

The Glasgow School of Art awards Professor Anthony Jones CBE honorary degree

4.30pm, Friday 18th June 2010, Bute Hall, University of Glasgow

Internationally esteemed British arts administrator, broadcaster, writer and historian of art and design, Professor Anthony Jones CBE is to receive an Honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) at the Glasgow School of Art's 2010 Graduation Ceremony.

During his career, Anthony Jones has led three of the world's most highly regarded Academies – the Royal College of Art in London, Glasgow School of Art and currently the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. He is also a recognised authority on the development of architecture and design in the Modern Age, especially the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the designer Archibald Knox and is sought after as a speaker on the role of the arts in society and their economic impact across the world.

He has led the School of the Art Institute in Chicago for nearly 20 years during which time SAIC has grown in worldwide reputation, size, academic achievement and its capacity to raise many millions of dollars in scholarships, capital campaigns and endowed chairs.

Anthony Jones had previously been a very distinguished Director of the Glasgow School of Art between 1980 and 1986 during which time he was extremely influential in bringing Mackintosh, at that point largely ignored as an architect and designer, to a wider and increasingly appreciative public. His own research for many years has been into Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Modern Movement : it continues to this day with current work on Mackintosh and two other leaders of the Modern Movement in Europe and the USA, Josef Hoffman and Frank Lloyd Wright. He has authored and edited a large number of books and articles including *Charles Rennie Mackintosh*, Studio Editions 1995 and *Robert Stewart: a personal perspective in Robert Stewart Design 1946 - 95*, Glasgow School of Art Imprint for A&C Black in 2003.

Awarded a CBE for services to the arts and art education in 2003, Tony is tireless in his support for, and promotion of, Glasgow and Glasgow School of Art in the USA. He has been

instrumental in forging strong civic, trade and educational links between the two cities of Glasgow and Chicago. The School recently appointed him to be their Honorary Vice President.

Professor Tony Jones CBE, Chancellor, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago said:
"I was astonished to hear I was to receive this Honorary Doctorate - I'd already been honoured. Honoured to serve The Glasgow School of Art as a teacher, then as its Director, and honoured to live in Glasgow, a city I love. So this is extraordinarily generous and very touching and special. And I get to come from my home in Chicago, "The Glasgow of America" as it's been called, to receive a degree with the next generation of artists and designers as they graduate from one of the most highly-regarded arts colleges in the world, a world they'll go on to change with brilliant ideas and innovations, as they always have. And I'm awarded a Doctorate in their company - no honour can be more special than that".

Professor Seona Reid, Director of The Glasgow School of Art said:

"What better way to show appreciation for all that Tony Jones has done for Glasgow and Glasgow School of Art, than for Glasgow University to award him an Honorary Degree at our graduation ceremony. Tony must be one of the most respected and influential arts educators and leaders of his generation. A distinguished Director in the mid eighties, he ensured that Glasgow School of Art was seen as a powerhouse of British art education. He was also a major force in the renaissance of Glasgow, not least by his scholarly and curatorial work in bringing the genius of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret MacDonald to a wider public. And he has continued to promote and support the City and the school in his adopted city of Chicago and across the USA to this day.

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Note to editors:

- The Honorary Degree conferred will be a Doctor of Letters (D.Litt). Degrees from The Glasgow School of Art are conferred by the University of Glasgow.

- **Professor Antony Jones CBE**
Personal:

Born in Wales, Great Britain, 1944
Married to the photographer Patty Carroll

Appointments in Higher Education:

2008 – present	Chancellor, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
1996-2008:	President of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, co-CEO of the corporation of the Art Institute of Chicago
1992-1996:	Director, Royal College of Art, London, UK
1986-1992:	President, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA
1980-1986:	Director, The Glasgow School of Art, Scotland, UK

- 1972-1980: Chairman, Department of Art and Art History,
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, USA
- 1970-1972: Senior Lecturer and Deputy Head of Sculpture, Glasgow School of Art, Scotland
- 1969-1970: Fellow and artist-in-residence, Cheltenham College of Art, UK

Education:

- 1966-1968 Fulbright Scholar to the U.S.A. to pursue postgraduate study.
- 1966-1968: MFA, Tulane University, New Orleans, USA
Major studies in sculpture/painting with minor study in history of art. Thesis work on "Futurism". Graduate teaching assistant in Fine Art
- 1963-1966: Bachelor of Arts: Newport College of Art, Newport, Wales, UK (Emphasis in sculpture/painting with secondary studies in photography, film, stained glass and history of art).
- 1962-1963: Diploma, Goldsmiths College, University of London, London, UK

Professional appointments and recognition:

- Daniel Burnham Memorial Jury, Chicago, 2009
- Consultant to President of Yale University, 2009
- Honorary Director, Xi'An Academy of the Arts, China, 2009
- Consultant to Tongji University, Shanghai, for creation of the new School of Design, 2008-09
- Honorary Doctorate, Maryland Institute of the Arts, US, 2007
- Executive Committee of the Illinois St. Andrew Society, and The Scottish Home, Chicago 2000-2009
- Honorary Doctorate, University of Lincoln, UK, 2005
- Elected Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects, 2004
- Honorary Doctorate, Osaka University of the Arts, Japan, 2004
- Conferred Commander of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, for services to British art in America, 2003
- Distinguished Citizen Award by the Illinois St. Andrews Society, 2003
- President of the American Alliance of Independent Colleges of Art and Design – two terms of office (1997-2003)
- Honorary Doctorate, Memphis College of Art, 2003
- Conferred the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and the Arts, 2002
- Award for Distinguished Service in the Arts, The National Council of Arts Administrators, US, 2001
- Consultant to the government of Singapore for higher education in art and design, since 2000
- Appointed Honorary Professor of the University of Wales, 1997
- Appointed Senior Fellow of the Royal College of Art, 1996
- Appointed Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, 1996
- Freeman of the City of London, and Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Coachmakers, 1996
- Awarded the Newbery Medal for service to the arts in Glasgow, 1996

