

Schauspielhaus Zürich

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In accordance with today's decision by the Federal Council, the Schauspielhaus Zürich is implementing the following measures: From 29 October 2020 and until further notice, only 50 people are allowed in the audience.

The artistic directors Benjamin von Blomberg and Nicolas Stemann understand the necessary decision:

"As Schauspielhaus Zürich, of course we want to make every possible contribution to improve the current situation and are therefore reducing all performances to a capacity of 50 people. We want to continue performing. We are convinced that, especially in these times, our audience is grateful for moments where it can experience other realms of emotions and thoughts. And we have a protection concept that works and makes this possible. Thanks to subsidies from the city of Zurich, additional Corona financial support from the federal government and the canton, and also thanks to our loyal partners, foundations and patrons, we can overcome this difficult situation and offer you a programme. We are very grateful for everything. This makes it all the more important for us to find ways in the coming days and weeks to draw more attention to independent artists who are facing hardship. But above all: We are already looking forward to the moment when we can continue the season, which began so successfully - and with an exemplary protection concept - together with our entire audience under normal circumstances".

Since the start of the season on 12 September 2020, the Schauspielhaus celebrated four world premieres (*The Köln Concert*, *Das Weinen/Das Wähnen*, *Spring Awakening*, *My Year of Rest and Relaxation*) and another premiere (*Medea**). The audience felt very safe and that they were taken seriously thanks to a safety concept that was implemented from the very beginning, involving compulsory masks and distance rules and excellent ventilation in both the Pfauen and the Schiffbau. Only a few tickets were returned, the occupancy rate of the available seats (checkerboard pattern) has been around 80 percent since the start of the season to date. The tried and tested protection concept will be maintained under the capacity adjustments mentioned above. We will get in touch with our audience, refund tickets or offer vouchers.

All information regarding booking will be published on our website.

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