

DR KERRY VANN

Kerry Vann is a versatile musician who maintains a busy schedule teaching piano, singing, percussion and theory. She is an examiner in music and regularly travels throughout Australia and Asia examining and adjudicating. She also has a full performance calendar appearing regularly onstage in southeast Queensland.

Kerry holds ten degrees and diplomas: eight in music, one in languages and one in education. These include a Ph. D. in music from The University of Queensland and she is a Fellow of the Trinity College London. While at university, she was awarded a Mitsui Educational Foundation scholarship as part of her study of Japanese and a DAAD scholarship to study in Wagner's manuscripts in Germany for her Ph. D. on 'Lohengrin'.

Kerry is the principal percussionist of the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra, Corda Spiritus and the Bach Society of Queensland Orchestra and is the keyboard percussionist with Brisbane Excelsior Band. She sang with the chorus of Opera Queensland for ten seasons and has sung many leading roles for the Ignatians Musical Society, Queensland Musical Theatre, the Brisbane Light Opera Company and Ipswich Musical Theatre. She has appeared as a guest artist for the Classical music radio station 4MBS, the Brisbane City Council, the Queensland Pops Orchestra, St Lucia Orchestra, Brisbane Symphony Orchestra, the Gold Coast Symphony Orchestra and the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra.

In her 'spare' time Kerry loves to travel, swim, walk, play golf and is a member of the board of directors of 4MBS Classic FM. She adores cats and is an arctophile (teddy bear collector), sharing her home with approximately 700 bears, as well as one small feline named Tatiana Bunny. Kerry's current ambition is to visit the pandas at the Adelaide zoo.