

**Candidate For The Executive Committee : Entry # 340****Name of Centre/Network:**

ASSITEJ Germany

**Name of Candidate:**

Stefan Fischer-Fels

**Presentation of candidate:**

Stefan Fischer-Fels was first elected to be a member of the Executive Committee and ASSITEJ's Vice President in 2011 at the World Congress in Copenhagen and Malmö and re-elected in Warsaw (2014).

Stefan Fischer-Fels was born in Berlin in 1964. In his studies he focused on Acting, Pedagogy, Psychology and Sociology (& Soccer).

Stefan is artistic director of Junges Schauspiel / Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus (Young Theatre Dusseldorf) since 2016 and was the artistic director of GRIPS Theater Berlin from 2011 until 2016.

In his work, co-operation across borders, i.e. with the theatre company Paideia in Brazil, and international exchange play an important role. Co-productions and cross-border activities such as the "European Theater Café" and the Nigerian-German production "Obisike – Heart of a Lion / A choreographed story about a courageous girl" as well as open exchange formats for refugees within the Framework of the new "Bürgerbühne" ("Citizen Stage") in Dusseldorf show his curiosity and willingness to share and learn on an international level.

He establishes a personal exchange with his audience and other professionals alike, addresses relevant social and political issues and puts a focus on mentoring young authors and directors. He shares his enthusiasm about Theater for Young Audiences with politicians and decision makers on a federal, regional and local level and succeeds in winning renowned artists from other fields for TYA and its artistic possibilities.

Since 2003 Stefan Fischer-Fels is a member of ASSITEJ Germany's Executive Committee. He has also been appointed to many other committees and juries, regarding both artistic questions and cultural policy.

Stefan Fischer-Fels has three children (9, 23 and 26 years old).

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