## <u> Victor da Costa - guitar, cavaquinho</u>

Brazilian guitarist Victor da Costa was born in Rio de Janeiro in 1971. He started learning the guitar at the age of 11. After studying music at the 'Musiarte' in Rio, he moved to Europe to perfect his skills. In 1993, he entered the Royal Conservatory of Brussels where he obtained a first prize in guitar in 1995, and in harmony in 1999.

It was not until 2000 that he returned to his native Brazil to spend 2 years there. During that time, da Costa played with many Brazilian musicians including Idriss Boudrioua, Dario Galante, Osmar Milito, Adriano Giffoni, and Luizão.

Back in Belgium since January 2002, Victor da Costa performs in trio and with different ensembles in renowned venues and festivals, such as the concerts at the Botanique, the "Lundis d'Hortense" festival and the "Blue Note" in Ghent. Among the bands and musicians he has played with are: Philip Catherine guitar orchestra, Márcia Maria, Marito Correa, Steve Houben, Jan de Haas, Philippe Aerts, Weber Iago etc. Also active as a composer, his works have been performed in Belgium, Brazil and Spain.

His first CD with the Victor da Costa trio "Cores de Lá" was released in May 2004 by Mognomusic and includes works by Victor da Costa, Chico Buarque, Lyra-Bôscoli, I. Lins, Gonzaga-Texeira.

In 2011, he participates with his band "Caçamba" in the Jazz Tour of the Hortenses Mondays. The tour precedes the release of the cd "Dito Cujo" by the German label Acoustic Music Records. The band released in 2015 the cd "Batendo Cancelas" by Homerecords, release that was followed by a tour.

Victor currently teaches at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels and at the Hoofdstedelijke Academie voor Muziek.

<u>Discography:</u> "Cores de lá"- Victor da Costa trio-Mogno Music 2004. "Dito Cujo" - Caçamba - Acoustic Music Records 2012. "Batendo Cancelas"- Caçamba - Homerecords 2015. "Red Label" - Lester's Blues - Sing My Title 2018. As a guest:

"King size" - Tricycle - Homerecords 2006.
"Tons of love"-Joachim Janin 2008.
"Lespwa" - Pierre Vaiana/Tamara Suffren - Igloo records 2013.
"I'm gonna lock my heart" - Dani Klein & Sal La Rocca - Boogie Productions 2015.
"Melodías del Instante" - Constanza Guzmán - GAM RECORDS 2022.