

Basic Detail Report

Portrait of composer, writer and artist

Sylvano Bussotti with companion

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Sylvano Bussotti is an Italian composer of contemporary music whose work is unusually notated and often creates special problems of interpretation. Examples of his use of graphic notation in his pieces, often reflect his personal life. Bussotti is also a well-known film director, actor, and singer. He has served as the artistic director of La Fenice, Venice. As a personality he is notoriously flamboyant and occasionally shocking. He staged a high-profile resignation from the Venice Biennale in 1991 by bringing in a famous prostitute to give the keynote speech. Outspoken and openly gay, Bussotti expressed his sexuality in his music as early as 1958.

Dimensions

Overall: 36.2 x 24.3 cm (14 2/8 x 9 4/8 in.)