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# newsletter

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## New Artistic Directors

I am happy to announce to you that your committee has made a decision about the appointment of the next Artistic Directors and the Trustees have ratified the decision.

Following the Company meeting at the end of May, your messages were received and considered, and your feedback and concerns were noted. Subsequent to that meeting, Malcolm Robinson withdrew his application; Baz expressed an interest in the post and Cassie Tillett offered to work in partnership with Clare Williamson. Baz, Clare and Cassie all met with the committee and further in depth discussions took place. A committee decision was made at the beginning of July and the Trust have now met and ratified that decision. I am very excited to give you the results of our deliberations.

Commencing with the 2016-17 Season, we have asked **Clare Williamson** and **Cassie Tillett** to be joint Artistic Directors for an initial period of three years, which is the usual initial tenure.

Clare brings a wealth of management and directing experience from outside the Barn, as well as many years as Head of Drama at Thorpe St Andrew High School. Cassie is well versed in the workings of the Barn, has acted and directed for the Company as well as being a loyal audience member for many years, and together they will form a remarkable partnership. During the 2015-16 season, they will be shadowing Miche and Robert and will begin to plan their first season. This partnership promises an interesting and exciting future for the Barn and we all hope you will give them the same support you have given other Artistic Directors in the past.



Clare Williamson



Cassie Tillett

We are very grateful to all candidates for their hard work and willingness to support the Sewell Barn Theatre.

*Jill Fuller*

Chair of the Sewell Barn Management Committee

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Sewell Barn will take place on Sunday October 4th. More details and timings will be announced soon.

## Our next production

We hope to see you at our first production of next season, *The Thrill of Love*, by Amanda Whittington and directed by Ginny Porteous, which opens on October 1.