



Simon Erridge

Director

BSc(Hons) BArch(Hons) RIBA

Simon has been with the practice for over twenty years. His diverse workload has included some of the practice's most significant projects such as the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Hampstead Theatre as well as pioneering sustainable headquarters buildings for John Menzies and BT. Recently completed projects include an award-winning extension to the Shaftesbury Theatre in London. Simon and his team are currently on site with Storyhouse, a new cultural centre in Chester, and a new London headquarters for the Royal College of Pathologists. Masterplanning projects include a major site in the centre of Manchester, and a mixed-use scheme in Camden, London. Also on the drawing board are projects for The Old Vic Theatre, London and Canford School, Dorset, both of which involve significant listed buildings. Despite his extensive theatre and historic buildings experience Simon consciously avoids specialisation and enjoys sharing approaches and experience across project types and clients. He is a regular contributor to events and publications and is a Trustee Director of the Bennetts Associates Employee Ownership Trust.

Simon has responsibility for both IT and Quality Management at Bennetts Associates and has been managing the process of implementing Building Information Management (BIM) in the practice.

Outside work he enjoys live performance of all kinds, regularly attending a wide variety of theatres and concert venues in London and around the UK.

University of Bath, 1988, 1990, 1992 (RIBA professional qualification)

Bennetts Associates; 1992 to present

- Mixed-use office and residential scheme, Camden, London
- Royal College of Pathologists, Aldgate, London
- Storyhouse, Chester
- The Old Vic Theatre, London
- Shaftesbury Theatre, London
- Queen Hithe Hotel, London
- Cummins Engine Company, Kent
- Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon
- Central Library and Jubilee Street Development, Brighton
- Wessex Water Operations Centre, Bath
- BT Headquarters, Edinburgh Park
- City Place Offices, Gatwick
- John Menzies Headquarters, Edinburgh Park
- Hampstead Theatre, Camden

Events & Publications

- Designing for resource efficiency, Ecobuild UK, 2013
- 'Sound in Space' installation, collaboration with composer Roderick Watkins, Bath
- CIBSE light and lighting magazine - Editorial panellist
Ecobuild: Beyond Construction, 2011

Competitions

- First place, Aukett Award, 'Ten Schools of Architecture,' 9 H Gallery, London,