

Melle Daamen

Curriculum Vitae

Since October 2001 Melle Daamen (1959) has been general executive director of the Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam, one of the most important theatres in the Netherlands. In the eight years before that he was founding director of the Mondriaan Foundation, a cultural fund for visual art, design and museological activities, with a budget of approx. € 20 millions per year.

Previously Daamen was active in the cultural field as management consultant and as (temporary) manager of the Amsterdams Uit Buro (theatre and concert tickets and marketing office).

Furthermore Melle Daamen was board member and commissioner of several cultural organisations. At 17 he was chosen in the governing board of VPRO broadcasting, at 21 he was the youngest governing board member ever of NOS national broadcasting. In addition Daamen was president of Salto broadcasting, commissioner of AT5 broadcasting and secretary of CJP (cultural youth's passport). He was initiator and president of the Commission Cultural Governance.

At the moment Daamen is president of the International Film Festival Rotterdam. June 2007 Daamen was appointed by HM the Queen as one of the 9 members of the Counsel for Arts and Culture, advising the National Government on policy matters.

Melle Daamen gained his Master's degree in Political Sciences from the University of Amsterdam.

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