

Media Release

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MTC Honours Benefactors with Lifetime Patron Awards

Melbourne Theatre Company will honour five of its benefactors with **MTC Lifetime Patron Awards** tonight at a special preview event for MTC's 2016 Season.

The new **MTC Lifetime Patron Award** has been established to recognise MTC's most loyal and extraordinary supporters, and their astonishing generosity that has enriched the arts throughout Victoria and Australia.

Peter Clemenger AO, Joan Clemenger AO, Allan Myers AO QC, Maria Myers AO and **Roger Riordan AM** are the inaugural inductees into this special group of MTC supporters, whose vision and philanthropic contributions to the Company reflect MTC's goal of improving the world we live in through arts and culture.

MTC Executive Director Virginia Lovett said, 'through their passionate and generous support for the arts, these five people have made an enormous difference to Melbourne Theatre Company and to the lives of artists and audiences around Australia.'

'They have championed new Australian writers and stories, and enabled them to be staged at a venue of MTC's own, Southbank Theatre. This award is in recognition of the immense contribution they have each made to MTC and the arts, and our appreciation of their incredible support,' **Ms Lovett** said.

Each MTC Lifetime Patron will be presented with a handmade gold lapel pin, compliments of MTC Corporate Partner Kozminsky.

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