

TOP 10 AFTER 10

Michael Laidlaw '96



Michael Laidlaw graduated from Bishop's with a B.A. in Drama in 1996. He also holds a Graduate Diploma in Education from Griffith University (1998) and a M.Ed. from University of Southern Queensland (2003). Currently he is Head of Dramatic Arts at Etobicoke School of the Arts (ESA) in Toronto.

Michael's teaching career is underscored by innovative and collaborative programming for students and staff. Working with a variety of artists, students, teachers and a community agency, he helped to create *In Bloom: A Celebration of Teen Spirit and the Arts*, a performance evening devoted to raising awareness around youth mental health issues. Michael's commitment to Canada's Armed Forces includes 15 years of working with Veterans, teachers and student leaders as the organizer of Remembrance Day Services that were also highlighted in Arthur Bishop's book *Winged Combat*. At Lawrence Park Collegiate, he established the *Career in the Arts* speaker series, *United Artists for a Cause* and he was Co-Editor in Chief of the Arts & Culture magazine *Masquerade*. In 2011, Michael co-founded the Éclat School of Performing Arts. He also co-founded the *Chancellor's Folly* – a testament to his continued affinity with Bishop's University.

The Bishop's [TOP 10 AFTER 10](#) initiative highlights the success of Bishop's graduates as leaders in business, education, science, community and volunteer service... in fact, in every walk of life. Michael Laidlaw was selected by a committee of previous [TOP 10 AFTER 10](#) winners and he was inducted into the 2017 Class on September 22, 2017 at a ceremony on campus. Bishop's takes pride in celebrating the achievements of its graduates and we congratulate you, Michael, on your induction into the prestigious [TOP 10 AFTER 10](#). You personify the quality of a Bishop's liberal arts education, you serve as an inspiration to current students, and you instill pride in all members of the Bishop's community.

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