

**Maria Grazia Bellocchio**

**Maria Grazia Bellocchio graduated with highest honors from the G. Verdi Conservatory in Milan where she studied under Antonio Beltrami and Chiaralberta Pastorelli. She went on to study under Karl Engel at the Hochschule in Bern, and in Milan with Franco Gei.**

**In her first public appearances, she performed the Scriabin concerto with the RAI Orchestra of Milan, Beethoven's Concerto #1 with the Conservatory Orchestra of Milan and the Sicilian Symphonic Orchestra, and Stravinsky's Les Noces at the Teatro Comunale in Bologna.**

**Her repertoire reaches from Bach to contemporary composers. She appears regularly with the Divertimento Ensemble and their director Sandro Gorli, and is often present at major Italian and European music festivals.**

**She has recorded CDs for Ricordi and Stradivarius with works by Bruno Maderna, Mauro Cardi, Giulio Castagnoli, Sandro Gorli, Franco Donatoni, Matteo Franceschini, and Stefano Gervasoni. Her next album with Stradivarius will be a CD dedicated to Ivan Fedele's piano compositions.**

**She teaches piano performance at the G. Donizetti Institute for Music Studies in Bergamo, and regularly holds courses on piano pedagogy, focusing on classical and contemporary repertoire.**

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