

MEDIA RELEASE

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Sydney Symphony to look for new Managing Director in 2009

The Sydney Symphony today announced that Managing Director, Libby Christie, has advised the Board she will not be renewing her contract with the Sydney Symphony when her present term concludes in June 2009.

While there is no immediate impact from this decision the advance notice is appreciated by the Board as it allows the time for a thorough search and selection process for a new chief executive. In the meantime it is business as usual.

John Conde AO, Chairman of The Sydney Symphony, said: "Libby is one of the country's pre-eminent arts administrators and she will be leaving the Sydney Symphony in very good shape. We now have in place a very strong senior executive team and I am sure we will accommodate a change at the top without any disruption to the forward momentum of the Orchestra."

Christie has been Managing Director for almost six years, during which time the Orchestra has grown in strength, stature and financial performance. Under her leadership the Orchestra has seen substantial change, emerging with a strong operational and business structure following divestment from the ABC. She has also, in this time, overseen the appointment of our new Principal Conductor and planning for the early years of Mr Ashkenazy's tenure.

Further information

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