



LPA's President Andrew Kay AM to step down

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Dear Member,

This is to advise that LPA's President, Andrew Kay AM, has announced he will be stepping down as President at the conclusion of LPA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Thursday 22 November 2018.

LPA's Executive Council is pleased to announce the appointment of LPA's next President, Richard Evans, who will take up the role following the AGM.

Andrew has devoted 30 years of service to the association and our industry and was first elected to LPA's Executive Council in 1989. He served as Vice-President for 9 years (1995-2003) before being elected as President in 2004. He has served in this role for 15 years.

Andrew Kay AM said:

"It has been a great honour leading LPA, first as its Vice President, and then as President over the past 25 years. The live performance industry, as shown in the latest record attendance data, is, by and large, very healthy as indeed is LPA itself, with record membership and strong finances.

Of course there continues to be ongoing issues that the industry is confronting. These include the depressing lack of cultural infrastructure in Sydney, the financial challenges faced by our smaller companies, the problems created by a "one size fits all" wages system and the apparent Federal Government indifference to making any meaningful investment into our creative sector. While there may be dark clouds on Australia's economic horizon there is still much to be optimistic about.

Ours is a great industry and I thank the LPA Executive Council and the LPA membership for allowing me the privilege of being their President. I leave the organisation in the safe hands of our wonderful CEO Evelyn Richardson and her amazing staff and welcome Richard Evans into the role."

Current Executive Councillor and incoming President, Richard Evans, has served the association for 12 years. He was first appointed to the Executive Council in 2002 – 2004 and returned in 2010 until now. He served as Vice-President 2011-2012. He is currently Managing Director of the Australian Chamber Orchestra and formerly held roles as Executive Director of The Bell Shakespeare Company, Managing Director of Sydney's BridgeClimb, Executive Director of The Australian Ballet, Interim Managing Director of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and CEO of Sydney Opera House.

In his role at the Opera House Richard oversaw 2,500 events annually, attracted over \$200 million in major capital works funding, established a number of new festivals and activations, significantly developing the public domain and presided over a period of unprecedented economic, brand, tourism visitation and audience growth.

LPA's incoming President, Richard Evans said:

"It is an honour to follow my longtime colleague Andrew Kay, and to become LPA's next President. LPA is an organisation I have been close to over many years, and I am passionate about the support and development of Australia's live performance industry.

Contemporary, effective, clear and well-communicated outcomes for our employers will support a strong and vibrant future for all sectors of our entertainment industry and its audiences.

I thank Andrew for his extraordinary tenure and leadership, and look forward to working with the LPA Executive Council and its membership together with Chief Executive Evelyn Richardson and her team, as we enter the next phase in LPA's history."

LPA's Chief Executive, Evelyn Richardson said:

"It has been a great privilege to work with Andrew over the past eleven years. He has been a strong leader and spokesperson on behalf of our industry. To have given 30 years of service to LPA's members and the industry is an extraordinary achievement. What's even more remarkable is the fact that all of his time and efforts over three decades have been unpaid and given willingly with great energy and good humour. He has always been motivated by doing what's in the best interests of the membership and the broader industry. His unwavering commitment and support provided to me as Chief Executive is also gratefully acknowledged.

I very much look forward to working with Richard Evans, our incoming President, on the next chapter of LPA's journey."

Andrew's significant contribution and industry leadership will be celebrated at a special end of year dinner to be held in Melbourne next month.

Warm regards,

Evelyn Richardson
LPA Chief Executive



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