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McHenry, Zoe Rosalind

(1901 - 1971)

Born	19010512, St Kilda Victoria Australia
Died	19710701, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Accompanist, Composer, Musician, Teacher

Summary

Zoe McHenry was the great -grand-daughter of Brunswick, Victoria, pioneers Luisa and Thomas Wilkinson, and the grand-daughter of Victoria's first woman pharmacist, Sarah George. A pianist and music teacher, Zoe Henry was employed in 1943, its inaugural year, by the ABC's Kindergarten of the Air, as a pianist. Recognising the dearth of appropriate music for children's activities, Zoe began to compose for the program. She continued to do so after leaving the program in order to care for her father, who was ill. She published several books of music and songs for kindergarten, travelling to London in 1962 to record. Her music is still recorded and used today, including on the ABC's 'Play School'.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Book
Kindergarten of the Air: As I Knew It, Dreyer, Anne, 1989

Archival resources

National Archives of Australia, Sydney Office
Kindergarten of the Air [Part 1][includes 42 photographs]

Kindergarten of the Air [Part 2][includes 34 photographs]

Private hands (These records may not be readily available)
Wilkinson/George/McHenry Family Records

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