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Bert Determann is COO of 'Theater Rotterdam', a unique merge between the Rotterdam City Theatre 'Rotterdamse Schouwburg' (www.rotterdamseschouwburg.nl), one of the most important theatres in the Netherlands, the Rotterdam Drama Company 'Ro Theater' (www.Ro-theater.nl) and Productiehuis Rotterdam (www.Productiehuisrotterdam.nl), a platform for theatre talent.

This function is combined with his ownership of 'VORM & DECOR SCENERY WORKSHOP' (www.vorm-decor.nl), also situated in Rotterdam. He is responsible for and in charge of artistic policy, governing and management. It is the largest independent scenery workshop in the Netherlands. 'Vorm & Decor' specializes, due to the Dutch system, in touring sets and scenery.

Bert was educated a sculptor at the academy of arts in Rotterdam. Already during his studying years the connection to theatre was established. Over 1000 decors were made in the workshop over a period of more than 30 years.

Bert is involved in several cultural and societal activities and is an accurate organiser. A feel for structure and governing is combined with knowledge of the cultural field and entrepreneurship. Bert has a number of diverse board functions in the theatre field and is participating in several projects in Rotterdam concerning the civic economy and environmental issues. Ever since 2004 he is actively engaged with OISTAT.