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Dr David Kram AM, Artistic Director of the MTO-*German-Australian Opera Grant* and of Concertori Recordings (USA) and Senior Fellow, *The University of Melbourne*, is a distinguished conductor, artistic director, academic, composer and pianist in Australia, Europe and Asia.

In 2020 David was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia for “significant service to the performing arts, to opera and chamber choirs, and to education”.

Conducting positions include *Kapellmeister, Stadttheater Basel; Erster Kapellmeister, Nationaltheater Mannheim;* Resident Conductor, The Australian Opera, and Music Director, State Opera of South Australia.

David gained a PhD in musicology from Monash University, Melbourne in 2000. He was Head of Opera at the Victoria College of the Arts 1996-2006 and Senior Lecturer at Melbourne University until 2010.

Guest conducting 2016-2023 has included a CD with Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra; *Pecan Summer* and *Eumeralla* for Short Black Opera; *Così fan tutte* for Iopera; the world premiere of Alon Trigger’s *Kristallnacht Cantata* and, for Melbourne Opera, *Tannhäuser, Lohengrin, Der Rosenkavalier* and Wagner’s *Ring Cycle*.

David returns to direct the Melbourne Chamber Choir in 2023 and also the MTO-German-Australian Opera Grant (mto-gaog.com)

