

## **Ilze Sprancmane (Latvia)**

Casting Manager and Artistic Administrator, Latvian National Opera



Casting Manager and Artistic Administrator at the Artistic Planning and Production Department of Latvian National Opera (Riga, Latvia) since 2005.

Ilze Sprancmane is a graduate (BA) of the Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music, Choir Conducting and Music Pedagogy dept.

In 2001 she took her MA degree in Cultural Management at the Latvian Academy of Culture.

Ms Sprancmane has worked as a conductor, vocal teacher, manager and project leader in several international art events.

1997 – 2001 she worked as a music journalist and producer at the Classical music program „Amadeus” at the Latvian Radio.

2002 – 2004 worked as the head of public relations and marketing department, the Latvian State Choir „Latvija”. Participated in organising the International Sacred Music Festival where she worked with such outstanding composers as Giya Kancheli, Arvo Pärt, Sir John Tavener, conductors Neeme Järvi, Vladimir Fedoseev, Tõnu Kaljuste, Andres Mustonen.

In 2005 and 2006 Ms Sprancmane was heading the Latvian delegation in the International Music Market MIDEM in Cannes (France), she was also the producer of the Baltic Day program “Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania – The Baltic Are In” during MIDEM 2005.

In 2005 Ms Sprancmane was managing music projects in the International Art Festival in France „Étonnante Lettonie”.

In 2008 was serving as a jury member of the 49th International Vocal Competition – Hertogenbosch (IVC).

Ms Sprancmane casted Wagner’s “The Ring of the Nibelung” in Riga 2013 (starring Irène Theorin, Catherine Foster, Elisabet Strid, Michael Weinius, Egils Siliņš, Oliver Zwarg) as well as the annual Riga Opera Festival – performances as well as Festival Gala.

Ms Sprancmane is working with such prominent singers as Pretty Yende, Marina Rebeka, Asmik Grigorian, Anna Nechaeva, Inga Kalna, Ramona Zaharia, Tanja Ariane Baumgartner, Oksana Volkova, Aleksandrs Antonenko, Corby Welch, Dmytro Popov, Pavel Černoch, Igor Golovatenko, among many others.

Ilze Sprancmane is casting Manager of the Latvian National Opera 100th anniversary Gala concerts on November 16 and 17, 2018 (starring Liudmila

Monastyrska, Dinara Alieva, Zanda Švēde, Olesya Petrova, Stephen Gould, Ain Anger, Franco Vassallo, Vladislav Sulimski, Irakli Kakhidze, Rame Lahaj, Murat Karahan) with live-streaming in OperaVision and casting of the opera premieres and repertoire performances for live-streaming and transmission on Arte, Arte Concert (including Gounod's "Faust" (starring Marina Rebeka, Benjamin Bernheim and Andreas Bauer Kanabas), Montemezzi's "L'incantesimo" and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" ) and OperaVision.

Has served as a jury member and casting manager in numerous international auditions for vocalists in Berlin, Vienna, Amsterdam, Stockholm, St.Petersburg and Moscow, among many others.