



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## NEW APPOINTMENT FOR ALRA

ALRA's Board of Trustees is delighted to announce the new appointment of Adrian Hall from July 2009. He leaves his current role as Head of Production at GSA to be co-director along with Clive Duncan, who has been Programmes Director at ALRA for the last five years. With an extensive professional CV as an actor and director, Adrian has taught many aspects of theatre during the last 25 years and has a wide experience in diversity recruitment and outreach programmes.

Together, the co-directors will seek to ensure ALRA continues to excel as one of the leading providers of vocational drama training. Adrian will be responsible for the challenge of further developing the school's portfolio of courses, exploring opportunities for expansion and securing the future of ALRA.

*"I am incredibly excited at the prospect of working at ALRA. Despite the current economic climate I believe ALRA can achieve great things and I will be exploring every opportunity to ensure ALRA provides the best possible vocational training for actors and stage managers. Clive and I will work together not only to secure the future of ALRA but also to raise the profile of ALRA in the Drama school sector, nationally in schools and colleges and most importantly in the industry."* Adrian Hall

*"This represents an important change in ALRA's structure, and I warmly welcome the excellent appointment of Adrian Hall as co-director. We share the same fundamental beliefs about what a drama school can achieve and the need to adapt and respond to these rapidly changing times. However no necessity to adapt will deter us from keeping, as a very high priority, a commitment to accessibility, irrespective of ethnic and social background, disability or financial capability. We both believe that encouraging diversity is one of the most vital contributions a drama school can make to the future health of today's performance industry."*  
Clive Duncan