

GRAZIELLA CONTRATTO



Graziella Contratto was born in Schwyz in 1966. She was trained as a concert pianist, music theorist and conductor.

In 1998, Claudio Abbado invited her to the Berlin Philharmonics and the Salzburger Osterfestspiele as a musical assistant. In 2000, the Orchestre National de Lyon under the direction of David Robertson made her chef résident.

Between 2003 and 2009, Graziella Contratto was the principal conductor of the Orchestre des Pays de Savoie. Numerous employments as a guest conductor brought her to various European countries and to the USA. She also worked with most Symphonic orchestras in Switzerland.

Since 2004, she successfully runs conducting workshops for managers and executives both nationally and internationally. She regularly participates in radio and television programmes and in 2015, as successor to Heinz Holliger and Andrés Schiff, she will direct an edition of the music festival Ittinger Pfingstkonzerte.

Since 2010, she is Head of the Department of Music at the Bern University of the Arts.