



ACA MEMBERS' AWARDS

2010

ACA Members' Awards are presented for the first time this year to individuals and organisations whose work has made an outstanding contribution to ACA's aim of enriching children's lives through the arts.

Each of the six award winners has been nominated by a member of ACA and will become an honorary member for one year.

ALLIE SPENCER **Nottingham Playhouse**

Allie has worked as Education Officer at Nottingham Playhouse for eight years and in that time has delivered hundreds of projects and workshops to enrich and inspire the lives of young people. Her strength is delivering work with disadvantaged and disabled participants. She is an inspiration to work alongside and leaves a lasting impact on the lives of young people.

Sarah Stephenson

BIG BRUM **Theatre in Education**

For nearly thirty years, Big Brum has been producing theatre-in-education programmes of consistently high quality, alongside other imaginative and innovative projects for children in Birmingham, showing day after day what theatre can do for children and what children can do for theatre.

Neil Rathmell

CHRIS THOMSON **The Place**

Working creatively with his team at The Place, Chris Thomson is that rare beast, someone with big ambitions and a small ego. As a pioneer in the field of dance education, he has run small scale projects with schools and large scale projects with artists of international repute. Unfailingly generous and imaginative, Chris is open in his approach to the world. His dedication to education has inspired and impressed too many people to mention.

Emma Gladstone

LAURA JANE OGILVY **London Children's Ballet**

Laura Jane is a Trustee and committed supporter of London Children's Ballet, which was founded in 1994 to give talented young dancers aged 9-14 (boys 9-16) a unique opportunity to perform as part of a professional ballet production. London Children's Ballet productions are an ideal way to introduce children to ballet and classical music.

Elizabeth Greaves

PENNY HAY **5x5x5=creativity**

Penny is without ego or vanity. She works, sometimes at her own risk, with passion, commitment, integrity and intelligence. With 5x5x5=creativity, her visionary project that researches and celebrates the creative capacities of children in the early years, she has empowered hundreds of children, artists and educators to be creative together. Her work is a force for change and a much needed one.

Kate Cross

STEPHEN MIDLANE **Polka Theatre**

As the one and only Administrator of Polka Theatre for the past thirty years, Stephen Midlane has made an outstanding contribution to Theatre for Children. Under his influence and wise guidance, the theatre has flourished, but it has involved a huge amount of dedicated time and effort in order to achieve and maintain Polka's place as an outstanding children's arts organisation. This much deserved award is a perfect way to recognise Stephen's many talents and to publicly acknowledge him as a true and devoted Children's Champion.

Vicky Ireland MBE