



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**THE SONG COMPANY IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ENSEMBLE MEMBERS
AMY MOORE AND JESSICA O'DONOGHUE AS CO-ARTISTIC DIRECTORS,
AND THE APPOINTMENT OF RENOWNED MUSIC EDUCATOR
KIMBALI HARDING TO THE BOARD**

Following the success of the artist-led model introduced for its 2023 season, The Song Company is delighted to re-confirm the approach of engaging a series of Guest Directors for 2024, and to formalise the artistic leadership role that Amy Moore and Jessica O'Donoghue had recently been playing. This cements the artist-led vision by firmly putting the spotlight on these talented vocalists, and reinforces and secures the artist-led platform for innovation, collaboration and an unparalleled artistic journey.

The appointment of Co-Artistic Directors from within the ensemble places the focus squarely on the singers themselves. Working with the Guest Directors, the Co-Artistic Directors' deep understanding and appreciation of each of the singers' unique capabilities and artistic potential, allows the celebration of the exceptional talent within the ensemble and enables the group to offer expertly designed and executed performances of old and new music, to explore new realms of vocal expression, and to push the boundaries of their craft.

Board Chair, Jack Percy, says: "In their existing roles in our artistic leadership model, Amy and Jessica have earned the respect of our audience, our vocal artists and our other key stakeholders. The move to appoint them as Co-Artistic Directors acknowledges the contribution they have made, as visionary planners, as exceptional artists and as leaders."



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The Song Company's new Co-Artistic Directors



I'm honoured that Jess and I have this opportunity to shape The Song Company's creative vision. Whilst we have very different musical backgrounds, we share a passion for chamber vocal music and a reverence for the Song Company's accomplishments over the past 40 years. I can't wait for what comes next.

– Amy Moore

I'm thrilled to be teaming up with Amy to take Song Co forward into its next chapter. We've got a vision to celebrate the immense talent in this country, showcasing the best of Australia's singers, conductors and composers, as we take chamber vocal music to a whole new level.

– Jessica O'Donoghue



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New Director: Kimbali Harding



The Song Company is also delighted to announce the appointment of Kimbali Harding, noted music educator, musicologist and performer to its Board. A graduate of Sydney Conservatorium of Music and both Cortot Conservatoire and L'Universite de la Sorbonne in Paris, Kimbali found her passion working with young people as Director of Education at Musica Viva and more recently in Māori and Pasifika communities in rural New Zealand. She recently was appointed CEO of the Australian Youth Orchestra.

“Her understanding of music education and pathways for emerging artists will strengthen the Boards skill-mix as we design the Emerging Artist program, supported by new multi-year funding from the Ian Potter Foundation. I could not be more thrilled with these appointments. The Board and I look forward to working with these exceptionally talented people as we finalise plans for 2024 and beyond,” said Percy.

In time for the 40th anniversary of The Song Company next year, the Co-Artistic Directors will curate a season of four programs, collaborating with a diverse range of Guest Directors with specialised skills and expertise. The Song Company will combine the familiar with the surprising, the old with the new, the contemplative with the energetic, and the serious with the lighthearted.

Paul Stanhope will continue to provide valuable input and expertise through his role as a member of the Board, along with Jack Percy, Nick Galvin, Louise Guy, Kimbali Harding, John Nolan and Jacqui Smith.

The Song Company expects to announce its 2024 season in late October.

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Australia's national vocal ensemble

The Song Company 2023 artists

Susannah Lawergren	}	sopranos
Amy Moore		
Jessica O'Donoghue	}	mezzo-soprano
Timothy Reynolds		
Louis Hurley	}	tenors
Hayden Barrington		
Simon Lobelson	}	baritones
Andrew O'Connor		
Aidan O'Donnell	}	bass-baritones
James Fox		
		bass

The Song Company is Australia's leading professional vocal ensemble. Led by world-leading creative artists, the company has a proud tradition of fostering the careers of the nation's most exciting vocal performers.

Since its beginnings in 1984 it has captivated audiences with exquisite performances of vocal work ranging from the 10th century to contemporary compositions.



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