

**Sarah Ripley**  
**Senior Stage Management Tutor**

The Senior Stage Management tutor teaches the core lectures in stage management techniques and supervises the practical stage management exercises in the theatre. Whilst overseeing the student stage management team, she has regular, often informal meetings during the rehearsal and pre production period to offer support and advice on a day to day basis. The overseeing of teams is divided between the senior and second stage management tutors. She is a member of the interviewing panel for prospective stage management students. In liaison with the Course Director she assists in organising the stage management placements for second year students.

Sarah trained at Mountview Theatre School. After graduating Sarah worked in fringe theatre at namely The King's Head, Islington and The Old Fire Station, Oxford. She worked for many years in commercial theatre as a Stage Manager and Company Manager. Her credits include: running a venue for two years at the Edinburgh Festival, six years with Apollo Leisure; as DSM, Stage Manager and Company Manager, working on many shows including *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, *Barnum*, *Aspects of Love* and *Copacabana*. Tours in Europe; *Shall We Dance*, *David Copperfield* and *Deamons*. Sarah has also toured extensively in this country and her West End credits include: *The Boyfriend*, *Othello*, *Cafe Puccini*, *Phantom*, *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*. In 1995 Sarah joined the production company COORDINATION as Assistant General Manager working on many productions including *Sesame Street Live* and Jim Davidson's '*Dick Whittington*' and '*Cinderella*'. As well as her theatre credits, Sarah has also Production Managed two festivals in Oxford and has also worked for Six TV, the Oxford local television station. She still finds time out of college to freelance as the European Stage Management Consultant for Arden Entertainment and Stage Entertainment, teaching British theatre practices to stage managers in Madrid, Moscow, Germany and Paris.

Sarah is also the Course Director for the LAMDA Summer School.