

## **Johannes Schlaefli**

Johannes Schlaefli is currently Music Director of the Mannheim Chamber Orchestra, designated Music Director of the symphony orchestra Collegium Musicum in Basel and Professor for Orchestral Conducting at the Zurich University of the Arts.

As one of the most highly sought after conducting teachers, Schlaefli is in demand throughout the world and collaborates with institutions including the Sibelius Academy Helsinki, Juilliard School New York, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and also serves as “Head of Teaching” at the Gstaad Menuhin Festival Conducting Academy. As a guest professor, he has taught throughout Europe at the Music Universities of Vienna, Berlin, Leipzig, Hamburg and Manchester. Furthermore, a regular co-operation as a lecturer and juror also links him to the prestigious “Dirigentenforum” of the German Music Council.

Prior to his position as Music Director in Mannheim, Schlaefli also held posts with the chamber orchestra Basel as well as the Bern Chamber Orchestra. Presently, he also leads the Alumni-Sinfonieorchester Zürich and the Academic Chamber Orchestra Zürich. As a guest conductor, he has performed with and conducted orchestras including the Tonhalleorchester Zürich, Hong Kong Sinfonietta, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Zurich Chamber Orchestra, São Paulo Symphony Orchestra, Munich Radio Orchestra and Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana to name a few.