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Scott, Catherine (Margaret) Mary  
(1922 - 2019)

Born	26 April, 1922, Johannesburg South Africa
Died	24 February, 2019, Melbourne Victoria Australia
Occupation	Ballerina, Choreographer

Summary

Margaret Scott was appointed to the Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander on 13 June 1981 for services to ballet. She had previously been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 31 December 1976.

## Events

### **1953 - 1953**

Settled in Australia

### **1963 - 1990**

Founding Director of the Australian Ballet School

### **1951 - 1953**

Ballet Mistress of Ballet Rambert

### **1949 - 1949**

Principal at National Theatre Victoria

### **1943 - 1948**

Principal at Ballet Rambert

### **1941 - 1941**

Principal at Sadlers Wells Ballet

### **1988 - 1988**

Honorary Life Member of Australian Ballet Foundation

### **2053 - 2053**

Married, Derek Ashworth Denton

### **1998 - 1998**

Awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Green Room Awards

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Lifetime Achievement Dance Award from Australian Dance

### **1951 - 1951**

Choreographer of *Apollon* (Stravinsky) for the Victorian Ballet Guild

### **1967 - 1967**

Choreographer of *Classical Suite* (Verdi) for the Australian Ballet School

### **1971 - 1971**

Choreographer of *Sonata Classique* (Rossini) for the Australian Ballet School

### **1975 - 1975**

Choreographer of *Recollections of a Beloved Place* (Tchaikovsky) for Ballet Victoria

### **1974 - 1975**

Member of the Dance Panel for the Theatre Board at Australia Council

### **1980 - 1982**

Board Member of the Australian Dance Theatre

### **1978 - 1978**

Victorian Committee Member of the Australian Association of Dance and Education

### **1981 - 1981**

Appointed The Order of the British Empire – Dames Commander

### **1976 - 1976**

Appointed to the Order of the British Empire – Officer (Civil)

## Published resources

### Newspaper Article

Award to head of ballet school, 1981

### Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Who's Who of Australian Women, Lofthouse, Andrea, 1982

### Book

Sheila Scotter : snaps, secrets and stories from my life, Scotter, Sheila Winnidred Gordon. 1920-, 1998

### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

## Archival resources

### National Library of Australia, Pictures Collection

[National Theatre Ballet performance of Aurora's wedding, 1951-1954 \[picture\] / Walter Stringer](#)

[Portraits of Dame Margaret Scott and Shirley McKechnie \[picture\] / Lynkushka.](#)

### National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Margaret Scott, ballet dancer, founding director of the Australian ballet School, 1964, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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