

# MOUNTVIEW **LIVE**

*Giles Terera meets*

**MOUNTVIEW ACADEMY OF THEATRE ARTS LAUNCH MOUNTVIEW LIVE – GILES TERERA MEETS...**

**MOUNTVIEW ALUMNUS GILES TERERA IN LIVE-STREAMED CONVERSATIONS WITH LEADING FIGURES FROM THEATRE & ENTERTAINMENT WORLDS**

**HAMILTON CREATOR LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA & ACTORS NOMA DUMEZWENI & AMANDA HOLDEN CONFIRMED AMONG FUTURE GUESTS**

Mountview today announced a series of live-streamed conversations hosted by their alumnus, the Olivier Award-winning actor Giles Terera. The hour-long conversations will include each guest discussing their career as well as taking questions from Mountview students.

Each conversation will be hosted on Mountview's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVmtmQNsB68XZJ6dC6Ar4eQ>

The series will begin on Monday 11 May at 6pm, with 'Giles Terera meets Lin-Manuel Miranda'. Giles Terera won the Best Actor in a Musical Olivier Award in 2018 for his portrayal of Aaron Burr in the original London production of Hamilton, and recently appeared in Rosmersholm at the Duke of York's Theatre. Lin-Manuel Miranda is an Olivier, Tony, Emmy, Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning actor, producer, composer and lyricist. His work includes In The Heights and Hamilton, the music and songs for Disney's Moana and Mary Poppins Returns in which he also starred as Jack.

Each subsequent conversation will take place on the following Mondays at 6pm. Mountview Honorary Doctorate Noma Dumezweni (Olivier Award winner for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child and A Raisin in the Sun) and Amanda Holden (actor/TV personality and Mountview alumna and Honorary Doctorate) will join Giles on 18 and 25 May respectively. Other guests will be announced in due course.

Mountview's joint CEOs, Sarah Preece and Stephen Jameson, received a Special Recognition Olivier Award this year for their pioneering of a new model drama school that combines performance, vocational training and community engagement with creative development for professional artists. They have led Mountview's move to a newly built home in Peckham and a fundraising campaign to complete it, which included a £1million gift from theatre producer Sir Cameron Mackintosh, and overseen pioneering work with all sectors of the local community, including Southwark schools.

Mountview partners with 43 organisations across the UK to ensure people from under-represented communities are made aware of the possibilities of a career in the performing arts. Initiatives to ensure that everyone has access to drama training, irrespective of social background is at the core of Mountview's mission.

Stephen Jameson and Sarah Preece commented:

*"We're delighted Giles has agreed to host these conversations, which will provide fascinating insight into the careers of his guests. Their inspirational stories and achievements will encourage the next*

*generation of theatre-makers and reflects Mountview's commitment to making the performing arts accessible to everyone."*

Giles Terera commented:

*"I'm thrilled to be hosting Mountview LIVE - helping young artists is really important to me, and this is a fantastic opportunity for the next generation of theatre makers to learn from established figures within the industry. As I know from my time there, Mountview's commitment to providing training for everyone is a massive part of what makes it so special and I can't wait to get started on this project."*

**ENDS**

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**PICTURE ATTACHED: Sarah Preece, Giles Terera & Stephen Jameson**

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## **Notes to Editors**

Mountview has been training performance artists since 1945.

In 1992 Mountview became the first provider of specialised musical theatre training in Europe. Vocational undergraduate courses include Acting, Musical Theatre, Actor Musician, Stage Management, Scenic Art and Prop Making, Lighting, Sound. Postgraduate training includes Theatre Directing, Musical Direction, Creative Producing, Site Specific Theatre Practice, Theatre for Community and Education, Acting and Musical Theatre.

Mountview trains students at foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as running dynamic evening, weekend and holiday short courses for all ages, plus outreach programmes with schools and community groups. Degree programmes are validated by University of East Anglia and Diplomas by Trinity College London.

In September 2018 Mountview moved to purpose-built premises in the heart of Peckham, rooting themselves in one of London's most vibrant creative communities.

In May 2019 Theatre producer Sir Cameron Mackintosh made a gift of £1 million to Mountview through the Mackintosh Foundation. Other supporters of the new building include Lady Susie Sainsbury's Backstage Trust (naming the Backstage Theatre at Mountview) alongside a unique financing partnership with Southwark Council, support from GLA and many other generous supporters.

For more information see [www.mountview.org.uk](http://www.mountview.org.uk)