



# RADA

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ART

## CENTENARY APPEAL COMMITTEE

**Joint Chairmen:** Sir Michael Bishop CBE Sir Evelyn de Rothschild

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**Chairman:** Richard Hurst

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## FAMOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS

**1906** Sir Squire Bancroft  
Sir George Alexander  
Sir J Forbes Robertson  
Sir Arthur Pinero  
Sir J M Barrie

**1909** Edward Terry  
William S Gilbert  
George Bernard Shaw  
Dame Irene Vanbrugh

**1920** Dion Boucicault  
Sir Gerald du Maurier

**1921** Henry Ainley

**1926** Dame Sybil Thorndike

**1927** George Grossmith  
Sir Barry Jackson

**1929** Dame Madge Kendal

**1930** Sir Nigel Playfair

**1938** Sir John Martin Harvey

**1939** Professor Gilbert Murray

**1941** Athene Seyler

**1944** Dame Flora Robson

**1947** Emyln Williams  
Sir Laurence Olivier  
(later Lord Olivier)

**1948** Dame Celia Johnson  
Sir Alexander Korda  
Sir Felix Aylmer

**1950** Sir John Gielgud  
Sir Anthony Quayle  
Diana Wynyard

**1953** Sir Michael Balcon  
Dame Edith Evans

**1954** Sir John Clements

**1962** Basil Dean

**1963** Sir Richard Attenborough  
(later Lord Attenborough)

**1964** Sir John Mills

**1966** Sir John Mortimer  
Joan Plowright  
(Lady Olivier)

**1973** Glenda Jackson

**1976** Frith Banbury  
Dame Judi Dench

**1982** Richard Briers

**1984** Clare Bloom  
Michael Bogdanov  
Peter Barkworth



*Left to right: Sir George Alexander, Sir James Barrie, Sir Arthur Pinero, Irene Vanbrugh, Sir Squire Bancroft, George Bernard Shaw, Sir John Hare and Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson*



## PRINCIPALS

- 1904 Academy of Dramatic Art founded by Herbert Beerbohm Tree as Director and George Pleydell Bancroft, a lawyer, the son of Squire Bancroft, as Secretary.
- 1909 G P Bancroft returned to the Bar. Sir Kenneth Barnes appointed as Administrator.
- 1914-18 C.M. Lowne was Administrator while Sir Kenneth Barnes was in active service.
- 1917 Death of Herbert Beerbohm Tree.
- 1928 Sir Kenneth Barnes title changed to Principal.
- 1938 Sir Kenneth Barnes knighted.
- 1955 Sir Kenneth Barnes retires.  
John Fernald appointed Principal.
- 1965 John Fernald and Hugh Cruttwell shared the post of Principal during the Winter Term.
- 1966 Hugh Cruttwell appointed Principal.
- 1967 Richard O'Donohue appointed Administrator.
- 1984 Hugh Cruttwell and Oliver Neville shared the post of Principal during the Summer Term.
- 1984 Autumn Term onwards Oliver Neville appointed Principal.
- 1993 Nicholas Barter appointed Principal (Deputy Principal 1990 - 1993).

## PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN

- 1906 The Academy is constituted with a Council.  
President: Sir Squire Bancroft  
Members: John Hare, Herbert Beerbohm Tree, George Alexander, Cyril Maude, Arthur W Pinero, Arthur Bourchier, J M Barrie.
- 1927-1928 Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson
- 1929-1930 Sir Gerald du Maurier
- 1931-1933 Henry Ainley
- 1934-1935 Lady Tree
- 1936-1940 Cyril Maude
- 1941-1945 Dame Irene Vanbrugh
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- 1946-1947 Dame Irene Vanbrugh
- 1948-1949 Dame Sybil Thorndike
- 1950-1951 Athene Seyler
- 1952-1953 Dame Flora Robson
- 1954 Sir Felix Aylmer
- 1955-1963 Dame Flora Robson
- 1962 Sir Richard Attenborough joins the Council
- 1964-1976 Dame Edith Evans
- 1966-1971 Sir Felix Aylmer made first Chairman of the Council
- 1971 Sir Richard Attenborough appointed Chairman of the Council
- 1977-1989 Sir John Gielgud
- 17 Nov 1989 HRH the Princess of Wales made President of RADA and appointed Sir John Gielgud as the first Honorary Fellow of the Academy
- 1997 Death of Diana, Princess of Wales, no President has since been appointed



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Sir Anthony Hopkins CBE Richard Hurst Lady Puttnam Lord Quirk Kt CBE FBA  
Lord Rayne Alan Rickman Dame Diana Rigg Sir Evelyn de Rothschild Juliet Stevenson CBE  
Sylvia Syms John Thaw CBE Zoe Waites Hugh Whitmore FRSL

## Principal

Nicholas Barter MA (CANTAB) FRSA

## TEACHING STAFF

### Acting/Text/Scene Study

- John Beschizza (*Acting Exercises*)
- \* Jennie Buckman BA HONS (*Acting Exercises*)
- Geoff Bullen (*Course Director*)  
Dee Cannon (*Acting Exercises*)  
Elaine Claxton (*Sight Reading*)  
Gregory de Polnay MA ADVS (*Scene Study*)  
William Gaskill (*Scene Study*)  
John Normington (*Text*)  
David Mowat BA HONS OXON (*Playwriting*)  
Brigid Panet BA HONS (*Scene Study*)  
Nona Sheppard (*Course Director*)  
Helen Strange (*Text*)
  - \* Bardy Thomas (*Text*)

Lloyd Trott (*Contemporary Text*)

### Voice

- Jane Boston (*Voice*)  
William Conacher (*Dialect*)  
Ellen Newman MA (*Voice*)
  - \* Robert Palmer ARAM LRAM (*Voice*)

Anna Perry RBTC (*Speech*)  
William Richards (*Voice*)  
Adrienne Thomas (*Voice*)

### Movement/Physical Skills

- Katya Bloom MA (*Movement*)  
Lorna Marshall (*Movement*)
  - \* Ilan Reichel Dip INST ME, Dip STAT (*Movement*)

Jeremy Stockwell (*Action*)
  - \* Francine Watson Coleman AISTD DipLCDD  
CertEd AcDip Dist MA Dist (*Dance/Movement*)

### Stage Combat

- Wolf Christian (*Unarmed Combat*)
- \* Richard Ryan (*Master at Arms*)

### Radio/Television

- Shaun O'Riordan (*Television*)  
Jonathan Tafler BA HONS CANTAB (*Radio*)  
Ronald Wilson (*Television*)

### Alexander Technique

- \* John Gray DipRADA MSTAT  
(*Alexander Technique*)
- Dewi Matthews MSTAT (*Alexander Technique*)  
April Pierrot (*Alexander Technique*)  
Wendelien A Verbeek MSTAT  
(*Alexander Technique*)

### Singing

- Craig Barbour DRSAM (*Singing*)
- \* Beth Boyd HON RCM (*Singing*)
- Andrew Charity B.MUS, FRCO (CHM), AR.CM  
(*Choral Singing*)  
Elaine Hammonds (*Singing*)
  - \* Darell Moulton ARCM HON RCM (*Singing*)

Richard Quine (*Singing*)  
Philip Raymond ARCM DipRCM (*Singing*)  
Jane Streeton GRSM HONS ARCM (*Singing*)  
Tom Wakeley ABSM ARCM (*Vocal Coach*)

- \* Denotes Senior Tutor



## ACADEMY STAFF

### Technical

- \* Davy Atkinson (*Deputy Head of Properties*)
- \* Bo Barton BA HONS (OXON)  
(*Director of Technical Training*)
- \* Tim Blaikie  
(*Deputy Head of Scenic Construction*)
- \* Colin W M Brown (*Head of Sound*)
- \* Diane Bye (*Head of Wardrobe*)
- \* Deryk Cropper (*Head of Properties*)
- \* Giles Favell (*Production Manager*)
- \* Neil Fraser BA HONS (*Head of Electrics*)
- \* Brenda Hawkins (*Head of Costume*)
- \* Emma Jealouse (*Deputy Head of Wardrobe*)  
Shirley Matthews BA HONS  
(*Technical Courses Administrator*)
- \* David Salter DipTECH THEATRE ARTS  
(*Stage Management*)  
Gill Salter  
(*Technical Courses Administrative Assistant*)
- \* Jonathan Samuels (*Deputy Head of Electrics*)
- \* Emma Troubridge (*Head of Scenic Art*)
- \* David Woods DipA and D LIOC  
(*Head of Scenic Construction*)

### Administration

- Annette Bennett MAAT (*Assistant to Bursar*)
- Ken Black (*Receptionist*)
- Bette Bone (*Assistant House Manager*)
- Carrie Brooke-Mellor  
(*Registrar's Assistant and IT Manager*)
- Maz Coffey (*Box Office Manager*)
- Paul Crosbie (*House Manager*)
- Dee Doyle (*Receptionist*)
- Teresa Fitzgerald (*Development Director*)
- \* Ellis Jones BA HONS (*Vice Principal*)
- Kate Jones (*Principal's Assistant*)

- Sharon Kelly (*Finance Assistant*)
- Valerie Maxwell (*Receptionist*)
- Patricia Myers DipED (*Registrar*)
- Sally Power  
(*Registration/Short Course Administrator*)
- Charlotte Roch (*Principal's Secretary*)
- Anne Russell FFA (*Bursar*)
- Katie Shattock (*Administrative Assistant*)
- Peter Shortall (*Facilities Manager*)
- Anthony Simcox  
(*Evening Reception/Night Security*)
- David Smith (*Senior Receptionist and Warden*)
- James Thornton (*Receptionist*)

### Library

- Clare Hope BA HONS ALA  
(*Consultant Librarian*)
- Jane Mann BA HONS, Cert.Ed, MA (*Librarian*)
- Janice West MA (RCA) (*Assistant Librarian*)

### Refectory

- Nancy Avrili (*Catering Assistant*)
- Watanu Bungisa (*Porter*)
- Raymond Cummings (*Catering Assistant*)
- Bea Monedero (*Catering Manager*)
- Carlos Monedero (*Catering Manager*)
- James Supulveda (*Catering Assistant*)

### Maintenance

- Rob Dunne (*Assistant Maintenance/Porter*)

- \* Denotes Teaching Staff