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RIFLESSO SULL'INCONTRO

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Riflesso sull'incontro

Riflesso sull'incontro ('reflection on the intersection/meeting/match') is part of the *Riflessi* series, which consists exclusively of companion pieces: each *Riflesso* explores the same exceptional scoring of a classic from the last century. *Riflesso sull'incontro* is a companion piece to *Octandre*, Edgard Varèse's legendary composition from 1923. It is scored for flute, oboe, bass clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone and double bass.

The number hinted at in Varèse's title plays a crucial role in the construction of the mirroring *Riflesso*. There are eight short sections in total, the first four of which, as well as the final one, being separated by a solo appearance of one of the ensemble members. Each passage features its own central pitch, taken from the composer's name: E-D-G-A-[r]-D-[v]-A-[r]-E-S-[e], bearing in mind that in German musical nomenclature the letter S stands for an E-flat.

The same string of pitches occasionally appears as a tuneful gesture in the flute. Apart from that though, we predominantly hear non-melodic textures, such as broken chords, pulsating patterns, crippled repetitions, while their dynamics swell and ebb vigorously. Cunningly camouflaged by adjacent eight-part harmonies, brief snippets of *Octandre* flash by: familiar musical objects that are spiritually transfigured, while concealed by monochrome drapery, reminiscent of the way Christo wrapped the Pont Neuf in Paris or the Reichstag in Berlin.

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