

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Dr John Vallance appointed as Director to the Board of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra

*Thursday 17 November 2016:* The Sydney Symphony Orchestra has today announced the appointment of Dr John Vallance as a Director to the Board of the Orchestra. Dr Vallance is currently Headmaster of Sydney Grammar School, a role he will retire from in early 2017 following a 17-year tenure.

SSO Chairman Terrey Arcus said: “Dr Vallance brings a formidable intellect and a wealth of experience to the SSO Board. He has a deep knowledge of and passion for music; moreover, he understands what it takes to be a fine music performer. Through his enduring leadership of Sydney Grammar School, he has developed expertise in institution building, in music education, in fund raising and community engagement. He will greatly complement and strengthen the current board and the organization as a whole. I am delighted he has accepted the position.”

Having worked as a musician and practiced privately as a sculptor, Dr Vallance is a committed advocate for the arts.

“I am honoured to have been offered the opportunity to sit on the SSO Board,” Dr Vallance said.

“As Australia’s flagship orchestra, the SSO is one of our nation’s strongest and most vibrant arts organisations. I look forward to contributing to the orchestra’s continued success, along with my fellow board-members and Chief Conductor and Artistic Director David Robertson.”

Dr Vallance currently serves as a member of the Library Council of New South Wales and a Director of the National Art School. In recent years he has served on the Board of the State Library of New South Wales Foundation, as a Trustee of the State Library of New South Wales Foundation and as an Advisory Board member of the Australian String Quartet. From 1 January 2017 he will be an Honorary Professor at the University of New South Wales.

He holds a MA and PhD from St John’s College Cambridge, has been published extensively on ancient philosophy, medicine and science, and has lectured at universities across Australia, the United States and Europe.

To read more about Dr Vallance and to see the current list of SSO Board Directors, visit:

<http://www.sydney-symphony.com/about-us/business-administration/board-of-directors.aspx>

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