

CHRISTCHURCH CIVIC MUSIC COUNCIL INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF THE ERNEST EMPSON SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

1. The Civic Music Council has administered a fund for the provision of a scholarship in memory of Ernest Empson a highly regarded music teacher who died in June 1970.
2. Presently the scholarship fund is the sum of \$8,568.
3. The practice to date has been to award a scholarship following receipt and consideration of written applications from promising music students with the payment to be sourced from interest derived from the fund.
4. In recent years in order to make the award a meaningful sum the Civic Music Council has topped up the interest received from its general funds.
5. The origin of the scholarship and in particular any founding document such as a trust deed, will or other record has not been located after a diligent search including a request of descendants of the late Ernest Empson.
6. Following consultation with descendants and consideration of the expected low returns for the fund and the inability of the Council to continue to supplement the award from general funds, the Council has determined to establish a revised practice and purpose for the fund.

RESOLUTIONS

The Council will retain the fund and continue to recognise Ernest Empson as the person in whose memory the fund was established.

In the absence of any founding document incorporating directions and parameters for the purpose, selection of candidates and amount of the award the Council will apply the following criteria for the future administration of the fund, namely;

- (a) The award will be made each two years in conjunction with the National Concerto Trust bi – annual piano competition,
- (b) The sum of not less than \$200 will be awarded as the Ernest Empson Scholarship to the winner of the Junior Jury prize at the final of the concerto competition as determined by the Junior Jury.
- (c) Where interest derived from the fund over each two years is not sufficient to make up the award of \$200 then the balance will be made up from the capitals of the fund,

- (d) The award will continue to be known as the Ernest Empson award,
- (e) The National Concerto competition trust will be requested to include publicity around the award and the person of Ernest Empson in competition material and programmes,
- (f) The amount of the award will be reviewed by the Council in order that it will remain a meaningful sum,

- (g) In the event of any significant amendment to the annual programme of the National Concerto Competition the application of the award to the Junior Jury prize or connection with the competition generally will also be reviewed.

Dated: 12th March 2020

Signed as a record of the above resolution



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President of the Council