

#### **D. Pedro de Cristo**

D. Pedro de Cristo was one of the most important Portuguese composers of the Renaissance period. He was born in Coimbra, in 1550, and died in 1618, also in Coimbra. At the Monastery of Santa Cruz of Coimbra he was a monk, a priest, a Chapel Master and a teacher of several music theory and practice subjects. He played keyboard instruments, the harp, the flute and the contra-bassoon. He was also Chapel Master of the Monastery of S. Vicente de Fora, in Lisbon. He is known to have composed around 200 sacred pieces, in addition to spiritual *vilancicos*, with Christmas-related texts.