

# The Tait Memorial Trust

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## Friends

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# What we do

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The Trust offers awards or grants for postgraduate study, performance opportunities to young performing artists from Australia & New Zealand, and general help in the furtherance of their careers while resident in the UK. The Trust has helped many young singers, dancers and instrumentalists who have subsequently performed with British orchestras and in leading opera houses, concert halls and ballet stages around the world.

## Some Beneficiaries of the Trust

Lauren Fagan • Grant Doyle • Siobhan Stagg • Julian Gavin • Brad Cooper • Yelian He  
Sky Ingram • Kevin Penkin • Daniel de Borah • Catherine Carby • Hoang Phan  
Lachlan Monaghan • Thomas Rann • Tristan Dyer • Amy Dickson • Claudia Dean  
Valda Wilson • Nicholas Lester • Liane Keegan • Alexandra Hutton • Claire Howard  
Connor Barlow • Jessica Cottis • Morgan Pearse • Jessica Lyall • Duncan Rock • Adrian Dwyer  
Helen Sherman • Elena Xanthoudakis • Jayson Gillham • Samuel Sakker • Greta Bradman

## Partnership Granting Organisations

Royal Over-Seas League *Annual Music Competition*

Australian International Opera Awards, *Royal College of Music, International Opera School*

Joan Sutherland & Richard Bonyngue Foundation, *Bel Canto Award*

Southbank Sinfonia, *Tait & Sir Charles Mackerras Chair*

Dartington International Summer School, *John Amis Award*

## Adopt a Performer

Royal College of Music, *Tait Scholar*

AIOA, *John Frost - Frank and Viola Tait Award*

Royal Ballet School, *Leanne Benjamin Award*

English National Ballet School, *Leanne Benjamin Award*



Isla Baring OAM  
Chairman

TAIT MEMORIAL TRUST

# Founding Patrons

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**Viola, Lady Tait AM; Dame Joan Sutherland AC OM DBE;  
John McCallum AO CBE; Googie Withers AO CBE**

The Tait Memorial Trust was formed in 1992 by Isla Baring, in memory of her father, Sir Frank Tait and his brothers. The Tait brothers ran the biggest theatrical firm in Australia; it was called J.C. Williamsons. They owned theatres in all states, employed local artists and international artists such as Pavlova, Chaliapin, Melba, Danny Kaye, Gracie Fields, Laurence Olivier, Sybil Thorndike, Margot Fonteyn, Vivien Leigh, Percy Grainger and many more. They put on most American musicals from *Annie get your Gun* to *My Fair Lady*. With Borovansky, formerly of Diaghilev's Ballet Russe, they toured a cast lead by Margot Fonteyn. This company would go on to form the core of the Australian Ballet. Sir Frank's last enterprise, the crowning glory of his long career was the Sutherland Williamson Bonyng Opera Company in 1965. From this company the Australian Opera (now Opera Australia) would bloom.

Viola, Lady Tait, the widow of Sir Frank Tait, wrote *A Family of Brothers* in 1971 that archived JC Williamson's Theatre and the Tait's History, followed in 2001 by *Dames, Principal Boys... and all That*, a history of Pantomime in Australia.

Her final book *I have a Song to Sing* about Gilbert & Sullivan and the Musicals that JCW produced was published posthumously in 2018.

Viola, Lady Tait's zest for life was inspirational. She was a champion of new and emerging talent, adjudicating numerous scholarships and awards both in Australia and overseas. As an adjudicator for The Shell-Mobil Quest in 1950, Viola Tait was instrumental in launching Joan Sutherland's career.

It became Sir Frank's ambition to present Joan Sutherland to the Australian public after her international acclaim. The Sutherland Williamson Grand Opera Company opened in Melbourne in 1965 heralding her triumphant return to her homeland. It was a season never to be forgotten. Joan Sutherland sang some of the best performances of her career while on this tour. She performed in five of the eight operas along with the young Pavarotti.

IN RICHARD BONYNGE'S WORDS:

***"Sir Frank Tait has done the greatest service to Australian Theatre and to the arts of anyone we know."***

More on the Trust history can be found on our website: [www.taitmemorialtrust.org](http://www.taitmemorialtrust.org)



SIR FRANK AND VIOLA, LADY TAIT C 1960



ISLA BARING WITH HRH THE QUEEN, ANZAC DAY 2003

# How can you help?

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Become a Friend of the Tait with an annual subscription of £75 and receive discounts on tickets for Tait events, as well as an invite to a yearly celebration. Or support a Tait Memorial Trust Award, donations of £1,000 or more and your name will be linked to an awardee, £3,000 or more, over a minimum of three years, you will be acknowledged as a named sponsor and an award created in the name of your choice at a UK institution.

Our endowment fund is open to all who give to the Tait by adding a codicil to your will. Donations of a significant amount could be earmarked to support a particular art form and your generosity could go on in perpetuity. Support could be to an orchestra, a dancer, conductor, performance platform or musician.

Requests from our young performers include assistance for singing lessons, to help cover the costs of recording a CD, a week at summer school, or a selected master class. Our grants also assist towards tuition fees at leading British Royal Colleges for both music and dance.

*"I have nothing but the deepest respect and gratitude for the work of the Tait Memorial Trust. When young Australian artists come to this side of the World to start their careers, it is not just about the monetary support: the wide variety of Tait concerts in which I sang allowed me to establish a supportive network of colleagues and friends, enjoy some brilliant collaborations with other young artists and gave me a wonderful performance platform in a very busy city.*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you for taking a chance with me!"*

Valda Wilson

Soprano

TAIT AWARDEE 2008



Alexandra Isted, Violin  
TAIT SCHOLAR 2015

Lisa Bucknell, Viola  
TAIT AWARDEE 2014-2016

TAIT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, TAIT WINTER PROM 2016—JESSICA COTTIS, CONDUCTOR



Tara Minton  
Harp  
THE LATE ANDREW LOEWENTHAL AWARD 2018  
Guildhall School of Music & Drama

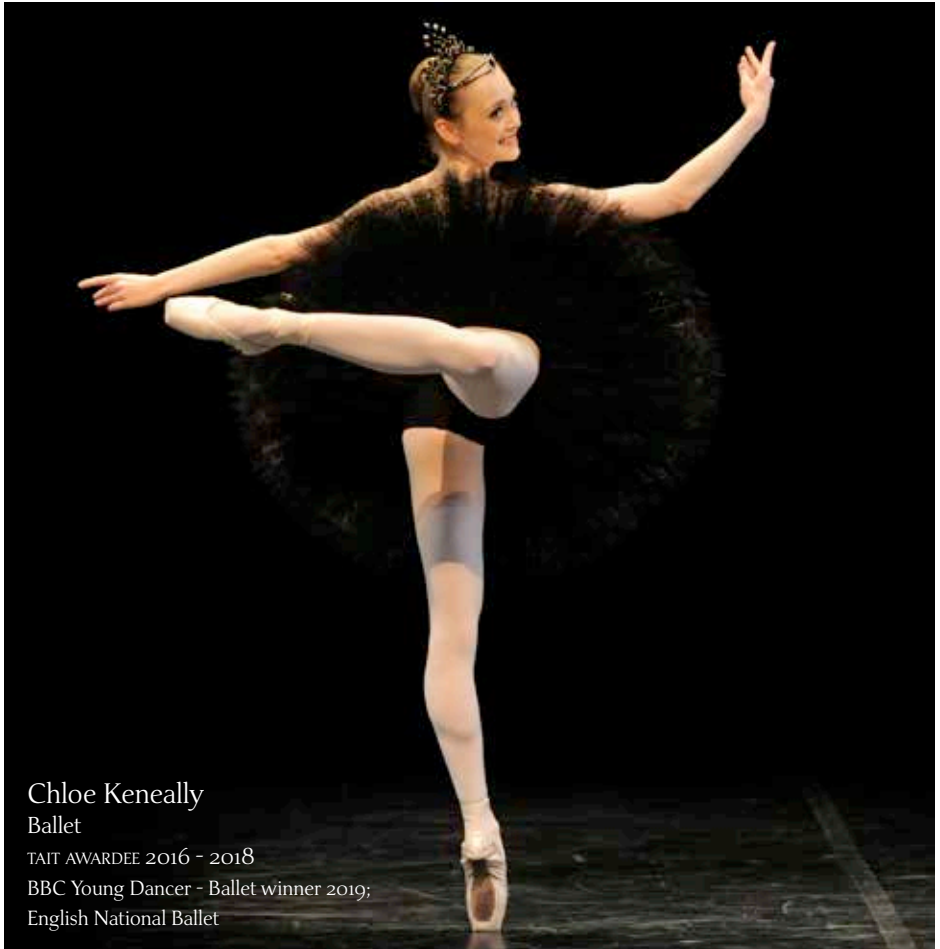


Connor D'Netto  
Composer/Pianist  
TAIT SCHOLAR 2017 - 2018



Lauren Fagan  
Soprano  
TAIT AWARDEE 2013 - 2014

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE; AUSTRALIAN ENTRANT IN 2019 CARDIFF SINGER OF THE WORLD



Chloe Keneally

Ballet

TAIT AWARDEE 2016 - 2018

BBC Young Dancer - Ballet winner 2019;

English National Ballet



Benson Wilson

Baritone

TAIT AWARDEE 2018

BEL CANTO AWARDS; ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE, OVERSEAS PRIZE 2019 (TAIT);  
WINNER OF THE 64TH KATHLEEN FERRIER AWARD 2019



Bridget O'Donnell

Violin

TAIT AWARDEE 2018

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC





Calvin Richardson  
Royal Ballet  
TAIT AWARDEE 2015 - 2017



Richard Bonyng AC CBE  
with Isla Baring OAM  
RICHARD BONYNGE SIGNING VIOLA, LADY TAIT'S BOOK



Final Bows  
Tait Winter Prom 2018, Australia House

# Become a Friend of the Tait Memorial Trust

Registered Charity No. 1042797

The Tait Memorial Trust has helped over 300 young performing artists from Australia & New Zealand and raised over £900,000 since its foundation in 1992. The Trust was created by Isla Baring OAM and her mother Viola, Lady Tait to honour the memory of her father Sir Frank Tait and his four brothers who had such a profound effect on the classical performing arts in Australia in the twentieth century. Join us in our work to assist young Australians and New Zealanders who come to the UK to pursue their dream and help us to help them.

## FRIENDS Annual Membership

### TMT Friends £75

- Two tickets to annual drinks reception & 10% discount for Tait events

### Tait Melba Supporter £250—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- Priority booking & Name listed on website

### Tait Frank & Viola Friends £500—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- Invitation for two to dinner with award recipients

## ADOPT A PERFORMER Annually for Three year commitment

### Tait Helpmann Circle £1,000 p/a—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- Award linked to individual awardee

### Tait Bonyng Partner £3,000 p/a—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- You will be listed as a named sponsor
- Regular progress reports about your awardee
- Invitations to other special Sponsor Events

### Tait Borovansky Partner £4,000 p/a—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- You will support a young dancer at a UK institution

### Tait Sutherland Benefactor £5,000 p/a—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- Named award at a UK institution
- Invitation to a benefactor reception
- Invitations to performances where your awardee may be performing
- Opportunities to invite guests to some of these events
- Grateful acknowledgement in the Trust's Annual Report

### Tait Grainger Patron £10,000 p/a—THE ABOVE PRIVILEGES PLUS:

- A portrait by international artist & Tait Patron, *June Mendoza AO OBE*

The Tait is in Australia as The Tait Performing Arts Association Incorporated (Register no. A0054444). The Association from 1 November 2011, for income tax purposes, is a deductible gift recipient for your donations of AUD\$2 or more. Donations will help support musicians during their studies in Australia, the UK and Overseas. For more information please contact Isla at: [info@taitmemorialtrust.org](mailto:info@taitmemorialtrust.org) or visit: [www.tait.org.au](http://www.tait.org.au)



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The Tait Memorial Trust Committee

Stuart Skelton with Isla Baring OAM  
CELEBRATING THE TAIT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
Stuart Skelton sings Wagner, September 2017

# Supporting The Tait Memorial Trust

## Donation form

Please return to: Tait Memorial Trust, 4/8o Elm Park Gardens, London SW1o 9PD

Mr/Mrs/Miss .....(name)

Address .....

Postcode ..... Telephone ..... Email address .....

I would like to support the Tait Memorial Trust at the following level:

### FRIENDS Annual Membership

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|------|------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TMT Friends                | £75  | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Melba Supporter       | £250 | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Frank & Viola Friends | £500 | plus | £ ..... |

### ADOPT A PERFORMER Annually for Three year commitment

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|--------------------------|--|---------|------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Helpmann Circle   | £1,000  | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Bonyngé Partner   | £3,000  | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Borovansky Partner  | £4,000  | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Sutherland Benefactor                                     | £5,000  | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tait Grainger Patron   | £10,000 | plus | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I wish to make an extra donation to the Tait Memorial Trust of |         |      | £ ..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I wish to add the Tait Memorial Trust to my will               |         |      |         |

**Total** £ .....

### Gift Aid

The Tait Memorial Trust has charitable status and is eligible for Gift Aid. Please complete and return this form to enable us to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. Registered Charity No. 1042797

#### Gift Aid declaration for a single donation

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ ..... as a Gift Aid donation. I confirm I have paid or will pay Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT & Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

**Donor's details:** Title ..... First name/initial(s) ..... Surname .....

Full Home address .....

Postcode ..... Date ..... Signature .....

*Please notify the charity or CASC if you: Want to cancel this declaration; Change your name or home address; No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.*

### How to pay

By cheque made payable to 'Tait Memorial Trust'

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# Supporting The Tait Memorial Trust

## Tait Endowment Fund

Thanks to a generous donation from the **Australian Charity Art Auction** in February 2017, and with their encouragement, we have decided to create a new **Endowment Fund** with an initial deposit of £10,000.

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### Tait Endowment Fund pledge

Establish your legacy by ensuring The Tait Memorial Trust can continue to meet the needs for young performing artists from Australia & New Zealand for generations to come.

Your gift to the Endowment Fund will enhance the income that the Fund generates, income that helps us fund studies, pay for instruments and generally support our awardees well into the future. We have created a new class of patron or supporter whose donations can be directed to building our new endowment fund.

An '**Endowment Patron**' could be anyone who gives or bequeaths more than, £10,000, and their names would be recorded against the endowment fund in our records.

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### Tait Endowment Patrons

**Earl Cadogan KBE DL**

**The Hon Sarah Joiner**

**Anne Longden**

**Karen Goldie Morrison**

**Barbara Ross**

**Michael Whalley OAM**

If you would like to add your name to our roll call of **Endowment Patrons** by contributing to the fund, or would like to know how a bequest can be used to support it, please email:

**[james@taitmemorialtrust.org](mailto:james@taitmemorialtrust.org)**

More information on the Trust history can be found at:

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*“The greatest return, however would be to see your awardee fulfil their true potential and, as they graduate to a professional career, the pleasure of knowing that you played an important part in making this possible.”*

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## Chairman

Isla Baring OAM

## Founding Patrons

Dame Joan Sutherland OM AC DBE; Viola, Lady Tait AM;  
John McCallum AO CBE; Googie Withers AO CBE

## Patrons

Leanne Benjamin AM OBE; John Frost AM; Julian Gavin; Piers Lane AO;  
June Mendoza AO OBE; Danielle de Niese; Ermes de Zan

## Trustees

Justin Baring; Isla Baring OAM; Anne Longden; John Rendall; Susie Thornton

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Registered charity 1042797

## Please Donate

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