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SURVEY OF MUSICAL COMPOSITION IN AUSTRALIA

In Sydney this afternoon, the Prime Minister, Mr. Gorton, presented the first set of a Survey of Musical Composition in Australia to the President of the Fellowship of Australian Composers (Miss Dorothy Dodd). The presentation took place at a reception arranged by the Advisory Board, Commonwealth Assistance to Australian Composers.

This Survey project was made possible by Commonwealth funds provided through the Advisory Board, and has also been supported by the Australasian Performing Right Association. It is the first of a series of Surveys being arranged by the Advisory Board which will be sent to major musical and educational organisations and radio networks overseas to publicise the work of Australian composers. Copies of this first Survey are being despatched immediately.

The composers represented are John Antill, Nigel Butterley, Clive Douglas, the late Alfred Hill, George Dreyfus, Robert Hughes, Richard Meale, Peter Sculthorpe, Felix Werder and the late Dorian Le Gallienne.

Each Survey set comprises an historical review of musical composition in Australia, a catalogue of Australia's important composers, their publishers and recordings, the transcript and recordings of their talks, the scores of their works and commercial recordings of their works. Copies of the printed material are available in English, French and German.

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