

CURRICULUM VITAE

Prof. Dr.h.c. Dr. Rainer Bischof

Rainer Bischof was born in Vienna in 1947. After school he studied composition at the Vienna Music Academy and from 1967 to 1972 as private student with Hans Erich Apostel. At the University of Vienna he studied law, philosophy, history of art and pedagogy, and was awarded a Ph.D. with a dissertation on aesthetics in 1973.

As manager Bischof worked for an international forwarding concern, and for a travel business. He headed the artistic office of the Vienna Konzerthaus Society, served as head of the theatre and the music department to the cultural affairs office of the City of Vienna, and as director of the “Viennese Music Summer” (Wiener Musiksommer). From 1988 to 2005 he has been general secretary of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

Rainer Bischof is a founding member of the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra; from 1984 to 1986 he was President of the Austrian Composers Association since 1991 President of the International Gustav Mahler Association as well as Vice-President of the Alban Berg Foundation. .

Since 1987 he has lectured in philosophy and aesthetics at the Vienna University for Music. Since 1996 he lectures composition and philosophy at the Vienna Conservatory Private University.

As a scholar Rainer Bischof has produced numerous works on philosophy and the aesthetics of music. Published works include: “Aphorismenband” ; “The European Spirit” , “Heilige Hochzeit” , „Herbert von Karajan“. He was invited to lecture at the University of Louisiana, Jena University, the Universities of Lublin, Poland and Sofia, Bulgaria. .

As composer a “grandchild” of the Second Vienna School, he has composed about 60 works in various forms which have been successfully performed throughout the world - among them, orchestral pieces, instrumental works, one opera, chamber music and songs

Additionally to his numerous distinctions Bischof was awarded in 2008 with the **Doctor honoris causa** of the New Bulgarian University, Sofia

Rainer Bischof lives in Vienna and serves as professor for composition and philosophy at the Vienna Conservatory Private University

Rainer Bischof was born in Vienna and studied at the Vienna University of Music and Performing Arts. Later he became a student of Hans Erich Apostel, working with 12-tone technique. He also studied law, philosophy, art history and pedagogy at the University of Vienna, taking his doctorate in 1973 with a dissertation on philosophy aesthetics. He was President of the Austrian Composer's Alliance, manager of the Festival Wiener Musiksommer, and General Director of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. He is founding member of the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra and President of the International Gustav Mahler Society and Vice President of the Alban Berg Foundation. His compositions include chamber music, orchestral works, solo pieces, Lieder cycles and a chamber opera "Das Donauergeschenk". His works have been performed and broadcast worldwide. He serves on the Vienna Conservatory as professor to composition and philosophy.