

# PRESS INFORMATION



## GOOD QUALITY SPEAKERS WANTED!

With just over a year to go to Showlight 2009, the organisers are now on the hunt for the most important element of the event - the speakers, whose contributions make Showlight the most stimulating and rewarding event in the lighting diary.

Taking place at Pacific Quay in Glasgow, in the most high tech TV studio in the UK, the Showlight 2009 conference programme will explore tomorrow's technology as well as look back at what has been achieved in the worlds of theatre, film and tv, as well as concert and architectural lighting design. The major part of Showlight is devoted to presentations – from 15 up to 45 minutes – by working lighting people, and the organisers are now inviting ideas from lighting designers and directors, scenographers and equipment manufacturers – although sales pitches are not welcome!

Seven main topics have been chosen for broad interpretation: as well as papers on innovative lighting designs, the organisers hope to have speakers on subjects such as *Special effects*, *The future and the past* and *I tried this and it didn't work* – which could prove to be the most useful paper presented!

Papers that stir lengthy debate can be discussed in more detail over morning coffee, lunch and dinner, as speakers do not simply give their paper and depart – at the heart of every Showlight is the opportunity for delegates and speakers to meet and mingle during the social events which make Showlight so special. Previous events have seen such august speakers as Ken Billington, who won a Tony in 1997 for his lighting of

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### SHOWLIGHT 2009

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Chicago, Per Sundin and Ola Melzig, who have provided the lighting design for the Eurovision Song Contest for many years, and innovative Director of Photography Roger Simonsz, from the world of film and video.

Showlight 2009 takes place in Glasgow, 16-19 May 2009. If you would like to make a contribution in the form of a paper, email [papers@showlight.org](mailto:papers@showlight.org) before the end of May 2008. Companies wishing to take an exhibition stand, or anyone wishing to register as delegate, should email [info@showlight.org](mailto:info@showlight.org).

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