



- Paulo was born in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil
- From 1969 until 1973, Costa Lima pursued undergraduate studies of composition, theory and analysis, and cello at the Federal University of Bahia.
- In 1977 he obtains a Bachelors Degree in composition at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1978 he earned a Masters in Music Education.
- He started teaching theory and composition in 1979 at the Federal University of Bahia, and becomes a School Director (1988-92), and a Vice-rector of Continuous Education (1996-1998) at the same institution.
- His catalog lists 120 compositions. He has used an eclectic style, where he combines local folklore and a popular inspiration (sometimes with a humorous style), with modern and experimental techniques of composition.
- His music has been widely performed in Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Europe and the US.



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