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Ferreira’s discography now totals six, including the 2013 East Coast Music Award winner - Classical Recording of the Year, for *Beyond the Shore and the Ships* with soprano Helen Pridmore (Centrediscs label). His debut solo album entitled *Madison Avenue* (Potenza label), was released in 2014 to critical acclaim and features the premiere recordings of noteworthy North American composers.

Born in Canada to parents of Portuguese heritage, he received his musical training at the University of Western Ontario (B.M) and Arizona State University (M.M and D.M.A) studying with Robert Riseling and Robert Spring, respectively. He joined the music faculty at Colorado State University in 2011 as Assistant Professor where he maintains a thriving clarinet studio.

Ferreira is a dedicated music educator and pedagogue. His innovative teaching methods are acclaimed, including the development of the breath support training program for musicians, *Air Revelation* ®. Ferreira is frequently invited to give performances, workshops, and masterclasses at high schools, colleges and universities throughout North America. In addition, he has been invited to perform at national and international academic conferences including the International Clarinet Association’s annual *ClarinetFest* ten times. He is the co-founder and artistic director of the *Lift Clarinet Academy*, a summer music festival and training ground which attracts students from around the world.

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