

Nele Hertling

Dramaturge, playwright

Born in Berlin on 23rd February, 1934; lives in Berlin.

Member of the performing arts section of the Accademy of Arts, Berlin, since 1998.

Deputy director of the performing arts section from 2001 to 2006.

Vice president of the Accademy of Arts, Berlin, from 2006 to 2015.

Director of the performing arts section since 2017.

Biography

1953-1958 degree in German and Theatre Studies at the Faculty of Philosophy at the Humboldt-Universität, Berlin.

Freelance producer for radio and theatre.

After a one-year residence in London, secretary of the music and performing arts section of the Accademy of Arts from 1962; senate secretary since 1974.

1987 assumption of the direction of Werkstatt Berlin for the development of the programme for Berlin, european city of culture in 1988.

1989 founding of the Hebbel-Theater and direction until 2003.

2003-2006 director of the DAAD artists programme.

Membership in and work for numerous committees and networks, including Gulliver Clearing House, Amsterdam; the initiative A Soul for Europe; the advisory board of Freie Universität Berlin (until 2013); advisory board of Tanzplan Deutschland; the German-French Cultural Council (1995-2010, president from 2000-2010) and the advisory board of the Einstein Foundation.

Work

Conceptualisation and production of numerous series of events (selection):

from 1970 "Reihe Pantomime - Musik - Tanz – Theater" (in collaboration with Dirk Scheper),
Accademy of Arts, Berlin

since 1972 various art didactical programmes

1988 foundation of the festival, Tanz im August

1999 in collaboration with Thomas Langhoff, responsible for the conceptualisation and programme
of the festival, Theater der Welt

Numerous publications

Awards

1978 German Critics' Prize Berlin, area of dance, together with Dirk Scheper

1993 Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, France

1995 Order of Merit of the State of Berlin

1999 Federal Cross of Merit

2001 Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur

2004 Caroline-Neuber-Preis der Stadt Leipzig

2004 Prize of the International Theatre Institute (ITI), Federal Republic of Germany centre

2009 Honorary doctorate at the Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film University, Georgia

2013 Distinguished Service Cross of 1st class of the service medal of the Federal Republic of Germany

2014 Ernst-Reuter medal

2014 Officers Insignia in the Order for Art and Literature