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TRING PARK NEW STUDIOS Building work begins

Building work for the new "state-of-the-art" studios at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts began in December. To celebrate, the school's oldest teacher, Eve Pettinger MBE returned to take part in the official ceremony. Eve was a former professional dancer with London Festival Ballet (now English National Ballet), a colleague of Dame Alicia Markova and was a teacher at Tring Park for over 50 years. In 2007, she was awarded the MBE for services to Dance.

The building work to enhance the school and its facilities is phase 1 of a scheme, designed by architects Burrell Foley Fischer and will provide much needed state-of-the-art performance studios for students studying Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre. The studios will also be used for Tring Park's Junior Conservatoire which serves the local community and offers Dance and Musical Theatre training for children from the age of 5. It is planned that the studios will be ready for the academic year 2010-11.

Architects, Burrell Foley Fischer, have worked closely with the English Heritage to design buildings that blend in with, and enhance the



school's surroundings whilst taking full account of the needs of the school and the young performers in it. To date, the project has taken over five years to plan and pupils, parents and staff have been considered in the process. Every care will be taken to minimise disruption and noise once the building project commences.

Tring Park School for the Performing Arts offers a unique opportunity for gifted young people to specialise in Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre or Music, whilst gaining an excellent academic education to GCSE, BTEC and 'A' level.

Principal Stefan Anderson: "We are absolutely delighted that building work for our new performance studios has started. Architects Burrell Foley Fischer have designed buildings that work harmoniously with the unique surroundings of Tring Park Mansion and we are pleased that we will be able to provide the state of the art facilities that our students deserve."