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Karen Grylls ONZM is Associate Professor in Choral Conducting at the University of Auckland. She conducted the New Zealand Youth Choir from 1989 to 2011, founded Voices NZ in 1998 and is currently Artistic Director of these two internationally acclaimed national choirs. From 2011 to 2013, Karen was also Artistic Director of Toronto's Exultate Chamber Choir. During her time at the University of Auckland, Karen has established a postgraduate pathway in Conducting at the Masters and Doctoral level. She received an Auckland University Distinguished Teaching Award in Music (1996), and an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for her services to choral music (1999). She is also the recipient of two national citations for services to New Zealand music.