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## PERSONNEL UPDATE

# ANNETTE WEBER JOINS AS NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERA

Annette Weber joins the Opernhaus Zürich as Director of Opera beginning with the 2021/22 season. Weber is currently casting director at the Staatsoper Hamburg and will relocate to Zurich in the summer of 2021.

*«It has long been my desire to work at this grand house. It is an immense privilege to join the excellent team at the Opernhaus Zürich. I look forward to contributing my ideas to the international opera scene together with Andreas Homoki and Gianandrea Nosedà».*

Annette Weber was a student of theater studies and musicology in Mainz, where she also gained her first experience as an assistant director. She was engaged at the Badisches Staatstheater Karlsruhe through 2004, where she served as assistant director. Following that, she held the same position at the Staatsoper Unter den Linden Berlin through 2010. While there, she gave stagecraft and scenic lessons to the members of the International Opera Studio, and worked on »Karneval der Tiere« and »Die Zauberflöte« at the Musikkindergarten Berlin under the direction of Daniel Barenboim. She worked regularly with Stefan Herheim from 2010-2016 in Berlin, Bayreuth, and Salzburg. She was a consultant to the General Artistic Management at the Semperoper Dresden from 2013-2018, where she was responsible for artistic affairs and casting, and subsequently moved to the Staatsoper Hamburg. She succeeds Michael Fichtenholz, who will leave the house at the end of the season.