

Peter Ruzicka

Peter Ruzicka was born in Düsseldorf on July 3, 1948. He received his early musical training (piano, oboe and composition) at the Hamburg Conservatory. Studies in composition with Hans Werner Henze and Hans Otte. He studied law and musicology in Munich, Hamburg and Berlin (doctoral thesis: Berlin, 1977).

The list of his compositions includes numerous orchestral and chamber works as well as the operas *Celan*, premiered in Dresden in 2001, and *Hölderlin*, premiered at the Berlin State Opera in 2008.

Peter Ruzicka was appointed professor at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Hamburg in 1990. The composer is a member of the Bavarian Academy of Fine Arts in Munich and of the Free Academy of Arts in Hamburg.

Peter Ruzicka was artistic director of the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra from 1979 to 1987 and director of the Hamburg State Opera and the State Philharmonic Orchestra from 1988 to 1997. Moreover, he was Artistic Advisor of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra in Amsterdam from 1997 to 1999. In 1999 he was named President of the Bavarian Theatre Academy. From 2001 to 2006, Ruzicka took over the Artistic Directorship of the Salzburg Festival. At present he is artistic director of the Munich Biennale having succeeded Hans Werner Henze in 1996.

As conductor of his own and other works, Peter Ruzicka has directed the German Symphony Orchestra in Berlin, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam, the Sächsische Staatskapelle Dresden, the Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, the Symphony Orchestra of the Bavarian Radio, the NDR Symphony Orchestra Hamburg, the Munich Philharmonic, the Czech and China Philharmonic, the Danish National, the Orquesta Filarmónica de Gran Canaria, the Vienna, Montreal and Shanghai Symphony and the China Philharmonic Orchestra among others.

In 2013/2014 Peter Ruzicka will give, in addition to his obligations as composer and professor, guest performances with orchestras including NDR Symphony, Hamburg Philharmonic, MDR Symphony, Guangzhou Symphony and China Philharmonic.