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MESSINA: La Beffa a Don Chisciotte

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Salvatore Messina's untimely death in 1930 meant that the orchestration of his opera *La Beffa a Don Chisciotte* remained incomplete. Paolo Pessina assembled scenes and arias from it for this instrumental suite for string orchestra. Nina Rota, best known as a film composer (*Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet*, Coppola's *The Godfather*), is here represented by a concert piece for strings, and Paolo Pessina also conducts his own fusion of the baroque *concerto grosso* form with the rhythms and sounds of the tango.

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**La Beffa a Don Chisciotte**  
Opera in Two Acts  
Transcription in the form of a  
Suite for String Orchestra by  
Paolo Pessina\* **32:20**

1	Andantino mosso	3:21
2	Andantino affettuoso	3:16
3	Con Passione – Moderato	3:18
4	Trascrizione in forma di Scherzo	6:46
5	Adagio	4:20
6	Pantomima	5:49
7	Finale	5:11

**Nino  
ROTA**  
(1911–1979)

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**Concerto per archi** **14:38**

8	Preludio. Allegro ben moderato	3:49
9	Scherzo. Allegretto comodo	4:01
10	Aria. Andante quasi adagio	3:32
11	Finale. Allegrissimo	3:05

Paolo PESSINA  
**Concertango, Op. 55\*** **25:33**

12	Intro Misterioso appassionato	3:34
13	Tempo di Concerto grosso	3:22
14	Premiertango	3:23
15	Amortango	4:03
16	Intermezzo italiano	1:58
17	Tangonero—Maladie	2:48
18	Finaltango	6:09

\* World première recordings

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