

UK FILM COUNCIL – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

Anthony Minghella CBE has been appointed to the Board of the UK Film Council. His term began on 1 January 2003 and will run for three years.

Mr Minghella is a highly respected film director and writer. His best-known film to date is *The English Patient* which won more than 30 international awards, amongst which were 9 Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director. His other films as writer-director include *Truly Madly Deeply* and *The Talented Mr Ripley*, both of which won numerous international awards. His new film, *Cold Mountain*, is due to be released later this year. He is also Chair of the British Film Institute (BFI). He has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Notes to Editors

1. The Film Council is a national body responsible for taking forward in parallel the two prime objectives of Government film policy: to develop film culture by improving access to and education about the moving image, and to help develop a sustainable domestic film industry. The Film Council is responsible for all DCMS funding for film, both grant-in-aid and Lottery (apart from the National Film and Television School, whose remit is wider than just film).
2. Appointments are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.
3. Appointments are not remunerated.