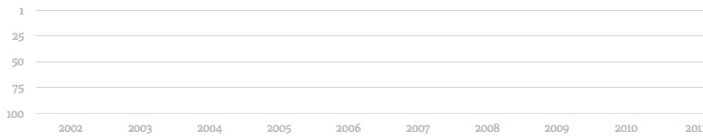


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 Rector of Frankfurt's Städelschule art school

Pirotte, an art historian and former director of the Kunsthalle Bern, took over the directorship of Frankfurt's Städelschule, or State Academy of Fine Arts, in 2014 after Nikolaus Hirsch's brief and contentious spell as the institution's head (the Belgian still occasionally curates, however: he's overseeing the 2016 Biennale de Montréal). Pirotte found an institution in some disarray, saddled with a budget freeze lasting until 2016.

So far, though, he looks to have a firm hand on the tiller: he's overseen the hires of Peter Fischli and Amy Sillman, augmenting the stellar faculty that already includes Douglas Gordon, Wolfgang Tillmans, Michael Krebber and Judith Hopf, among others. One might well expect, then, that the nearly-200-year-old institution, in which there's been no change in the small numbers of students permitted to study there, or in the famously eye-to-eye tutor/ student dynamic, will continue to hatch international graduates – or, rather, meisterschulen – of the calibre of Maria Loboda, Thomas Zipp, Matias Faldbakken and Jana Euler.



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