

## Alice Giles: Sort Biographies

### 100 words:

**Alice Giles AM** is celebrated as one of the world's leading harpists. First Prize winner of the 8<sup>th</sup> Israel International Harp Contest, she has performed extensively as soloist world-wide. Regarded by Luciano Berio as the foremost interpreter of his *Sequenza II*, solo recitals include London's Wigmore Hall, New York's 92<sup>nd</sup> Street 'Y', Merkin Hall and Frankfurt Alte Oper. She is Director of the Seven Harp Ensemble, Artistic Director of the non-profit company Harp Centre Australia and was Artistic Director of the World Harp Congress Sydney 2014. Alice is currently Lecturer at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. [www.alicegiles.com](http://www.alicegiles.com)

### 300 words:

Alice Giles AM is celebrated as one of the world's leading harpists. First Prize winner of the Eighth Israel International Harp Contest, she has had a wide and varied international solo career, from London's Wigmore Hall, New York's Merkin, 'Y' and Carnegie Halls, to Mawson Station, Antarctica, and continues to tour annually in the USA, Europe and Asia. She was regarded by Luciano Berio as the foremost interpreter of his *Sequenza II*, and as Director of the Seven Harp Ensemble (SHE) has commissioned many new works by Australian composers as well as a complete program of solo works for the electro-acoustic harp.

A guest artist at numerous festivals, including Marlboro Music, Scotia Festival, Schleswig-Holstein and Insel Hombroich Festivals in Germany, Bath Mozartfest, Australian Festival of Chamber Music, and the Adelaide, Huntington, Canberra, Barossa and Sydney, 4 Winds Festivals; and soloist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Collegium Musicum Zürich, Badische Staatskapelle Karlsruhe, English Symphony Orchestra, Mainzer Kammerorchester, Danish Radio Concert Orchestra, Ohio Chamber Orchestra, Taiwan Symphony Orchestra, Lincoln Symphony, Israel Chamber Orchestra and regularly with all the major Australian Symphony and Chamber orchestras.

She was Artistic Director of the World Harp Congress Sydney 2014, founding Director of the non-profit company Harp Centre Australia, and is currently Lecturer in Harp at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. She was awarded an AM (Member of the Order of Australia) in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours for "significant service to the performing arts as a harpist, mentor and educator, and through contributions to Australia's musical landscape."

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*"An exciting solo concert. Miss Giles has a fluent technique, a prismatic sense of tonal color and shows a keen awareness of musical structure" (New York Times)*