

The Australian Women's Register

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Scott, Catherine (Margaret) Mary

(1922 - 2019)

Born 26 April, 1922, Johannesburg South Africa

Died 24 February, 2019, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation Ballerina, Choreographer

Summary

Margaret Scott was appointed to the Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander on 13 June 1981 for services to ballet. She had previously been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 31 December 1976.

Events

1953 - 1953

Settled in Australia

1963 - 1990

Founding Director of the Australian Ballet School

1951 - 1953

Ballet Mistress of Ballet Rambert

1949 - 1949

Principal at National Theatre Victoria

1943 - 1948

Principal at Ballet Rambert

1941 - 1941

Principal at Sadlers Wells Ballet

1988 - 1988

Honorary Life Member of Australian Ballet Foundation

2053 - 2053

Married, Derek Ashworth Denton

1998 - 1998

Awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Green Room Awards

1998 - 1998

Lifetime Achievement Dance Award from Australian Dance

1951 - 1951

Choreographer of *Apollon* (Stravinsky) for the Victorian Ballet Guild

1967 - 1967

Choreographer of *Classical Suite* (Verdi) for the Australian Ballet School

1971 - 1971

Choreographer of *Sonata Classique* (Rossini) for the Australian Ballet School

1975 - 1975

Choreographer of *Recollections of a Beloved Place* (Tchaikovsky) for Ballet Victoria

1974 - 1975

Member of the Dance Panel for the Theatre Board at Australia Council

1980 - 1982

Board Member of the Australian Dance Theatre

1978 - 1978

Victorian Committee Member of the Australian Association of Dance and Education

1981 - 1981

Appointed The Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander

1976 - 1976

Appointed to the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil)

Published resources

Newspaper Article

Award to head of ballet school, 1981

Edited Book

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

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

Book

Sheila Scotter : snaps, secrets and stories from my life, Scotter, Sheila Winnidred Gordon. 1920-, 1998

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

Archival resources

National Library of Australia, Pictures Collection

[National Theatre Ballet performance of Aurora's wedding, 1951-1954 \[picture\] / Walter Stringer](#)

[Portraits of Dame Margaret Scott and Shirley McKechnie \[picture\] / Lynkushka.](#)

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Margaret Scott, ballet dancer, founding director of the Australian ballet School, 1964, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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