

New boss takes over at the Arts

THE ARTS Theatre have appointed Mr Anthony Stott as the new administrator, following the retirement of Mr Teddy Brown.

Mr Stott, one of several applicants for the job from England, has an extensive background in the theatre having previously worked at the Liverpool Playhouse, the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury and the Northcote Theatre in Exeter.

His last position was with the Century Theatre in Keswick.

Mr Stott's appointment coincides with the return of the popular **Too Late To Talk To Billy** in August, with most of the original performers of the show returning, including Tracey Lynch and Mark Mulholland. James Ellis will again be the director.

And author Graham Reid will be returning to his native Belfast to see the opening performance.

The August performances mark a departure for Belfast theatre as previously all the

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theatres have closed down for the summer.

From this Friday the Arts will be presenting **A Symphony on Luther** by a new company, Nicodemus Productions.

The project brings together artists working in dance, drama, visual arts and music, together with a chorus of 12 young performers from across the community.

The show traces Luther's conflict with the church and the state and examines the effect his ideas had on the reformation in Europe, not only in religious aspects, but also with the arts.

The project director is West German, Nico Andreas Heller, his first major production in Belfast.

The Grand Opera House closed for the summer after Saturday's performance of **Daisy Pulls It Off**, and Belfast's other major theatre, the Lyric, is also taking its summer break.