

ANN NEWSON LRAM, RAM(dip)

Drama and performance have been Ann's life's passion. She made her first stage appearance at the age of five and has since performed in many leading roles. She studied Speech and Drama at the Royal Academy of Music for three years. She then pursued a career in teaching and lecturing in Drama Colleges and schools in London and Southern England. Her forte is directing plays and musicals for adults and children.

Ann is a member of the LAMDA Board of examiners. She has examined all the disciplines in the syllabus throughout the United Kingdom and in Australia, America, Dubai, France, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Singapore, South Africa, Spain and Sri Lanka. She has been on several LAMDA syllabus committees and edited some of their publications. She runs her own training company specialising in Public Speaking and Presentation Skills for business people.

She strongly believes that it is so important to encourage young people to communicate verbally and confidently. This is a life skill for their future. Festivals give them such a valuable opportunity to develop this skill

As a member of the British and International Federation of Festivals for Music, Dance and Speech she has adjudicated throughout England, Northern Ireland, Eire, Guernsey and Hong Kong.

Ann is very much looking forward to her return visit to the Coulsdon & Purley Festival.