

## TONI GRADSACK

After completing his studies at the Business Academy of his birthplace Villach (Carinthia, Austria), Toni Gradsack was first engaged at the Stadttheater Klagenfurt as a production assistant, but soon was promoted to personal assistant of the Intendant. He was named Director of Casting at the Städtische Bühnen Krefeld/Mönchengladbach in 1981. In 1983 he began thirteen successful years as personal assistant to the General Manager of the Bregenz Festival. During this time the Bregenz Festival advanced to international prominence with the productions of Pountney and Savary. Since 1995 Toni Gradsack has held the position of Director of Casting at the Zürich Opera. He is internationally in demand as an adjudicator for numerous competitions. From 2012 Toni Gradsack is the director of the casting office and director of the YSP at the Salzburg Festival.

From autumn 2014 he will join the Teatro alla Scala under the new direction of Alexander Pereira.