

An evening of musical alchemy

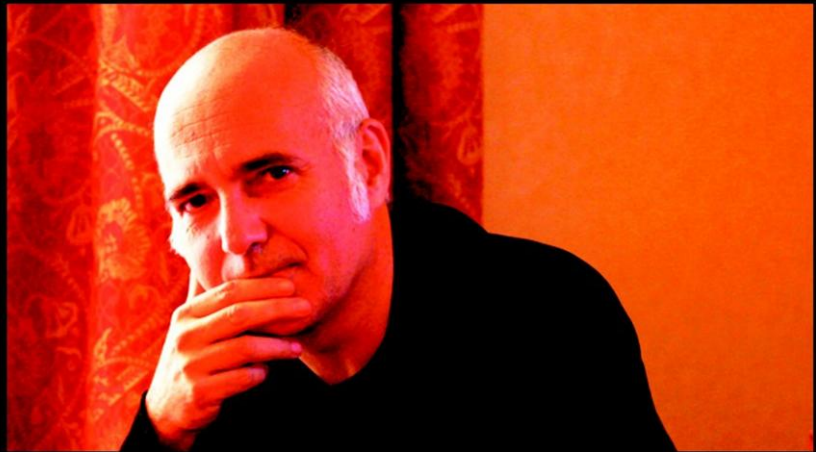
Italian contemporary music composer and pianist Ludovico Einaudi will give a solo performance in the auditorium of Mahidol University's College of Music on May 2, starting at 7pm.

Held in collaboration with the Italian embassy, the concert is part of a festival being held this year to mark the 150th anniversary of Italy's unification.

Described as "luminous, emotive, effortlessly lyrical and always supremely refined", Einaudi's music has attracted an ever-growing audience over the last two decades. He has released a string of chart-topping albums with sales of over 750,000 copies, sells out prestigious concert halls worldwide and has composed a string of award-winning film scores.

With a unique alchemy that draws on elements of classical, rock, electronic and world music, he has rendered traditional ideas of genre and audience divide obsolete with compositions that are ambient, meditative and often introspective but which always keep the piano firmly at the heart of the sound. Einaudi's influences extend from the Beatles and Radiohead to Luciano Berio, from Miles Davis to Bob Dylan, taking in Henryk Gorecki and Philip Glass along the way.

Recent years have seen the Italian musician in a number of different contexts, from the use of *Divenire* — in



the soundtrack to Shane Meadows' award-winning film *This is England*, and the subsequent Channel 4 television series *This is England 86*, to a performance on the Big Chill main stage with German electronic band To Rococo Rot, with whom Einaudi went on to tour his latest project, *Nightbook*.

Last year Einaudi was nominated for Composer of the Year at the UK Classical Brit Awards.

Eclectic pianist-composer Ludovico Einaudi will give a solo concert at Mahidol University's College of Music on May 2.

LUDOVICO EINAUDI IN CONCERT

Mahidol University's College of Music on May 2, starting at 7pm. Tickets cost 200 baht (100 baht for students). Call 02-800-2525 ext 154/5 or visit www.music.mahidol.ac.th

