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ALISON BEARE | Chief Executive Officer

Alison has over 25 years experience as a highly skilled senior administrator and advisor. She was appointed to her current role in 2013 and is responsible for implementing the philanthropic vision and mission of both foundations in close consultation with the Directors of each Board and the Founder, Ulrike Klein. She is also responsible for the overall management of the UKARIA Cultural Centre.

Prior to this appointment, Alison was the SA Manager for Philanthropy Australia and from 2007 – 2011 she was the Executive Officer of the Australian String Quartet (ASQ). She has developed and implemented many successful music programs both with ASQ and as Concert Manager at the Elder Conservatorium of Music.

An undergraduate from the University of Adelaide, Alison has since pursued further study at the University's Graduate School of Management. Alison was selected to the Australia Council’s inaugural Emerging Leaders Program and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Alison has been a member of the Board of The Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) since 2014, and in 2019 was appointed to the Board of the Adelaide Festival for a period of three years.

KINGSLEY SCHMIDTKE | Facilities Manager

Kingsley has over 20 years experience as an Event and Facilities Manager across both the Arts and Hospitality industries. For the past 18 years he has been the production, facilities and venue sales manager for the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO) and Grainger Studio specialising in logistics and outdoor events. Career highlights including being the tour manager on a variety of ASO tours (Malaysia 2006, Los Angeles and New Yorks’ Carnegie Hall in 2009) and the event manager of the Santos Symphony Under the Stars in Elder Park, for the past 10 years.

Kingsley has worked alongside most of the major performing arts companies in South Australia, as well as some of Australia’s leading music promoters.

Over the same period Kingsley has been involved in logistical and catering management for a variety of major sporting events around the country.

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EMMA VAN LIEROP | Executive Assistant

Emma has over 10 years’ experience as a highly skilled office manager and administrator. She has worked extensively in the construction industry and assisted Project Managers to deliver large complex projects. Her experience across several industries has always been customer focused and now in her current role Emma strives to provide the highest level of customer service.

PIA LABOZZETTA | Events Manager

Pia has over fifteen years experience in event management with a career across both hospitality and corporate. She lived in the Whitsundays for five years working in weddings, conferences and events and was lucky enough to work on Hayman and Daydream Island. Highly skilled in developing and implementing events, stakeholder relations and engagements, Pia has a unique passion for the industry. Career highlights include leading the project management of the National Conference – then a two-and-a-half, 1500 pax event – and being the annual lead for the Business SA Export Awards while appointed Manager Major Events. She is a proud Mum to Maxi and a lover of leopard prints.

DYLAN HENDERSON | Communications Manager

Dylan Henderson is a pianist, writer, and teacher. He recently completed his Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours at the Elder Conservatorium of Music at the University of Adelaide, studying with Anna Goldsworthy. He also holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Western Australia, where he was awarded the Waveney Wansbrough Memorial Prize in 2013, and the Flora Bunning Memorial Prize for Chamber Music in 2014. Dylan has been a finalist in the 2018 Peter Schodde Memorial Piano Scholarship, and the Recitals Australia Lunch Hour Spring Series (2018) at Pilgrim Church. In 2016 Dylan participated in the Words About Music program at the Australian Youth Orchestra’s National Music Camp, where he hosted a radio feature for ABC Classic FM. His writing has since appeared in Limelight Magazine and CutCommon, and in program notes for Musica Viva and Recitals Australia. Since 2016 he has taken private piano lessons with Eleonora Sivan, formerly of the Leningrad Conservatory. In 2019 Dylan begins postgraduate study at the Elder Conservatorium on a full scholarship, researching the impact of period instruments on the music of Fryderyk Chopin.

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DAVID BAILIHT | Facilities Coordinator

David has acquired a unique and diverse skill set working in many facets of the arts industry over the previous 18 years. Performing as an actor and musician for many years on stage and screen, David's interest in business and logistics pulled him from on-stage to off-stage, facilitating artists, working with international arts festivals in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. This path led David to studying a Bachelor of Business (Supply Chain and Logistics Management) at RMIT University and engages in business consulting and music festivals when not facilitating excellence in the arts for audiences and performers at UKARIA Cultural Centre.