

David Dias da Silva, clarinetist

Born in Montréal, Canada, and raised in a Portuguese family, David studied at the Escola Profissional de Música de Viana do Castelo and at the Escola Superior de Música e das Artes do Espectáculo in Porto, with Professors Iva Barbosa and Antonio Saiote. He has earned a Master's degree in Performance and a Soloist Diploma from the Musik Akademie der Stadt Basel under the tutelage of François Benda, and an Artist Diploma from the Schulich School of Music in Montréal, in the clarinet classes of Jean-François Normand and Alain Desgagné.

A recent grand prize winner of both the Prix d'Europe and the Canadian Music Competition's Stepping Stone, he has also won first prizes at the Kiefer Hablitzel Competition (Switzerland), the International Young Artist Competition (Canada), the Terras de La Salette Competition (Portugal), and second prize at the Concours National d'Exécution Musicale (Switzerland), among others. He was a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, is a clarinetist of the Orquestra de Câmara Portuguesa in Lisbon and holds the co-principal clarinet position in the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as a contract position as principal clarinet with the Sinfonieorchester Basel.