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## **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND APPOINTMENT**

Tessa Jowell MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has appointed Keith Khan as a National Council Member (Practising Artist) for Arts Council England. His four year term will commence on 1 May 2006 until 30 April 2010.

Keith Khan is the Chief Executive of Richmix, a public funded international, cultural heritage centre in London. . He is an artist and co-founded 'motiroti' with Ali Zaidi in 1992. Keith's career has been eclectic and diverse. For ten years, he produced costumes for the Notting Hill Carnival and Trinidad carnivals. He created 'Celebration Commonwealth', the climatic parade of the Queen's Golden Jubilee and was Director of Design for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games 2002. Most recently Keith worked with the New York's Builders Association to create technological theatre piece, which toured for two years internationally – winning a NY OBIE.

Keith is a board member of Platform for Art, the Chair of Diversity panel of the DCMS Creative Economy programme and vice chair of 2012 Culture, Ceremonies and Education Committee.

### **Notes to Editors:**

1. Arts Council England is the major national development agency for the arts in England, responsible for the allocation of funding from Government and the National Lottery.
2. National Council Members receive no remuneration. Chairs of the regional Arts Councils receive £5, 880 per annum.
3. This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.