

Daniel Siekhaus appointed Managing Director of the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch

The Board of Directors of the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch announced its unanimous decision on 5 September 2022 to recommend Daniel Siekhaus as the new managing director of the Tanztheater Wuppertal. Subject to his formal appointment by the Finance Committee of the City of Wuppertal on 13 September 2022, Siekhaus will take up his new position on 1 August 2023, at the start of the 2023/2024 season. Roger Christmann, who has jointly led the Tanztheater with Bettina Wagner-Bergelt since 2019 and agreed to continue in his post and work with Boris Charmatz and the ensemble throughout the 2022/2023 season, will also continue to act as a senior advisor to the Tanztheater and the Pina Bausch Centre in the future.

Daniel Siekhaus studied European Studies and Cultural Management in Passau and St. Andrews and received his PhD from King's College, Cambridge. He began his career as an assistant to the director and artistic coordinator of the Royal Ballet in London and went on to work as a manager and dramaturg for the Thüringer Staatsballett.

He has been managing director of the Wuppertaler Bühnen und Sinfonieorchester GmbH since October 2018, responsible for the running of the theatre's three divisions – drama, opera and symphony orchestra.

"I am very much looking forward to working with Boris Charmatz and all the artistic, technical and administrative staff of the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch GmbH from the summer of 2023. The past few years have enabled me to get to know the extraordinary work and repertoire of the Tanztheater," explains Daniel Siekhaus. "It means a lot to me to become a part of this internationally acclaimed company. Last but not least, I'm also delighted that the close ties between the Wuppertaler Bühnen and the Tanztheater mean that I will continue to collaborate with many of my current colleagues."

Uwe Schneidewind, the Mayor of Wuppertal, says: "I am delighted that we have been able to keep Daniel Siekhaus in Wuppertal following his excellent work for the Wuppertaler Bühnen, and that he will support the future development of the Tanztheater Wuppertal Pina Bausch under Boris Charmatz."

Dr Johannes Slawig, Director and Treasurer of the City of Wuppertal, says: "Daniel Siekhaus has done an excellent job as managing director of Wuppertaler Bühnen. We have worked very well together and established a spirit of trust. I am therefore very pleased that he will take on this new position as managing director of the Tanztheater."

Matthias Nocke, Head of Cultural Affairs, says: "The appointment of Dr Daniel Siekhaus as the new managing director of the Tanztheater is a stroke of luck for Wuppertal. His good working relationship with Boris Charmatz, his knowledge of the dance sector, his empathetic management style and his track record at the Wuppertaler Bühnen all speak for him. I look forward to continuing our collaboration."