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Matthew Hickey Awarded Medal of the Order of Australia

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Brisbane, QLD: In the Queen's Birthday Honours List published Monday 14 June 2021, it was announced that **Matthew Hickey (barrister, Level Twenty Seven Chambers) will be awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to music and law.**

The Order of Australia recognises Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or meritorious service. The Order is divided into two divisions, "General" and "Military". A Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) is an honour bestowed for "service worthy of particular recognition".

During Mr Hickey's music career he performed as an operatic tenor with Opera Queensland, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, the Queensland Philharmonic Orchestra, the Queensland Pops Orchestra and various chamber ensembles. While a music undergraduate, Mr Hickey was a founding member of classical music group 'The Ten Tenors'. He was variously the group's Executive Producer, Artistic Director and Member 1998-2010, travelling extensively across the globe with them, as well as performing and producing many of their early commercially successful records. During his time with The Ten Tenors, the group received numerous awards, including multiple ARIA Gold and Platinum records and DVDs, recorded at Abbey Road Studios, as well as collaborated with Oscar-winning composer John Barry and Grammy-award winning producer Simon Franglen.

Since 2010, Mr Hickey has practised as a commercial barrister, exclusively from Level Twenty Seven Chambers in Brisbane. Notable cases have included several high profile public inquiries, such as that into the deaths at Dreamworld in 2016, and in the liquidation of Clive Palmer's companies in 2020. The Australian Financial Review's *Best Lawyers®* and Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession list Mr Hickey as a leading barrister in commercial, construction and restructuring & insolvency law. He holds multiple offices, including those on the Queensland Bar Association's 'Future Committee' and 'New Bar (Readership/Junior Bar) Committee', Queensland University's 'Law Advisory Group', and is an official mentor to law students through schemes organised by the Queensland Bar Association. He is a prolific public speaker to legal and professional associations on issues of law and professional life as a barrister.

The Order:

- Established 14 February 1975 by Elizabeth II
- 2021 Honours List recognises 1,190 individuals
- **Announcement** by The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia of the 2021 Honours List
- **Award extract** for Matthew Hickey

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