

National Theatre

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AMANDA PRITCHARD APPOINTED TO NATIONAL THEATRE BOARD



Sir Damon Buffini, Chair of the National Theatre, announced today that **Amanda Pritchard** is to join the National Theatre Board.

Amanda, who is chief executive of the NHS in England, will join the National Theatre Board from October.

Amanda has worked in the NHS for twenty-five years, joining through its graduate management training scheme in 1997. Before joining NHS England, she was the chief executive of Guy's and St Thomas', one of the country's biggest NHS Trusts.

Speaking about Amanda's appointment Damon Buffini said: *"I am delighted to be welcoming Amanda to the National Theatre Board. As an exceptional leader of a vital national institution, I know that the National Theatre will benefit hugely from her significant leadership expertise. The NHS exists to improve the health and wellbeing of the nation and we know from numerous studies that culture and the arts have a positive impact on people's wellbeing and can have multiple health benefits. As we look forward to staging Tim Price's new play Nye next year, directed by Rufus Norris, which celebrates the life of the NHS' founder Nye Bevan, as well as the NHS' 75th anniversary, I'm excited to welcome Amanda as part of the team and I look forward to what we will achieve together."*

On joining the Board Amanda commented: *"The National Theatre is an organisation which I have long admired, and to have the opportunity to join the Board is a great honour alongside my NHS role. "It feels such an exciting time to join the National Theatre as it celebrates the milestone of its 60th anniversary and I am delighted to be playing a part in helping the organisation as it continues to entertain audiences and inspire creativity across the country."*

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Notes to Editors

The role will involve attending four board meetings a year.

National Theatre Board members

Sir Damon Buffini (Chair)
Sabine Chalmers
Louise Charlton
Dame Vikki Heywood CBE
Simon Minty

Vicki Mortimer
Dame Karen Pierce
Elizabeth Pryce
Melanie Richards CBE
Tim Score
Farrah Storr
Simon Warshaw

About the National Theatre

The National Theatre makes theatre that entertains and inspires using its creativity, expertise and unique reach. The National Theatre shares unforgettable stories with millions of audience members across the UK and around the world – on its own stages, on tour, in schools, on cinema screens and streaming at home.

World-leading artists make their best work at the National Theatre with the widest possible audience and impact. The National Theatre invests in talent and innovation on stage and off, taking seriously its role as the nation's theatre. Of the new productions developed each year with a wide range of theatre companies, a third of that research and development resource is dedicated to shows staged at theatres outside London.

Through touring our work to local theatres and schools and nationwide education and community programmes, we are active in 71 of the 109 levelling up priority areas in the UK. A registered charity with deeply embedded social purpose, the National Theatre works with hundreds of schools and communities across the UK to fire imagination and inspire creativity, and to develop skills and pathways for careers in theatre.

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