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QUAD Patrons add their support to the venue's 'Sponsors A Seat' scheme

QUAD Patron's Dr Jo Twist and Dr John Tams and Derby Film Festival Patron David Morrissey are the latest additions to the venue's 'Sponsor A Seat' scheme.

QUAD have now sold over 100 bespoke cinema seat dedications, which have been bought by customers, sponsors and supporters. The scheme was launched early in 2020 to allow customers to name or dedicate their favourite cinema seats in QUAD.

Derbyshire-based musician **Dr John Tams** was the music maker for the international Live Stage production and film War Horse. He became a Patron of QUAD in 2012. He said *"QUAD is not a building – it's an ethos. Midst all the excellent outreach initiatives - QUAD also shows brilliant films!"*

Dr Jo Twist (OBE) is CEO of UKIE, the UK games & Interactive Entertainment network, Deputy Chair of the British Screen Advisory Council, London Tech Ambassador and BAFTA Games Committee member, and was awarded an OBE for services to the creative industries. She said *"Derby QUAD is a fantastic space for creatives in the area - great idea to raise money for the charity via a sponsored seat!"*

Walking Dead actor **David Morrissey** has been involved with QUAD since 2010, hosted events and becoming Patron of Derby Film Festival. He said *"I have been to many events at QUAD and always enjoyed the atmosphere there. Such a wonderful venue. I'm very happy to have a seat in my name and look forward to sitting in it next time I am able to get up there"*

If you would like to Sponsor a Seat, or need more information, contact Dr Alex Rock alexr@derbyquad.co.uk or see <https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/sponsor-seat>

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QUAD is currently closed to the public following government guidance. For the latest news on re-opening please see: <https://www.derbyquad.co.uk/about/news>

QUAD is Derby's centre for art and film, a mixed arts venue based on the Market Place. QUAD is the city's cultural hub with a three-screen cinema, an art gallery showing the best in contemporary visual arts, digital workshop spaces plus an award-winning Café bar. QUAD Opened to the public on 26th September 2008. QUAD has been at the heart of Derby's cultural scene since it opened and is now internationally recognised for providing quality and excellence in the Arts.

QUAD delivers an exciting, innovative and diverse programme which is popular with visitors of all ages, with a reputation in Photography, digital innovation & family friendly events. The venue organises Derby Film Festival, FORMAT International Photography Festival and Summer Nights Outdoor Film Festival. QUAD is a partnership between Derby City Council and Arts Council England. QUAD is open daily from 10am for more information visit: www.derbyquad.co.uk **For further information on this event contact QUAD's Marketing and Audience Development Manager Kathy Wilson on 01332 285422 / 07791441941 kathyW@derbyquad.co.uk**