

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Estelle Morris, Minister for the Arts, has reappointed four members to the Arts Council England. All new terms began on 1 June.

SIR NORMAN ADSETTS (reappointed for one year)

Sir Norman is Chair of Arts Council England, Yorkshire. Sir Norman has been Honorary Life President of Sheffield Insulations Group plc since 1996. He was a founder member of Yorkshire and Humberside Arts Board to 1994 and has been Chairman of Sheffield Theatres Trust since 1996. He was previously Deputy Chairman of the Sheffield Development Corporation and Chairman of the Governors of Sheffield Hallam University from 1993 to 1999. He set up Sheffield First for Investment in 1999, stepping down in 2002 and was knighted in 1999 for services to the community in Sheffield. Sir Norman holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

STEPHEN LOWE (reappointed for one year)

Stephen Lowe is Chair of Arts Council England, East Midlands. Stephen Lowe is a playwright, whose theatre work has been premiered by London's Royal Court, the RSC, Joint Stock, numerous national reps., as well as abroad. He is Artistic Director of Meeting Ground theatre. His film and TV pieces include Scarlet and Black starring Ewan McGregor, Flea-Bites with Nigel Hawthorne, and the BBC psycho-drama Tell-Tale Hearts. He lives in his hometown of Nottingham with his wife, the actress, Tanya Myers. He holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

SIR BRIAN MCMASTER (reappointed for four years)

Brian McMaster joined the Arts Council in June 2000. He has been Director of the Edinburgh International Festival since 1991 and is Chair of the National Opera Studio. He has served as a judge for the Cardiff Singer of the Year Competition since it started. He was Controller of Opera Planning at English National Opera, Managing Director of Welsh National Opera, and Artistic Director at Vancouver Opera before moving to Edinburgh. He holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

PROFESSOR STUART TIMPERLEY (reappointed for two years)

Stuart Timperley is Chair of Arts Council England, East. Stuart Timperley has extensive experience as a high level adviser on the management of strategic change and corporate transition, specialising in strategies for growth. He has been involved in a wide range of corporate re-organisations and has undertaken development initiatives for companies all over the world. He is a founding partner and Chairman of Slatter Timperley Associates, focusing on strategic consulting and management education. For many years he was Professor of Strategic Management and Organisational Behaviour at the London Business School. He was also a Sloan Foundation Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a senior associate at Cambridge University (Judge Institute) and is currently a Visiting Professor at the University of Milan (ISTUD). Alongside his business and academic interests, Stuart has a major interest in the arts and their potential for impact on all aspects of life;

both social and economic. He holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Notes to Editors

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. It has recently carried out a radical programme of structural reform.

National Council Members receive no remuneration. Chairs of the regional Arts Councils receive £5, 880 per annum.

The other members of the Arts Council England are Sir Christopher Frayling (Chair), Tom Bloxham, Deborah Bull, Paul Collard, Deborah Grubb, Sue Hollick, Professor Alan Livingston, Elsie Owusu, William Sieghart and Dorothy Wilson.

All reappointments have 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.