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## **LAMDA Loses Honorary Fellow Robert Stanton**

**On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007, legendary British Stage Manager and Honorary LAMDA Fellow, Robert Stanton [known affectionately to the Academy as Bob] passed away at the age of 88.**

In a career that spanned almost eight decades, Bob Stanton's name became synonymous with the very best in British stage management and technical theatre. As Stage Management Consultant to Theatre Projects Ltd and the original Director of LAMDA's innovative Stage Management and Technical Theatre Course, his talent and experience influenced the careers of some of the industry's leading technicians and practitioners.

Richard Pilbrow, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Theatre Projects Ltd, said, *Bob was a passionate advocate of Theatre Projects for over 50 years and an enormous inspiration to so many people, setting standards of professionalism and commitment that will perhaps never be surpassed. We all owe him more than I can describe. He was a good, civilized, dedicated man and great friend. Thank you Bob.*

Bob officially handed over the reins of LAMDA's Stage Management and Technical Theatre Course twenty years ago. Still his influence, as the course's pioneer and, in more recent years, its consultant informs the training to this very day. This was recognised officially when Bob was made an Honorary Fellow of the Academy.

Expressing his deepest sadness at the news of Bob's passing, LAMDA Principal, Peter James said, *Bob Stanton was an inspirational teacher and friend, who bore testimony to the many wonderful rewards that a career in the industry can bring. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched.*

### **Other tributes include:**

*Bob Stanton was so much more than an able administrator. He was an inspiring teacher, a valued mentor and a supportive and encouraging friend to many, many students over the years. I personally owe him a great debt of gratitude.*

**Luke Rittner, LAMDA Chairman.**

**Stage Management & Technical Theatre Alumnus, Class of 1967**

*We never doubted for one second that Bob thought we could do the job and that is the single most important gift he gave us.*

**Rob Young, Current Stage Management & Technical Theatre Course Director**

**LAMDA Alumnus, Class of 1987.**

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