
THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORCHESTRAL ASSOCIATION

SRG 85
History

Administrative History

The South Australian Orchestral Association was formed on 15th July 1948 for the purpose of raising funds for the establishment of a permanent Symphony Orchestra in South Australia. Working with the Association for the achievement of this aim was the South Australian Government; who supplied support in the form of a grant, and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation; who supplemented the funds raised by the Association. The Association also received financial support from the Adelaide City Council, and *The Advertiser*.

In November 1948 an appeal for funds was launched by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Mr J. Mcleay. Substantial sums of money were consequently donated by the people of South Australia, through the Association, for the establishment of a permanent orchestra. As a result of the public appeal the South Australian Symphony Orchestra was formed as a permanent body of 45 players on 4th July 1949. On 8th July 1949 the Association was incorporated, and the body was vested with the control of monies raised for the expansion of the orchestra. Office-bearers in the Association included, Mrs F.W. Cornell, Honorary Organiser, (later President), Mrs G. Phelps, Honorary Secretary, and Miss G.L. Pelzer, Honorary Treasurer.

The activities of the Association were terminated on 11th June 1965, at the close of the General Meeting of Members; the Association having achieved the purpose, or function for which it had been formed. All the monies, funds accruing, and assets under the control of the Association were transferred to the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC), Adelaide.

Sources:

"Value of South Australian Orchestra", article in *The Advertiser*, 2nd August 1961.

Various legal documents (schedules, agreements) of the South Australian Orchestral Association. (Included with SRG 85).