

# The Australian Women's Register

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

## Carden, Joan Maralyn

(1937 - )

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**Born** 1 January, 1937, Melbourne Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Opera singer

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### 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 Seraglio*) 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

### **1981 - 1981**

Performed with English Opera North

### **1980 - 1980**

Performed at the Kennedy Centre, Washington

### **1978 - 1978**

Performed with the Metropolitan Opera Tour

### **1978 - 1978**

Performed with the Scottish Opera

### **1977 - 1977**

Performed at Houston, USA

### **1971 - 2003**

Performed with the Australian Opera (now Opera Australia)

### **1988 - 1988**

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

### **1981 - 1981**

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

### **1988 - 1988**

Awarded the Dame Joan Hammond Award

### **1993 - 1993**

Awarded Australian Artists Creative Fellowship

### **1982 - 1982**

Performed with Miami Opera

### **1977 - 1977**

Performed at the Glyndebourne Festival

### **1974 - 1974**

Performed at Covent Garden

## 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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