

PRESS RELEASE

MR BALDOCCI

POST-TRUTH MUSIC-THEATRE

*Exploring identity in the era of post-truth through
forged memories, narrative fragments,
and extraordinary piano playing*



London, 2025 — *Mr Baldocci*, a recent music-theatre spectacle by award-winning composer Simone Spagnolo, is a daring show for acting-pianist, answerphone machine, stereo, and stage props. Premiered as part of the 2025 LCM Composition Festival, this work blurs the boundaries between music, theatre and philosophy.

At its core, *Mr Baldocci* follows a man searching for his identity through fractured memories, interrupted fragments, and manipulated musical citations sourced both popular and cultivated music, from Beethoven to Freddie Mercury, from Stravinsky to jazz. In this post-truth world, identity proves to be anything but fixed—fluid, multiple, dissolving before our eyes.

Performed and inspired by internationally acclaimed pianist **Gabriele Baldocci**, the spectacle intertwines virtuosic performance with theatricality. Part concert, part theatre, part existential game, *Mr Baldocci* reimagines the composer as both trickster and truth-teller—stealing, reshaping, and forging new musical realities. Similarly, as a sort of detective investigating himself, the performer engages in a fluid interweaving of piano playing, physical actions and improvisation, forming a fractured picture of himself that emerges from mysterious answerphone messages and musical memories.

Mr Baldocci will be performed in November as part of the Wanstead Fringe Festival, before moving to a European tour in 2026.

Watch TRAILER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xz5bd2Pjrf4>

Selected Review

“A really exciting experiment in music theatre... incredibly rich and evocative textures immersed the audience into the existentialist questions posed by the piece” Alex Loveless on UWL News

Upcoming Performances:

 21 & 22 November 2025

 The Wanstead Curtain, Methodist Church Hall, Hermon Hill, London E11 2AR

Part of Wanstead Fringe Festival, London

Bookings [£12-£15]: <https://wansteadfringe.org/series/mr-baldocci/>

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