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## **Inaugural \$20, 000 Dobell Music Theatre Award marks the launch of a new Music Theatre Degree at VCA**

VCA is proud to announce that the winner of the inaugural \$10 000 Ron and Margaret Dobell Foundation Music Theatre Award is Rebecca Moore. This award holds particular significance for the VCA as it launches the new Bachelor of Music Theatre for 2009.

The annual award comprises two elements: the Dobell Scholarship, an initial \$10,000 funding for all final year course fees; and the Dobell Prize, a further \$10 000, for travel and further study, for which the graduating student is eligible upon successful completion of the final year of the course.

Head of Music Theatre at VCA, Martin Croft said: "Rebecca is a very talented student. She is committed to her studies and we believe she has the potential for a promising performing career in Music Theatre.

"The launch of the Bachelor of Music Theatre for 2009 marks a new phase for Music Theatre at the VCA. The industry now demands highly talented and multi-faceted performers who can sing, dance and act with skill and ease. The VCA is a perfect place to provide this intensive learning, performance experience and industry exposure over a three-year degree.

"Rebecca is currently a final year student in our Foundation Music Theatre course—the precursor to the new degree—and we are thrilled to be able to recognise and support her talent at this stage in her career" he said.

**Rebecca Moore** grew up in Bendigo. This year she is combining her intensive studies at VCA with a Bachelor of Arts at Melbourne University, broadening her knowledge of the arts with complimentary studies, including cinema and literature. At the end of the course she hopes to further her studies in London and New York with a program including Estill vocal work, physical theatre and a Broadway Training Course, which combines all elements of 'triple threat' skill areas.



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**ABOUT THE DOBELL FOUNDATION**

The Ron and Margaret Dobell Foundation was born out of a genuine desire to nurture Australia's aspiring artists. These young people are our future performing arts professionals and audience members and will undoubtedly play an important part in Australian cultural life.

The Foundation was formed to provide a focused vehicle for charitable spending, primarily in the area of the performing arts, on an ongoing basis. It has been approved by the Australian Government as a charitable organization and operates in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office guidelines for Prescribed Private Funds.

**The Ron and Margaret Dobell Foundation Award** not only provides financial support, but also an opportunity for exposure internationally to some of the world's most prestigious artists and networks for a selected Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) student.

The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of exceptional talent and/or potential, application and approach to course studies, capability and dedication to aspire to a significant performing career and positive contribution to the spirit of ensemble learning and performance.

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