**TANIA DE JONG BIO**

**Long version:**

**Tania de Jong AM**

**Disruptive, diverse and divine voice of an angel**

**Creative, courageous and compassionate**

Tania de Jong is a trail-blazing Australian soprano, award-winning social entrepreneur, creative innovation catalyst, inclusionista, spiritual journeywoman, storyteller and global speaker. She works across the public, private, creative and social sectors.

With a grandmother who invented the first foldable umbrella, creativity and innovation are in Tania's blood. And as the daughter of Holocaust survivors she has learnt about resilience and re-invention and developed a passion for diversity and social inclusion.

When she was just 14 years old her best friend told her not to bother having singing lessons. So it's not surprising that her mission is to change the world, one voice at a time.

Tania presents keynote speeches, leadership programs and workshops inspiring creative leadership, entrepreneurship, social inclusion, diversity and innovation globally.

Tania is the Founder of two charities. Creativity Australia works with a range of marginalised individuals (including migrants, people with depression and disabilities and job seekers) and communities to build supportive networks through the acclaimed *"With One Voice"* choir social inclusion programs. Through the new *Sing for Good* project Creativity Australia aims to get the whole nation singing and raising funds to support disadvantaged people. In 2016, Creativity Australia was named one of Australia's top social innovations in Anthill's Smart 100 for the fourth year in a row.

Tania also founded The Song Room which has provided access to creative learning and wellbeing for over 400,000 disadvantaged Australian children since 1999.

Tania is also the Founder of Creative Universe transformational leadership and innovation capability programs, acclaimed opera/music theatre group Pot-Pourri and MTA Entertainment & Events and Creative Innovation Global which presents the acclaimed Ci2010-Ci2015 future-shaping innovation conference events. Ci2013 and Ci2015 were named Corporate Event of the Year in the Global Eventex Awards and Ci2015 was also named in the Anthill Smart 100 and Australian Corporate Event of the Year. Ci2016 takes place 7-9 November.

Tania has recently founded a co-working space called Dimension5 in Melbourne to drive social innovation and collaboration.

She performs internationally as a soloist and with her group Pot-Pourri who have toured overseas on over 40 occasions and released 7 CDs. She is considered one of Australia's most talented sopranos.

Tania has a Bachelor of Law (Honours) from the University of Melbourne and is a graduate of Victorian College of the Arts in opera, music theatre and voice. Tania's awards include Ernst and Young Australian Social Entrepreneur of the Year, the "Outstanding Individual Contribution to Australian Culture", Churchill Fellowship and The Melbourne Awards. She was inducted into the AGSE Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame at Swinburne University and named Brainlink Woman of Achievement.

She was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in June 2008 for service to the Arts as a performer and entrepreneur and through the establishment and development of music and arts enrichment programs for schools and communities.

Tania's recent TED Talk *How Singing Together Changes The Brain* has sparked international interest, with pilot *With One Voice* choirs now under development in regional Australia, the USA and Europe. In 2015, Creativity Australia was named one of Australia's top social innovations in Anthill's Smart 100 for the fourth year in a row.

She sings in many languages, including English, Spanish, French, Latin, German, Italian, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese and Hebrew.

**Tania recently released her solo CD *Heaven on Earth*.** Tania's mission is to change the world, one voice at a time!

(Trivia: Tania attended college in the USA on a tennis scholarship. Her grandmother Slawa Duldig invented the first foldable umbrella in Vienna in 1929.)

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**Medium version:**

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**Acclaimed Australian soprano, award-winning social entrepreneur, creative innovation catalyst, inclusionista, global speaker, spiritual journeywoman**

**Founder Creative Universe, Creativity Australia, Music Theatre Australia, Pot-Pourri, The Song Room and Founder and Executive Producer of Creative Innovation Global**

Tania is a leading Australian soprano, inspirational speaker, social entrepreneur, creative innovation catalyst and spiritual journeywoman. She works across the public, private, creative and social sectors. She founded Creativity Australia, Creative Universe, MTA Entertainment & Events and The Song Room and works with disadvantaged communities through Creativity Australia's 'With One Voice' choir social inclusion programs. Tania presents keynote speeches and leadership programs and performs internationally as a soloist and with her group Pot-Pourri with whom she has released 7 CDs.

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**Short Version:**

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