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Betty Amsden AO

It is with great sadness LPA acknowledges the passing of philanthropist Betty Amsden AO, whose generosity and support was felt throughout the Australian arts sector.

Betty, affectionately referred to as Australia's 'Arts Angel', contributed to various arts organisations across Victoria including Arts Centre Melbourne, Melbourne Recital Centre, Melbourne Theatre Company, the Australian Ballet, Polyglot Theatre, the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra and Victorian Opera.

Her generous donations, including her landmark \$5 Million gift to Arts Centre Melbourne in 2009, helped shift attitudes about private support for the arts. She helped establish the Arts Centre Melbourne Foundation as well as giving-programs at Polyglot Theatre, the Melbourne Recital Centre and the Australian Ballet.

In 2013, Betty's efforts were recognised through her receipt of the Creative Partnerships Philanthropy Leadership Award and then again in 2014, when she received an Office of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to the community through philanthropic contributions and support for the arts, including the development of public education and participation programs, particularly for children.

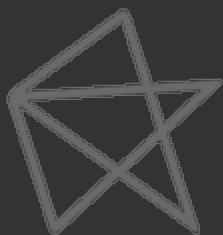
Arts Centre Melbourne CEO Claire Spencer said 'Miss Betty Amsden, AO, DSJ was one of Australia's most visible and vocal advocates for a larger and more public model of philanthropy. She will be missed dearly by her many, many Arts Centre Melbourne friends, and many others in the wider community.'

'Her tireless efforts have transformed the cultural landscape for young Melbournians and their families. Betty would tell everyone that Arts Centre Melbourne is their arts centre and she encouraged us to open our doors and welcome everyone in.'

As well as her philanthropic work, Betty served on the board of the Australian Ballet School and Orchestra Victoria.

For over 30 years, Betty made invaluable contributions to the live performance industry, the impact of which will be felt for generations to come.

LPA would like to extend our sincerest condolences to Betty's family, friends and colleagues.



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