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## 2016 Sue Natrass Award Recipient Announced



Live Performance Australia (LPA) is honoured to announce Michael Lynch CBE AM, as the recipient of the 2016 Sue Natrass Award™.

The prestigious 2016 Sue Natrass Award™ honours exceptional service to the Australian live performance industry shining a spotlight on people in service roles in a field which may not enjoy a high public profile.

Michael Lynch CBE AM is an exceptional arts administrator with an enviable reputation worldwide. Here in Australia, he has held the positions of General Manager of Sydney Theatre Company, The Australia Council for the Arts, and CEO of Sydney Opera House, as well as operating at a board level for the ABC and Film Victoria.

His experience also extends to the international arena through his roles as Chief Executive of London's South Bank Centre and CEO of the 40-hectare Hong Kong arts precinct West Kowloon Cultural District Authority where he worked since 2011 until recently returning back to Australia.

To further highlight the magnitude of Michael's contribution to the Arts, in 2001 he was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to arts administration while in 2008, he was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

"I am humbled at the recognition by my peers in the performing arts business. To be given the award named after the precious Sue Natrass a legend in this business gives me a great thrill. I am honoured to receive the award" - Michael Lynch.

**The Sue Natrass Award will be officially presented to Michael at**

the 16th annual Helpmann Awards on Monday 25 July at the Sydney Lyric Theatre.



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