

PORTUGAL

Minister of Culture

Ministry for Culture

Maria Gabriela Silveira Ferreira CANAVILHAS

Born in 1961

Academic Qualifications

Studied Piano at the National Conservatory of Lisbon
Degree in Musicology at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities,
New University of Lisbon

Awards and Honors

1991	Diploma of Merit for <i>Accademia Musicale Chigiana</i> (Siena, Italy)
1990	1st. Prize at the Fifth International Competition <i>Città di Moncalieri</i> in Turin, Italy
1989	1st. Prize in classical music in the National Culture and Development organized by the Portuguese Club of Arts and Ideas
1976	1st. Prize <i>Dame Ruth Railton</i>

Artistic occupation

As a pianist, between 1986 and 2004 remained in intense artistic stages of major concert halls, cultural institutions and national festivals and numerous concerts of decentralization across the country, including the Azores and Madeira; participated in several recordings and live broadcasts concert for RDP Antena 2, RTP1, RTP 2, TVI, RTP-Açores

She devoted herself to the development of Portuguese literary works, a live CD and the first performances of modern works of John Dominic Bomtempo and premieres of works by contemporary composers such as Portuguese Eurico Carrapatoso, Victorino de Almeida, Sérgio de Azevedo, Clotilde Rosa, some of which are dedicated to her.

Often presented recitals devoted entirely to the music of Portuguese, but the Vianna da Motta, Alfredo Keil, Fernando Lopes-Graça, Bomtempo, Frederico de Freitas, Luis de Freitas Branco, Augusto Machado, etc.

Internationally, she performed in the U.S. (New York), Italy, Brazil, Macau, Germany and Canada

She has recorded 7 CDs, some with 1. ^a s recordings of works by Portuguese composers: Christmas Help, Music for Clarinet and Piano century. XX; Evocation; Vocal; Quintet for Piano and String Quartet J. D. Bomtempo; Piano Sonatas by J. Sunday Bomtempo; *Song and Piano Pieces* Alfredo Keil;

Participated in the movie 'Traffic' by director João Botelho

Public activity

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| 2008 – 2009 | Regional Director of Culture X Regional Government |
| 2003 - 2008 | President of the Music Education and Culture, an institution that oversees the Metropolitan Orchestra of Lisbon, the National Academy Orchestra and the Metropolitan Music Conservatory of Lisbon |
| 2007 – 2009 | Member of the Board of the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) |
| 2000 – 2008 | Presented several programs of cultural, premium, in RDP Antena 2 |
| 2002 | Candidate for Member of the Assembly of the Republic as an independent list of PS Azores |
| Since 1999 | Creator and Artistic Director of the Festival MusicAtlântico the Azores
She worked regularly as a consultant or collaborator in various initiatives Portuguese cultural institutions such as the Instituto Camões, the Belém Cultural Center and Casa da Música do Porto |

She is often invited as a lecturer, commentator concert or collaboration in publications on specific themes of the cultural and artistic

Educational occupation

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| Since 1986 | Professor in the framework of the National Conservatory of Lisbon |
| 1982-1986 | Professor at the Amateur Academy of Music |
| 1979 – 1981 | Professor at the Conservatorio Regional de Castelo Branco |

Government Posts

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| Since 26.10.2009 | Minister of Culture of the eighteenth Constitutional Government |
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