

Press release

Dr Claudia Perren leaves the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation. She will commence her new position as director of the Academy of Art and Design (HGK FHNW) in Basel on 1 August 2020. "I look back on six very intensive and interesting years. Together we have achieved all the goals we set ourselves for this period at the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation," says Dr Claudia Perren. "Even before the end of my second term, I made a well-considered decision in favour of the new task in Basel, but of course I will always remain closely associated with the Bauhaus Dessau."

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Dr Claudia Perren is Director and CEO of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation since 1 August 2014. Under her leadership, the Bauhaus Dessau has strengthened its international profile, launched new programmes and built up extensive networks, including the Bauhaus Open Studios, the Bauhaus Residency and the participation in the international research and exhibition project Bauhaus Imaginista. At the same time, Claudia Perren was responsible for the construction of the Bauhaus Museum Dessau, which was opened on 8 September 2019 just in time for the Bauhaus centenary and with great success in the presence of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Since then, the museum has welcomed more than 100,000 guests and at the same time has become a new cultural venue for the city of Dessau-Roßlau, which will have a positive long-term impact on the region - especially in connection with the Bauhaus Agents Programme, which is specifically developed for collaborations between local schools and museums. Furthermore, the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site Bauhaus was extended, during Claudia Perren's first term, to include the Houses with Balcony Access in Dessau and the former Trade Union School (ADGB) in Bernau. And finally, as a partner in the Bauhaus Cooperation Berlin Dessau Weimar, she played a major role in shaping the nationally celebrated Bauhaus Centenary 2019, which attracted a great deal of media and public attention with over 2,500 events at 900 locations.

Rainer Robra, Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation: "Dr. Claudia Perren has led the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation extraordinarily successfully over the past six years and, in particular with the construction of the Bauhaus Museum Dessau, has made a significant contribution to the future of the Foundation and the State of Saxony-Anhalt. She also managed the Bauhaus centenary in an excellent way. We deeply regret her decision to leave the Bauhaus Dessau. However, we wish Dr Claudia Perren good luck and success in her new position!"

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