

**Name** Dr Michelle Anne POTTER

**Award** Member of the Order of Australia

**Post-Nominal** AM

**Date Granted** 26th of January, 2023

**State** ACT

**Suburb** Wanniassa

**Postcode** 2903

**Citation** For significant service to the performing arts in a range of roles.

**Media Note** **The Arts**

- Freelance Writer, Curator and Historian, 'On Dancing' website, since 2009.
- International Dance Critic and Arts Commentator.
- Member, Selection Panel, Australian Dance Awards, 2015-2020.
- Former President, Ausdance ACT.
- Former Advisor, National Branch, Ausdance.

**New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, Lincoln Center**

- Curator, Jerome Robbins Dance Division, 2006-2008.
- Co-curator, 'Invention: Merce Cunningham and Collaborators', 2007.
- Fundraiser, Dance Collection, mid-2000s.

**National Library of Australia**

- Inaugural Curator of Dance, Dance Collection, 2002-2006.
- Interviewer, 160 oral history interviews with eminent Australians working in the Arts, in conjunction with the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Dance Archive of New Zealand, 1988-2021.
- Facilitator, Oral history interviews, Australia-China Council Project.

- Curator, 'Dance People Dance' touring exhibition, 1996-1999.
- Esso Research Fellow in the Performing Arts, 1988-1990.

### **National Film and Sound Archive**

- Manager, 'Keep Dancing!' Project, (in conjunction with Ausdance), 1997-2001.

### **Academia**

- Former Adjunct Associate Professor, Research Project, 'Ballets Russes in Australia: Our Cultural Revolution', Elder Conservatorium of Music, University of Adelaide, 2005-2009.

### **Media/Publications/Editorial**

- Founding Editor, *Brolga: An Australian Journal about Dance*, Australian Dance Council, 1994-2006.
- Author of articles in journals, magazines, theatre programs and newspapers, nationally and internationally.

### **Author of books and book chapters, including:**

- *Glimpses of Graeme: Reflections on the Work of Graeme Murphy*, FortySouth Publishing, 2022.
- *Kristian Fredrikson: Designer*, Melbourne Books, 2020.
- *Dame Maggie Scott: A Life in Dance*, Text Publishing, 2014.
- *Meryl Tankard: An Original Voice*, Self-published, 2012.
- *A Collector's Book of Australian Dance*, National Library of Australia, 2002.
- *A Passion for Dance*, National Library of Australia, 1997.
- *A Full House: The Esso Guide to the Performing Arts Collections of the National Library of Australia*, National Library of Australia, 1991.
- *Kira Bousloff: Founder of the West Australian Ballet*, University of Melbourne, 1991.

### **Producer, Co-script Writer and Researcher of documentaries, including:**

- *The Australian Ballet: Opening Act, 1962-1972*, 2002.

- *Boro's Ballet: The Making of an Australian Ballet, 1939-1961*, 2001.
- *An Avalanche of Dancing: The Ballets Russes in Australia, 1936-1940*, 1991.

**Awards and Recognition include:**

- Australian Dance Award, 2001 and 2003.
- Australian Cultural Studies Awards, 1998 and 2000.
- Canberra Critic's Circle Award, 1997.
- International Dance Day Award, 1996.

**Announcement Event** Australia Day 2023 Honours List

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