



ASD News

Black Lives Matter



The ASD stands side-by-side with the Black community. Our members and colleagues should always feel safe, equal and included. It is important not only to show this support but to actively make change. As a community of sound professionals and artists we can make a difference.

We are always looking for ways to do better, to make our association even more inclusive and improve our working practices. This includes reaching out to groups like [Stage Sight](#) and our Association partners to learn and share information. If you'd like to be part of changing the ASD, or have any suggestions or questions, please [email us](#).



Welcome to our newest Corporate Members **Sonosphere!**

[Sonosphere](#) specialise in producing immersive content. They also offer consultancy, spatial audio capture and more. Check out their [website](#) for more info.



Our AGM was held via Zoom last week and was the best attended AGM we've ever held.

Minutes can be read [here](#).

During the meeting we elected Rob Bettle to the Board of Trustees. After the AGM the board met and voted to instate Lewis Gibson as Treasurer. You can read more about the board on the website.

After the AGM we met for another of our infamous quizzes. Prizes were generously provided by our Corporate Members and the fabulous [Wills](#) who provided excellently apt libraries for first, second and last place.

Thanks to the generosity of our corporate members we were able to give prizes to all that attended, so a massive thanks to all our prize givers!

Join us, if you dare, for the 2nd edit of our quiz, **July 14th 7-9pm**, find out more [here](#). Bring snacks, you'll need them.



Alliance of Associations & Professionals for Theatre & Live Events

Following our discussion at the AGM there has been progress in the cross associations discussion. We are proud to say that the ASD has joined with a large number of other industry associations and individuals in the formation of the 'Affiliation of Associations & Professionals in Theatre & Live Events'.

We are currently working on our detailed aims but the overriding theme is bringing together voices from all areas of the industry enabling a stronger more coherent force. If you want to contribute to this initiative please [contact us](#).

Unions and Representation meeting minutes

Members met for a chance to express their opinions and views last week. Read a summary of what was discussed [here](#).

This is our 99th Herald!

The 100th will be a celebration of the ASD and our members. We'd love to feature you and will be emailing out more information in the coming days.

Working Groups Meeting

We're looking to overhaul our working groups, to make them more representative and more effective. Join us to help implement these changes and improve the ASD for everyone.

The meeting will be held on Monday July 6th 2-4pm. Register your place [here](#).

From Our Friends

Amplify Online

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Amplify online is a mentoring scheme from Tangle Theatre. It provides a one-off bursary of £150 for a technical theatre maker at an early career stage (UK resident, aged 18 and over) to undertake a programme of online mentoring with an industry expert during July and August 2020. Find out more about the scheme and the fantastic line up of mentors via the [website](#).

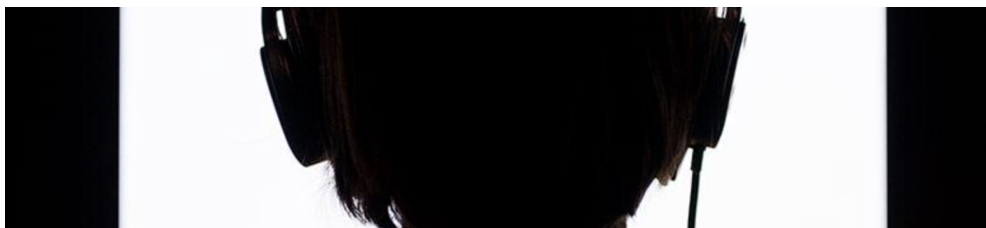
ABTT Diversity in the Arts



As part of the ABTT's July seminar programme, they are hosting a diversity in the arts seminar.

Join the panel, including our Chair Person, Dominic Bilkey, in discussing diversity in the arts and the organisations and initiatives that you can get involved with to help rebuild and reboot post COVID-19. Tickets can be reserved [here](#). Check out the ABTT's excellent list of diversity and inclusion resources [here](#).

Graduate Exhibitions



Would you like your Graduation event to feature on the [Home Page](#) of the ASD website?

[RCSSD](#), [RCS](#) and [GSMD](#) have already contacted us, join them by [dropping us a line](#).

Hardware, software and sounds



d&b have an amazing array of web-based learning available. Check out their [website](#) for the whole list and tune in on Tuesday 30th for a [Facebook Live](#) event with Nick Malgieri and guests from Eighth Day Sound Systems and American Rock band Tool.

Meyer



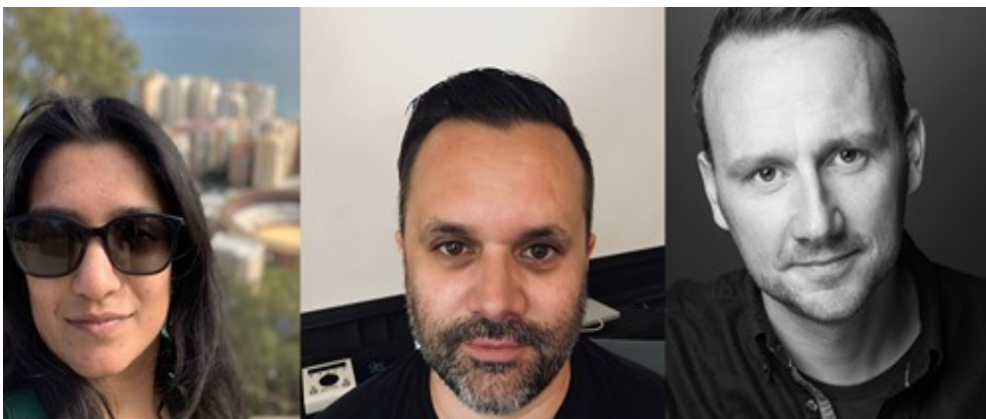
Join the team at Meyer for a Webinar with Bob McCarthy on July 1st at 17:00. The webinar will look at the SIM origination story. Register your place here and check out all the Meyer online learning opportunities [here](#). Don't forget, if you've missed a session you can catch up on their [YouTube Channel](#).

Shure Webinars



It's a busy week for Shure, there is another opportunity to take part in Shure's wireless [workbench masterclass](#). They have a [round table discussion](#) on the future of Sound and they've made a phenomenal amount of training available online. Find out more via the [website](#).

Sound Network



Sound Network have brought together Seeta Mistery, Laurie Kirkby and Leigh Davies for a chat about all things theatre sound next week. Join them via [Facebook](#).

Sennheiser Sound Academy

A banner image for Sennheiser Sound Academy showing a person's hands working on a piece of audio equipment, possibly a microphone or amplifier, with various cables and components visible.

Sennheiser Sound Academy

Join Andy Lillywhite and Joe Mahoney for this Audio for AV integrators online seminar. Sessions fill up really quickly, so register soon for July 29th. Find out more [here](#).

Birdsong



Released to coincide with the Battle of the Somme Anniversary, Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks has been filmed during lockdown, with all the actors contributing from separate locations. The show is available to view for just 72 hours and proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Royal British Legion. Read more about the colossal technical process in the [Birdsong Diaries](#) and book your ticket [here](#). UK viewers only.

Reboot Summer 2020



Join Gareth Fry and Donato Wharton as they talk together as part of the Clod Ensemble Reboot 2020. Register [here](#). Check out the full line up [here](#).

V&A ASMR



ASMR at the V&A is a collaboration with curator Yona Lesger and textile conservator Susana Fajardo to share their up-close experience of precious and delicate exhibits on camera within a specialist microphone setup created by Member [Julie-Rose Bower](#). This calm, relaxing experience explores the sensation of being behind-the-scenes at the V&A and backstage in the world of theatre and film.

Interesting reading

Looking for a way to explain the Black Lives Matters movement to children? Check out [this article](#).

The 500 Words competition is back for one week only. 500 words: Black Lives Matters is open for entires from Monday 29th until Friday 3rd of July. Find out more [here](#).

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The [Stage Sight website](#) has a fantastic page of [resources](#). Including Mark Dakin's [open letter](#) and the next feature below.

Tiata Fahodzi and The Stage have launched a [photo library](#) featuring people of colour in technical theatre roles, in a bid to improve the diversity of pictures used to depict backstage theatre workers. It's hoped that the library will increase as users add images.

[This article](#) from The Stage highlights the work done by [Creative Access](#) a social enterprise working with under-represented communities and organisations to improve diversity in the creative industries. The poll within the article shows how much work still needs to be done and highlights the #More than words campaign.

ASD Benefits

Menswear Treats



Enjoy exclusive offers for ASD members from T.M. Lewin.

Treat yourself from an extensive range of the finest quality suits, shirts, ties and casual wear or find the perfect gift for a deserving man in your life*. Find out more from the ASD benefits microsite by logging into your profile and following the links.

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