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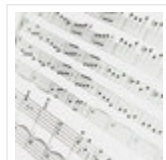
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Celebrated musicians awarded Doctors of the University

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Renowned musicians, teachers, performers and Queensland Conservatorium alumni Professor Janet Delpratt, Brett Dean and Piers Lane will be awarded Doctors of the University on Thursday June 21. A Queensland Conservatorium voice teacher for more than 40 years, Professor Delpratt holds the record for the longest serving staff member. She was also the first graduate to receive a Master Diploma of Music.

Her significant contributions to the development of the institution include 18 years as chair of the vocal department and three years as Acting Provost and Director.

Professor Delpratt received a Personal Chair in Singing for excellence in teaching, the first such appointment at an Australian university.

As a singer, she is best known for her oratorio and recital singing and has performed as soloist with most of the principal orchestras in Australia.



Renowned musicians, teachers, performers and Queensland Conservatorium alumni Piers Lane, Professor Janet Delpratt, and Brett Dean were awarded Doctors of the University on Thursday June 21 2007

In a career spanning 30 years, concert pianist Piers Lane is internationally recognised as a recitalist, chamber musician, broadcaster, recording artist, lecturer and musicologist.

Based in London for more than 20 years, he has toured more than 40 countries. He has played with many of the greats including six BBC orchestras, the London and Royal Philharmonic Orchestras, the Halle Orchestra and the Australian and English Chamber Orchestras.

In the past five years Piers has become a well-known voice on BBC Radio 3, writing and presenting the popular 54-part series *The Piano*. In 1994 he was made an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Music where he has been a Professor of Piano since 1989.

More recently he chaired the 2005 Lev Vlassenko Piano Competition in Brisbane and in 2006 was appointed artistic

director of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music.

Composer, teacher and violist Brett Dean graduated from the Conservatorium in 1982. A member of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra for 15 years, he returned to Australia in 2000 where he has established himself as one of the most gifted all-round musicians of his generation.

In 2006 he was appointed Artistic Director of the Australian National Academy of Music based in Melbourne. A number of his works have been recorded with ABC Classics and BIS records.

Brett has performed numerous solo and chamber works by some of the world's leading composers. He has also conducted many ensembles including the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, Australian Chamber Orchestra and the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group.

The awards are part of the Queensland Conservatorium 50th anniversary celebrations.

WHAT: Janet Delpratt, Piers Lane and Brett Dean awarded Doctors of the University

WHEN: Thursday June 21, 6.30pm.

WHERE: Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank

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