a brief musical tour through Portuguese time and space, gathering, here and there, characteristic aspects of our roots and culture, established through writing and remembered, throughout the times, by music. It inserts itself, therefore, in the spirit of the 16th IRF World Meeting (16º Congresso Mundial de Estradas), with the theme "Shaping the Road."

We begin this journey by going back in time to the XIII/XIV century, the troubadour era, the time of the Portuguese King and Poet Dom Dinis, who wrote the lyrics to "**Minha Mãe Velada**" - a poetic composition called **Cantiga de Amigo** - whose music is written by Afonso X, the Wise. The **Cantigas de Amigo** are of popular and oral origin.

Leaving the court surroundings, we enter the popular atmosphere with a set of songs collected by oral tradition from the area where Portugal was born - a rural and bucolic Portugal, that reveals customs connected with holiday traditions, sacred or profane, and work in the fields.

It is followed by a chapter dedicated to Lisbon's Fado, where the force of destiny is reflected in melodies of melancholy and longing. Although experts have not reached a consensus on the origins of Fado (a popular explanation refers the chants of the Moors; another theory points to the immense popularity in the XVIII and XIX centuries of the Brazilian Modinha). In fact, Fado only became known in the streets of Lisbon after 1840.

We end with the celebration of major contemporary authors: Carlos Paredes - a famous and innovative guitarist who created new melodies and turned the Portuguese guitar into a concert instrument - and Fernando Lopes Graça, a great source of inspiration for this project and author of a vast literary reflection on the Portuguese music and numerous folk-inspired choral works. We close with "**Por este Rio Açimo**" by Fausto Bordalo Dias, based on "Pilgrimage" by Fernando Mendes Pinto, an extraordinary testimony of the XVI century recounting the experience of a Portuguese adventurer in the Far East during several years and highlighting the multicultural sphere of the Portuguese Discoveries.

In this way we communicate what it means to be Portuguese, in a show of praise to poetry, music, culture, through Tereza Salgueiro - one of the most internationally recognized Portuguese voices who takes the melodies from the fields and streets to the concert halls.

Matriz, as the path of a search and sharing of our collective memory, contributes to the knowledge of our cultural heritage.



bar aberto drinks

espumante murganheira sparkling wine
 porto seco dry port
 madeira doce sweet madeira
 vinhos branco e tinto white and red wine
 sumo de laranja natural fresh orange juice
 sumo de tomate e tomato juice and
 águas minerais mineral waters

Salgadinhos Appetisers

Canapés de foie gras fresco em pão de passas com maça reineta Canapé of foie gras in bread of raisins and apple
 Rolinhos de crepes de salmão fumado Roll of crêpe with salmon and capers
 Tâmaras com queijo da Serra Dates with "Serra" cheese

Folhadinhos de farinheira Pastry of pork sausage made of flour
 Bolinhas de bacalhau com molho de pimento vermelho Cod small balls with cherry pepper sauce
 Espetadinha de Camarão panado com chutney de ananás Little stuck of breaded shrimp with a chutney of pineapple

Ementa Menu

Trouxa de garoupa e legumes com salada de Grouper and vegetables bundle in a filó pastry with
 chicórias e uva preta chichory salad and raisins
 Lombo de novilho com aquardente velha, Tenderloin steak with Old Portuguese brandy, courgette
 novelo de batata palha e flan de courgette pudding and "straw potatoes"

Sobremesa Dessert

Trouxas-de-ovos com carpaccio de ananás Egg bundles with pineapple carpaccio

Digestivos Coffee and Digestives

Porto Taylor's Tawny Select Porto Taylor's Tawny Select
 Baileys Baileys

Vinhos Wines

Evel (Douro) White wine Evel (Douro)
 Tinto da Ânfora (Alentejo) Red Wine Tinto da Ânfora (Alentejo)

