

Schauspielhaus Zürich Medienmitteilung

Schauspielhaus Zürich AG appoints search commission and appoints interim artistic director

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In summer 2024, Nicolas Stemann and Benjamin von Blomberg will end their five-year engagement as co-directors of the Schauspielhaus Zürich. The Executive Board of Schauspielhaus Zürich AG has appointed a search committee to find a new artistic director. At the same time, the Executive Board was able to secure Ulrich Khuon as interim artistic director for the 2024/25 season.

At its meeting on 9 May 2023, the Executive Board of Schauspielhaus Zürich AG appointed an eight-member search committee with the task of finding a new artistic director starting in the 2025/2026 season. The commission includes the following four external theatre experts: *Hayat Erdoğan*, co-director of the Neumarkt Theatre in Zurich (until mid-2025), *Judith Gerstenberg*, head dramaturge for drama, dance and performance at the Ruhrtriennale 2021-2023, *Iris Laufenberg*, managing director at Schauspielhaus Graz and designated director of Deutsches Theater Berlin, and *Tom Till*, commercial director of Thalia Theater in Hamburg. The search committee is complemented by the Executive Board members *Rebekka Fässler*, Co-Head of the Culture Department of the City of Zurich, *Madeleine Herzog*, Head of the Culture Department of the Canton of Zurich, *Alexandros Ioannidis*, member of the Schauspielhaus Zürich's production office, and *Beate Eckhardt*, Co-President of the Executive Board, who chairs the search committee.

The artistic directorship will be publicly advertised at the beginning of July 2023 and elected by the Executive Board of Schauspielhaus Zürich AG after the process has been completed.

Ulrich Khuon becomes interim artistic director for the 2024/25 season

The Executive Board has been able to engage Ulrich Khuon for the interim year between the two artistic directorships. Ulrich Khuon has directed the Deutsches Theater Berlin since 2009 and is one of the outstanding theatre-managers in the German-speaking world. In 2013 he was awarded the Max Reinhardt Ring for his achievements. As president of the German Theatre and Orchestra Association, he has campaigned for a democratic culture of debate, more gender equality and improved working conditions for artists at German theatres. The artistic programme will be curated by Ulrich Khuon in collaboration with the senior dramaturges Anika Steinhoff and David Heiligers. "The Board of Directors is convinced that in Ulrich Khuon we have found the right personality to lead the Schauspielhaus Zurich in the upcoming transition year with both artistic excellence and the necessary experience and integrity," says Markus Bachofen, Co-President of the Schauspielhaus Zürich AG.

Ulrich Khuon will assume artistic responsibility for the Schauspielhaus Zürich in the summer of 2024 as artistic director and chairman of the management.

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