# The Australian Women's Register

**Entry type:** Person **Entry ID:** IMP0218

# Carden, Joan Maralyn

(1937 - )

**Born** 19370101, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation Opera singer

# Summary

Joan Carden was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) on 13 June 1988 and an Officer (Civil) of the Order of the British Empire on 31 December 1981 for services to opera.

#### **Details**

The daughter of Frank and Margaret Ethel Gabriel (née Cooke) Carden, Joan Carden was educated at Prahran Technical School. She later attended Trinity College of Music (London) and the London Opera Centre. After graduating from the London Opera Centre she performed in the United Kingdom and Germany before joining the Australian Opera (now Opera Australia) in 1971. During her career Joan Carden sang Gilda (*Rigoletto*) with the Australian Opera, Donna Anna (*Don Giovanni*) at the Glyndeborne Festival and the Metropolitan Opera and Constanza (*The Abduction from the Serablio*) with the Scottish Opera.

In 1987 Joan Carden received the Dame Joan Hammond Award. She was the recipient of an Australian Artists Creative Fellowship in 1993 and is Patron of the National Voice Centre at the University of Sydney and the Victorian College of Arts Opera.

#### **Events**

#### 1993 - 1993

Awarded Australian Artists Creative Fellowship

#### 1988 - 1988

Awarded the Dame Joan Hammond Award

#### 1988 - 1988

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

#### 1981 - 1981

Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) (OBE)

#### 1980 - 1980

Performed at the Kennedy Centre, Washington

#### 1981 - 1981

Performed with English Opera North

#### 1982 - 1982

Performed with Miami Opera

#### 1974 - 1974

Preformed at Covent Garden

#### 1977 - 1977

Preformed at Houston, USA

#### 1977 - 1977

Preformed at the Glyndebourne Festival

#### 1971 - 2003

Preformed with the Australian Opera (now Opera Australia)

#### 1978 - 1978

Preformed with the Metropolitan Opera Tour

#### 1978 - 1978

Preformed with the Scottish Opera

## Published resources

#### **Edited Book**

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003.

http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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