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Instrumentation

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet (B \flat)

French Horn (F)

Bassoon

Piano

Violin 1 *

* string quintet or small section

Violin 2

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

Duration

ca. 50 minutes

Iiro Rantala is a pianist, a composer, and most likely Finland's best known jazz musician internationally. Rantala is also known for his compositions for musicals and the tv-shows he has hosted. In addition Rantala has composed music for films, television and more recently, for the stage. Rantala's second opera, *Die Zaubermelodika* was a commission by the Komische Oper Berlin. His double concerto *Joy of Life* has been programmed by numerous orchestras. The fast-and-furious *Seven o'clock Overture* has been dubbed as "Finnish Candide Overture".

Veneziana is an hour long program about all things Venice; how famous composers were affected by the city, how they affected the city and became part of the Venetian Story – told with an Iiro twist. The work is scored for wind and string quintets and a pianist.

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