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Julie Warn re-appointed at WAAPA

With the start of the new academic year in full swing, the rehearsal rooms, lecture halls and performance venues of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts are a-buzz with enthusiastic young students ready to launch into their studies.

Behind the scenes, a quieter celebration has taken place, following the news that Julie Warn AM has been re-appointed to the position of Director of WAAPA. Warn has also been promoted to the position of Professor.

On making the announcement, the Vice-Chancellor of Edith Cowan University Professor Kerry O. Cox said, "Julie has provided exemplary leadership of WAAPA over the last five years and we look forward to her continuing in the role for the next five years."

Professor Warn, who grew up in Tasmania, began her working career as a high school English and Social Sciences teacher. However her love of theatre led her to apply for a course in Stage Management and Production at NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts). On graduating, Professor Warn worked for festivals, theatre companies, chamber music and orchestras, and toured throughout Australia and internationally.

Before relocating to Perth in 2004 to take up the position of Director at WAAPA, Professor Warn's work credits included positions as Managing Director of the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra and CEO of The Queensland Orchestra. Her services to the performing arts have been recognised with an Order of Australia and a Centenary medal.

"I am excited to be able to continue my directorship of WAAPA," said Professor Warn. "I am very proud of the reputation the Academy has built across a wide range of performance disciplines. Our graduates are testament to the high calibre of training they receive at WAAPA as they continue to build careers throughout Australia and internationally. Next year is WAAPA's 30th anniversary – surely cause to celebrate!"

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