

PRESS INFORMATION



Showlight 2009 goes to Glasgow

BBC Scotland's new state of the art headquarters in Glasgow, which boasts the latest broadcast technology and is the biggest TV recording space to be built in Scotland and the second largest TV studio in Britain, is to host the 2009 Showlight event, it was announced today.

Set on the banks of the River Clyde, the BBC's new high definition television studio complex was opened by the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, on September 20 and is a bold departure from traditional TV studio premises.

Showlight 2009 will take place from May 16 to 19 and will be of interest not only to TV lighting directors, but anyone involved with entertainment and architectural lighting design. The BBC's high definition equipment will be utilised to illustrate papers from all genres of lighting, including theatre, film, event, education, architecture and, of course, television.

Organising committee chairman, Ian Dow, said: "The studio complex houses the UK's most advanced broadcast studios and production facilities: the new technology has enabled a move away from tapes to a digital file-based system that fully integrates television, radio and online. Showlight 2009 will be a marvellous opportunity to see all this technology in action."

Established in 1981, when the first event took place at London's Barbican, Showlight exists specifically to give people time to talk, to discuss ideas and to mix with some of the best known names in the lighting industry. Organised *by* lighting professionals *for* lighting professionals, Showlight takes place every four years, always at a different venue and the 2009 venue is appropriate, as it will be 20 years since Showlight was last based in the world of television.

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Adjacent to the Glasgow Science Centre and IMAX Cinema, and opposite the Scottish Exhibition Centre, BBC Scotland promises to provide Showlight 2009 with both an impressive location and some very memorable facility visits. To register your interest in Showlight 2009 e-mail register@showlight.org or visit www.showlight.org where you can also keep up-to-date with the speaker programme and all other Showlight events.

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Photos: BBC Scotland broadcasting centre

'The Street' at the new BBC Scotland broadcasting centre

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