



Media Release

ABC CLASSIC FM'S 24 HOURS OF GIRL POWER



Move over Bach and Beethoven, on Wednesday 8th March – **International Women's Day** - you'll hear only the women of classical music for a full 24 hours on **ABC Classic FM**.

Eight all-female Classic FM presenters will introduce 140 works written by more than 70 women composers. 50% of those works are Australian-made, with many also performed by female musicians.

Listeners are also invited to join **Greta Bradman** from 1pm for a live broadcast and free, open-to-the-public concert from the **State Library of Victoria** with an all-female chamber ensemble performing music celebrating composition by women, of varying eras, styles and nationalities.

Acting Content Director ABC Classic FM, Kat McGuffie says,

"I'm thrilled about our stellar all-female line-up. We've got Australia's rising stars in classical broadcasting and icons of the industry, like **Margaret Throsby** who celebrates 50 years on air this week. They'll bring you great music all day, playing crowd favourites and unearthing hidden gems. I'm particularly excited about our free lunch-time concert at the State Library of Victoria, with an all-female cast and crew, and music spanning 1000 years, all composed by women."

For more information about International Women's Day on ABC Classic FM, visit the website www.abc.net.au/classic.

ABC Classic FM joins the rest of **ABC Radio** with a lineup of 100% female presenters on all networks, all day, and a special broadcast of ABC TV's debate: *That Motherhood Is Overrated*, hosted by Libbi Gorr and broadcast on **RN** at 8:05pm and on **Local Radio** at 9:05pm.

Other #IWDABC 2017 highlights on the ABC include all female news bulletins and feature programming including a special episode of Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery.

Women Out Front The ABC recognises International Women's Day across TV, radio, online and on mobile. #ABCIWD

"I've been a woman for a little over 50 years and have gotten over my initial astonishment."
Nadia Boulanger, Composer (1887 – 1979)

