

Filarmonica União Portuguesa de San Diego

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The Filarmonica Uniao Portuguesa de San Diego has been very busy this past year. The filarmonica has performed concerts at Festa do Santo Amaro Inc., the Alianca Acoreana Festa, the U.P.S.E.S. Festa do Espirito Santo, Festa de Trindade, Dia de Portugal, Luso and Bom Jesus Festa.

We traveled to Artesia, CA. for the 19th Annual Festival das Bandas. Not all 14 bands attended, but 10 did. We marched and played a mini concert.

This year we had our 26th Anniversary Band Fundraiser Dinner & 2 Portuguese Bread bake sales. Which went very well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to my volunteers and the community who donated.

In December, we had our band Holiday party with entertainment by our very own band.

I would like to Thank the Board of Directors & Carlos Pereira for there time and effort. At the end of the day we are all volunteers & you guys do an amazing job.

As the U.P.S.E.S. Filarmonica Representative & President, and you the community, we have seen the band become smaller and smaller throughout the year as most are getting older and cannot participate much more. All other Portuguese Filarmonica bands throughout California have a lot of young participants and it would be nice to see the same with ours. I feel that as a community we can all reach out and really try to bring at least one person to join our band so that our Filarmonica can grow and be around for years to come. If you know of someone who would like to join the UPSES Filarmonica, please contact me, or visit the website UPSES.com.

We would like to thank the UPSES Board of Directors and the community for their continued support throughout the year! Thank you

Respectfully Submitted,

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