

Press
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Mark Stephens CBE announced as new Chair of DACS

FSI is delighted to announce that Mark Stephens CBE has been appointed as the new Chair of the Board of Directors DACS (the Design and Artists Copyright Society), replacing Andrew Potter who steps down in December 2011.

Mark Stephens, who was instrumental in the establishment of DACS in 1984, joins the organisation at an important time as debate continues about the future of copyright, and the global recession and public funding cuts impact on visual artists. DACS' role in helping artists to sustain their practice and livelihood is even more critical than ever.

DACS Chief Executive Gilane Tawadros says: "We are delighted to be welcoming Mark Stephens as our new Chair. He has played such an important role in DACS' formation and will now play a vital role in its future development."

Mark Stephens says: "Throughout the past 35 years I have advocated for artists' rights. I am thrilled and delighted to be offered the opportunity to chair DACS at a time when the economic rights of artists are under threat as never before, not least because of digitalisation and multiplatform delivery.

I intend that DACS should remain at the forefront of the development of new economic models to safeguard the ability of artists to contribute in such vital ways to our cultural life."



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Outgoing Chair, Andrew Potter says: "I am absolutely delighted that the DACS Board has chosen Mark Stephens to succeed me. Mark's energy, enthusiasm and expertise will contribute greatly to continuing DACS' excellent progress in bringing value to the work of an increasing number of creators in the digital era. DACS is a mighty force for good and I have enjoyed every minute of my time working with its excellent Board and management team."

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