

Willem van Otterloo Scholarship

The Background

In July 1978 a tragic road accident occurred in Melbourne and Willem van Otterloo, one of the world's outstanding musical talents, died.

To perpetuate his memory and continue his work of encouraging young orchestral musicians, as well as strengthening the cultural ties between his native Holland and Australia, the Willem van Otterloo Scholarship was established.

Willem van Otterloo

After impressive tours as a guest conductor, Willem van Otterloo was Chief Conductor of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra from 1967 to 1973. He then became Chief Conductor of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, which he directed until 1978.

As Director and then Principal Conductor of the Residentie Orchestra, van Otterloo made many recordings of the Hague Philharmonic, and the orchestra toured frequently to Europe and the United States, establishing its fame and that of its maestro throughout the world.

Among Australian orchestra
players, Willem van Otterloo
has become a legend.

Van Otterloo's love was the orchestra and his mission was the continuous striving for perfection. Willem van Otterloo made a tremendous contribution to Australian musical life and this must be recognised.

The Award

The Scholarship Award is made by the organising committee of the Willem van Otterloo Scholarship Fund on the advice of the Dean, School of Music, at the Victorian College of the Arts, one of Australia's major institutions for training performers. A fund for a regular award to students of orchestral instruments, graduating from the School of Music, recognises Willem van Otterloo's immense contribution to music in this country.

The award assists graduating students of the School of Music, to undertake specialised programmes of study with distinguished teachers overseas (usually in Holland) before becoming full-time professional orchestra players. The award assists these future orchestral players to undertake further study at a critical point in the development of their career.

Distinguished Patronage

The fund is held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Ambassador for the Netherlands and is sponsored by the Erasmus Foundation, the Netherlands/ Australian Cultural Society.

Become a Donor

The amount and frequency of the awards are determined by the available financial resources from interest on all contributions to the Scholarship. The School of Music is attracting increasing contributions in support of this fund. You are invited to support this project by completing the attached form and posting it, together with your contribution, to the School of Music, Victorian College of the Arts.

All donations are tax deductible.

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van Otterloo

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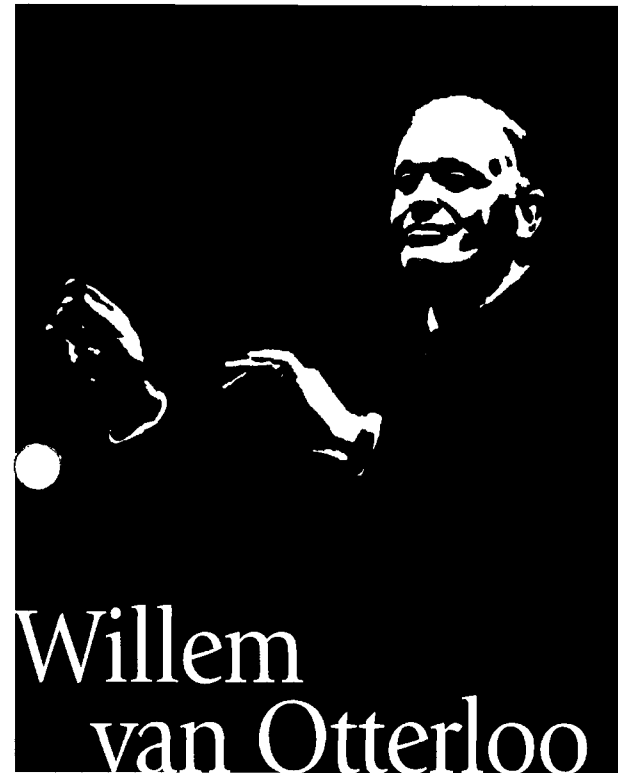
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a great musician

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