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Gavin Lockley - Symphony of Australia - Ballads of the Bush (2009)



CD1 Symphony of Australia, for voice & orchestra (00:48:37) *1 The Story 2 Dreamtime 3 The Ships 4 The Red Centre 5 Pie Jesu 6 Immigration Scherzo 7 My Country Australia* CD2 Ballads of the Bush, for voice, piano, violin, banjo, mandolin, bass guitar & percussion (00:35:18)

1 The Man from Ironbark 2 Mulga Bill's Bicycle 3 A Bush Christening 4 A Singer of the Bush 5 The Australian Sunrise 6 Packhorse Drover 7 The Ships Ditty 8 Clancy of the Overlfow 9 My Country Australia (original version)

Gavin Lockley - baritone My Country Australia Choir Sydney Symphony Orchestra Brett Weymark - conductor

Following the composition of "My Country Australia", Gavin expanded on it to create a six-movement orchestral symphony, "Symphony of Australia".

In 2007, "Symphony of Australia" was recorded with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and released by ABC Classics. The first musical history of Australia ever written, its premier public performance was staged at the Sydney Opera House in October 2007 in a concert to celebrate the eightieth birthday of The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia. The Symphony was performed in the city of Canberra in 2014 to celebrate the Centenary of Canberra and in the Bathurst region in 2015 to an audience of more than 3,000 to celebrate the Centenary of the Proclamation of the City of Bathurst.

By 2009 Gavin had composed, performed and recorded "Ballads of the Bush" — musical renditions of celebrated Australian poems — which were presented in concert at the City Recital Hall in Sydney in October 2009, with a recording under the same title released by ABC Classics later that year. ---gavinlockley.com

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