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The Australian Ballet announces appointment of Susan Street AO to its Board

The Chair of The Australian Ballet's Board, Craig Dunn, today announced the appointment of **Professor Emeritus Susan Street AO** to the company's Board of Directors.

Welcoming Susan Street AO to the company's Board, Dunn said: "The Australian Ballet is delighted to welcome Susan as Board Director. She brings a wealth of expertise and knowledge about dance and the arts sector, in addition to her extensive board experience. Susan has a deep love of ballet and has been a friend and supporter of The Australian Ballet for many years. She will make an invaluable contribution to our Board and the ongoing success of this iconic company."

Susan Street AO has worked in the Higher Education sector for 30 years after a career as a dancer in Australia and Holland. Susan was Head of Dance at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) prior to her position as Dean of Dance at the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. In 2006, Susan returned to QUT to perform in the role of Executive Dean of the Creative Industries Faculty and was most recently Executive Director of QUT Precincts in the International Division.

Susan held board positions for the Queensland Performing Arts Centre Trust and was Chair of the

Board of the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art. She has served on the Australian China Council and Australian Korea Foundation and is currently a member of the Australia Singapore Arts Group and a Board member of Creative Partnerships Australia.

In 1999, Susan was given an Australian Dance Award for services to Dance Education, and in 2000 was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus by QUT. In 2012, Susan was made an Honorary Life Member of AusDance, and in 2014 received a highly coveted Officer of the Order of Australian (AO) for "distinguished service to the performing arts, particularly to dance education at a tertiary level, as a teacher and administrator, to professional organisations, and as a mentor."

Susan Street AO joins current Directors of the Board of The Australian Ballet, Craig Dunn (Chair), Olivia Bell, Annabelle Chaplain, John Ellice-Flint, Penny Fowler, Catherine Harris AO, Catherine Livingstone AO, Edwina McCann, Tony Osmond and Bruce Parncutt AO.

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