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Orazio Sciortino*Notturmo a Fedora*, for piano and orchestra (2016)

I Pomeriggi Musicali Orchestra

Conductor and piano Louis Lortie

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Dur.: 8'03"

Fedora is one of the fictional places described in Calvino's *Invisible Cities*. In the story, Fedora is a city with a central metal building containing many possible forms that the city could have taken. So many are the possible "fedoras" as there are vast the ability to imagine. The heart of the composition is in fact a game of timbre and harmonic patterns that follow one another and are repeated throughout the work, but every time they are reinterpreted, re-read, re-proposed. The listener must discern, recognize and interpret every single sound event invading him/her. Each constructive part of the piece comes from what precedes and influences the construction of what follows.

Pianist and composer, Sciortino collaborates with important Italian and foreign musical institutions: Teatro alla Scala in Milan, MiTo Settembremusica, Verdi Orchestra, Orchestra del Teatro La Fenice, Bologna Festival, IUC di Roma, Ravello Festival, Haydn Orchestra of Bolzano and Trento, RAI National Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonic Academy of Verona, Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Scarlatti Association of Naples, Amici della Musica di Palermo, Sagra Malatestiana of Rimini, Ankara Festival, Konzerthaus in Berlin, Salle Moliere in Lyon, Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, Sala Cecilia Meireles of Rio De Janeiro etc . His last opera, *La Paura*, from a novel by Federico De Roberto, libretto by Alberto Mattioli, commissioned by the Teatro Coccia in Novara, and dedicated to the Great War 1915-1918, was very successful.

His cd recordings, as pianist, are published by Sony Classical and Dynamic, Bottega Discantica, Limen Music. He collaborated with Mazzotta publishers and Skira about projects concerning the relationship between visual arts and music. He has a passion for cooking and lives in Milan.

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