

QUAD BOARD APPOINTS NEW DIRECTORS

QUAD, Derby's new centre for art and film, holds the first meeting of its recently enlarged Board of Directors on Wednesday 17th September. A period of recruitment has resulted in ten new Directors joining the Board. The appointments represent a mix of business and arts skills including strategic planning, marketing and arts professionals. The high profile group has been carefully chosen in order to strengthen QUAD's future development as a major presence on the East Midlands arts and cultural scene.

Michael Say, QUAD Chairman said "It's great that the whole Board - existing and new members - are all meeting prior to the public launch on 26th September. It means that everyone is involved from the very start. We now have an excellent team - very excited about QUAD and the way it will help to shape the future of Derby. In widening the range of talents within the QUAD Board, I now feel this fully reflects the organisation's aspirations and its long term objectives".

The ten new members joining the existing Board are:

Bob Betts.

Currently MD of Smith of Derby, clockmakers; previously IBM's UK Director of Sales and Marketing; Trustee of Derby Grammar School; member of Marketing Derby's strategic marketing Board.

Yasmin Canvin

Independent freelance curator at Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery, Birmingham's Ikon Gallery and Angel Row Gallery in Nottingham.

Mark Collins

Partner at Bakewells Solicitors; Vice-President of the Derby and Derbyshire Law Society.

Professor Huw Davies

Dean of Arts, Design and Technology at University of Derby; founder and co Director of Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival.

John Forkin

Director of Marketing Derby; previously Strategic Director for Southern Derbyshire Chamber; non-Exec Director of Derby City Challenge; Director of CVS and Community Transport; Chairman of the United Nations Association Youth Council for the UK.

Errol Francis

A qualified fine artist, specialising in photography and social policy. Based in London, he has exhibited widely and his work is held in a number of private and public collections.

David Leatt

MD of Origination, the Derby based Marketing and Communications firm, for over 20 years.

Gordon Mitchell

Director of Starburst Management Consulting; previously Chief Executive of Nottingham City Council; Chief Executive of Bracknell Forest MDC; Programme Director, Prime Minister's Office for Public Sector Reform, Cabinet Office.

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Paul Squires

Regeneration Consultant with Civic Trust; a photographer and former Chair of Derby Community Arts.

Lyn Woods

Assistant Director Clinical Quality (Commissioning) and Deputy Director Derbyshire Primary Care Trust; with an annual budget of circa £1 billion.

They join the existing Board which includes:

Cllr Joe Naitta

A representative of Derby City Council and the portfolio holder for Leisure & Culture within the City.

Kevin Edwards

Chief Executive of Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership; a QUAD Board member since January 2008.

Mick Brown (Deputy Chairman)

Senior consultant with Cooper Parry, accountants and business advisers in Derby; Director of Wash Arts CIC, a participatory arts organisation based in Erewash; a member of the QUAD Board since January 2006.

Pat Dawson

Currently working as Creative Future Officer in Workforce Development Arts and Young People's Team at Birmingham City Council. Previously Chair of Q Arts and a founding QUAD Board member.

Kevin Malpass

Head of Quality Rolls Royce Plc; previously Board member of Q Arts and a founding QUAD Board member.

Michael Say (Chairman)

Retired as Chairman of McConnells Advertising and PR in Derby after 38 years; a founding Governor of Derby Grammar School 1992 – 2005; former Board member of Derby Jazz; Board member and Chairman of Metro Cinema 1985 – 2007.

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Notes for Editors

QUAD opens its doors to the public on 26th September. For full programme details please see: www.derbyquad.co.uk

QUAD is a partnership between Q-Arts, Metro Cinema, Derby City Council, Arts Council England, EM Media, European Union, East Midlands Development Agency, Derby and Derbyshire

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