



MAURO BONIFACIO

composer
and conductor

He studied piano with Piero Rattalino and composition with Azio Corghi at the Milano Conservatory. He studied conducting at the Verein Wiener Musikseminar with Karl Österreichler, at the Bologna Conservatory with Gabriele Bellini, and at the Pescara Music Academy with Mario Gusella.

At the Milano Conservatory, he taught from 1997 to 2024, coordinating the activities of the Contemporary Music Laboratory and m2c - Institute of Modern and Contemporary Music.

He held Masterclass at the Arturo Toscanini Foundation in Parma, at the Institute of Music Research (IRMUS) of the Fondazione Scuole Civiche di Milano, at the Trieste Conservatory, the Adria Conservatory, the dèdalo ensemble, the Romanini Foundation in Brescia, the Chigiana Music Academy in Siena, the Lorenzo Perosi Academy in Biella, and the Verona Opera Academy. From 2014 to 2025 he held the Composition Masterclass at the Bologna Accademia Filarmonica.

His chamber and symphonic compositions have been commissioned by major festivals (Venice Biennale, Milano Musica, OSER, RAI,

RomaEuropa) and performed in various European concert seasons. Among his works, *Inquieto* for nine instruments, recorded on Fonit-Cetra CD, has been performed at IRCAM in Paris, the Venice Biennale Musica and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. *Cartes jouées* for five instruments has been performed by the dèdalo ensemble at the New Music Miami ISCM Festival, at Contemporanea in Seville, and at the BBK in Bilbao. For RAITRE he composed the radio operas *Il frutto senza nome*, with a libretto by Emilio Isgrò; *Tragedia di Roncisvalle con bestie*, libretto by Giuliano Scabia, was presented at the Prix Italia 1997. Commissioned by the Accademia Musicale Chigiana, he orchestrated the opera *La ville morte* (1909–1914) by Nadia Boulanger and Raoul Pugno with a libretto by Gabriele D'Annunzio. The opera, published by Heugel/Leduc, had its world premiere in July 2005 in Siena, achieving great critical and public success. In 2020, this work was performed at the Gothenburg Opera House and broadcast on over twenty European radio stations. Many of his compositions are published by Casa Ricordi.

He co-founded AGON acustica-informatica-musica, a music production and research center using electronic and informatics technology. In over ten years of collaboration, he has created major opera, symphonic, and chamber music productions, radio operas, music for events, and installations commissioned by leading theaters, concert seasons, and international institutions: Teatro alla Scala, Teatro Regio in Torino, Teatro São Carlos in Lisbona, Teatro Münster, Milano Musica, Tempo Reale in Florence, Mittelfest, Piccolo Teatro in Milan, the Municipality of Milan, the Polytechnic University of Milan, and RAI.

From 1994 to 2000, he co-founded and directed the Ensemble MUSICA20, with which he worked on twentieth-century and contemporary music. From 2005 to 2011, he was conductor of the Ensemble in residence for the Composition course at the Accademia Chigiana in Siena. Invited by many institutions (including the Oser Orchestra Toscanini, Orchestra Milano Classica, Milano Musica, De Sono-Torino, Divertimento Ensemble and dèdalo ensemble), he has conducted the world premieres of many compositions. At the Rossini Opera Festival, he conducted the world premiere of *Un petit train de plaisir*, a ballet by Azio Corghi choreographed by Amedeo Amodio and featuring Bruno Canino, Antonio Ballista, and Les Percussions de Strasbourg. The CD recording of the same work won the Editor's Choice Award at the 1995 Cannes Classical Awards. He has recorded for the BMG Ricordi and Stradivarius labels.