

Media Release



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**Anne Dunn appointed as the new Executive Director of Sydney Dance Company.**

Mr Julian Knights, Chairman of Sydney Dance Company, says: "Anne Dunn comes to us with extensive experience, not only in her recent role as General Manger/CEO of the Darwin Festival but previously from the Perth International Festival, where she held the positions of Artistic Administrator and Program Manager (2003 to 2006). She was also an Assistant Producer with the Sydney Opera House (2002) and worked as Events Desk Coordinator for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games."

"In her recent roles Anne has displayed strong leadership and management skills, as well as impressive business acumen. This will be most important skills for the company as it continues its journey with Artistic Director Rafael Bonachela at the helm."

"Rafael has expressed his excitement with the appointment and looks forward to working with Anne who he feels shares his vision for the Company," says Mr Knights.

2010 will be a very busy year for the company with two major programs and two international Guest choreographers plus a strong program of touring, both interstate and overseas.

Anne replaces Noel Staunton who takes up the position as the Director of the Brisbane Festival in the new year.

As Julian Knights says, "We owe a huge debt to Noel. In the past three years we have worked very hard to develop new audiences, appointed an outstanding Artistic Director and established a new home for the company in the Sydney Theatre. The quality of our dancers is world class.

"Anne Dunn comes to a company which is in great shape and ready to take on new challenges. The Board welcomes her appointment."

Anne Dunn will be available for interview when she takes up her appointment in the new year.

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