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The Theatres Trust Reappointments

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries has reappointed Rob Dickins CBE as Chairman and Tim Foster and Dr Pauleen Lane CBE as Trustees of The Theatres Trust for a second term of three years. Rob Dickins's term will run from 1 February 2012 to 31 January 2015, Pauleen Lane and Tim Foster's second term will run from 22 January 2012 to 21 January 2015.

Rob Dickins CBE

Rob Dickins has spent four decades in the music industry, chairing both Warner Bros Music Publishing and Warner Records. More recently he started an independent music company, Instant Karma. He was Chairman of the UK Recording Industry trade body, the BPI from 1986 to 1988 and then again from 1997 to 2002. He also chaired The Brit Awards and The Classical Music Committee and conceived the Classical Brits TV programme. Between 2002 and 2007, he chaired the National Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green and steered it via HLF funding through planning, closure and refurbishment to a successful re-opening. His love of heritage and the arts led to him being appointed as a Trustee of the V&A Museum (2000 to 2007) and of the Watts Gallery (2004 to date). His business history brought him to the Board of VAE, the commercial wing of the V&A (2001 to 2009). He is a founding Trustee of the National Foundation of Youth Music. He is a Visiting Professor at both the University of the Arts, London and London Metropolitan University. He was awarded a CBE for services to the music industry in 2002.

Tim Foster MA Dip Arch (Cantab) RIBA

Tim Foster is the senior partner in Foster Wilson Architects, the practice which he established in 1979. Over a period of 30 years he has been responsible for the design and remodelling of over forty different theatres, from low cost conversions to major refurbishments and new buildings. The practice works with a wide range of clients, including commercial theatre owners, professional theatre companies, local authorities and educational organisations. He is chairman of the ABTT Theatre Planning Committee, represents the UK on the OISTAT Architecture Commission and is a board member of the Tricycle Theatre Company.

Dr Pauleen Lane CBE

Studied Civil Engineering at Manchester University where she now teaches on the geotechnics Masters for the Built Environment Group. Awarded the CBE for services to local government in 2005 she was previously an elected Member of Trafford MBC. As a councillor, she was lead member for the Waterside Arts Centre project and the Imperial War Museum North and served on the design panel for the Lowry Centre Bridge. At English

Partnerships she was a Board Member from 2001-2005 and Deputy Chair from 2005-2008, and between 2001-2005 was a Board Member on North culture, media and sport

West Development Agency.. Other activities have included being on the board of the Coal Authority as Chair of the Environment Group, a NW Regional Charitable Trustee for Lloyds TSB Foundation for six years, helping to found the Trafford United Credit Union, and serving on the Institution of Civil Engineers: Future Framework Group and the Community Awards NW Panel. She enjoys promoting civil engineering locally, regionally and nationally. She was awarded a CBE in 2005 for services to local government.

Background

These reappointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process. Pauleen Lane has declared that she obtained office as a local Labour Councillor and canvassed on behalf of the party. Both Rob Dickins and Tim Foster have declared that they have not undertaken any politically activity during the last 5 years.