

Singers



Yvonne Kenny
Ruth Bucknall

YVONNE KENNY from Willoughby studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and later won a scholarship to study at the opera school at La Scala in Milan. Her breakthrough came in 1975, when she replaced the soprano in an Opera Rara concert performance of Donizetti's *Rosmonda d'Inghilterra* at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. It was a triumph. She made her *début* at the Royal Opera House the following year, in the première of Hans Werner Henze's *We Come to the River*, later singing in Handel and Mozart operas throughout Europe.

In 2009, Kenny appeared as Blanche DuBois in the Australian première of Previn's *A Streetcar Named Desire* for Opera Australia. She also provided the voice for the title role in the TV mini-series *Melba*, about Dame Nellie Melba.

RUTH BUCKNALL had one of the best voices heard on a concert platform. She regularly performed at local concerts. Her first critical acclaim came with her performance in *The Messiah* in the Sydney Town Hall. Ruth went of to England where she had a highly successful concert career. She was billed as an Australian Prima Donna with a novel and distinctive style. Ruth hailed from Naremburn.

