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Hammond, Joan Hood

(1912 - 1996)

Born	19120524, Christchurch New Zealand
Died	19961126
Occupation	Golfer, Singer, Teacher

Summary

Joan Hammond was appointed DBE 1974, CMG 1972, CBE 1963, OBE 1953. She received the Sir Charles Santley award from the Worshipful Company of Musicians, London 1970, ‘Musician of the Year’. In 1988 she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Green Room Awards Association as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Recording for the Australasian Sound Recording Association, in 1994.

Details

The daughter of Samuel and Hilda (née Blandford) Hammond, Joan Hammond who was educated at Presbyterian Ladies’ College, Pymble New South Wales, established an early interest in sports. An expert swimmer during her teens Hammond, transferred to the sport of golf. She won the women’s state golf championship for New South Wales in 1932, 1934, 1935 and the junior championship in 1929.

Hammond also played violin for three years with the Sydney Philharmonic Orchestra before studying singing in Vienna in 1936. She returned to Australia for concert tours in 1946, 1949 and 1953, and completed world concert tours between 1946 and 1961. After retiring in 1965, Hammond became artistic director of the Victoria Opera Company (1971-1976) and was then head of vocal studies and vocal consultant at the Victorian College of the Arts from 1975 to 1992. Her autobiography *A voice, a life* was published in 1970.

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