

**Press Release**  
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### **Creative Scotland announces senior creative team**

Andrew Dixon, Chief Executive Designate of Creative Scotland has announced his senior team for the new national development body for the arts, culture and creative industries in Scotland.

Venu Dhupa, Iain Munro and Caroline Parkinson have been appointed as the three Directors of Creative Development. They will be tasked with leading Creative Scotland's engagement with the cultural sector and will take responsibility for Creative Scotland's investment and partnership in the arts, film and creative industries.

Other internal management team appointments are: Morag Arnot, Director of Communications and External Affairs, Alyson Hagan, Director of Finance and Operations and Karen Lannigan, Head of Human Resources.

Ken Hay, Chief Executive of Scottish Screen, will work with Creative Scotland through to the end of September 2010 to complete key handover of work on Scottish Screen responsibilities and the creative industries.

*Andrew Dixon said: "The combined team brings new expertise in international work and creative industries and a huge strength in continuity from the previous bodies. Iain Munro has led the successful Arts Lottery programme for Scotland, Caroline Parkinson brings a wealth of expertise in understanding the development needs of the cultural sector and Venu Dhupa is an internationally renowned player with a major track record in managing and developing cultural organisations and artists."*

*We are grateful to Ken Hay at Scottish Screen for agreeing to stay on and contribute to the set up phase of Creative Scotland. He has been a major contributor to the thinking behind the new organisation and I wish him well in his future career."*

Ewan Brown Chair of CS09 board: *"This is an important moment for Creative Scotland and builds on the momentum for the new organisation. Creative Scotland is becoming a reality and it is good to see a strong team now in place."*

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **Directors of Creative Development, Creative Scotland**

- **Venu Dhupa**

Venu has been a major figure in UK cultural development. She has recently been running an International Programme for Creative Entrepreneurs for the Arts Council of England's Cultural Leadership Programme; hosting the European Cultural Parliament at Liverpool Capital of Culture; and shaping the creative programme for the 2010 Commonwealth Day celebrations in London. As Director of Arts at the British Council she led and completed the first international consultation/review in 25 years on the Council's global arts strategy.

Other former posts include: Fellowship Director at The UK's National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA), Chief Executive at the Nottingham Playhouse, and Producer (Mobile Touring) at the Royal National Theatre. She has been awarded the prestigious National Asian Woman of Achievement Award for her contribution to the Arts and Culture.

- **Iain Munro**

Currently Co-Director of Arts, Scottish Arts Council, Iain grew up in Fife where early musical encounters inspired him to study singing and music in Glasgow, followed by studies in Economics and Surveying in Edinburgh. As Co-Director of Arts at the Scottish Arts Council his work has spanned a diverse artform and policy spectrum, with corporate responsibility for Lottery matters, Creative Industries, Education, Equalities, Audience and Organisational development, London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

- **Caroline Parkinson**

Caroline is based in Edinburgh and is Director, Scotland & Northern Ireland for Creative & Cultural Skills. Immediately prior to joining CC Skills she ran her own management consultancy and worked freelance as a photographer. She was manager of the independent film and television producers' organisation, PACT Scotland & NI between 1994 and 1997, and prior to that was a Theatre in Education producer. She was a Scottish Squad Rhythmic Gymnast and coach, is an enthusiastic singer and pianist regularly performing in bands, and is a published and exhibited photographer.

#### **Other notes**

- Morag Arnot is currently Acting Chief Executive of Scottish Arts Council, Alyson Hagan is currently Chief Operating Officer & Company Secretary of Scottish Screen and Karen Lannigan is currently HR Manager at Scottish Screen.
- Creative Scotland, the new national development body for the arts, culture and creative industries in Scotland, is on track to be formally established in July 2010.
- For more information on Creative Scotland go to: [www.creativescotland.com](http://www.creativescotland.com).
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