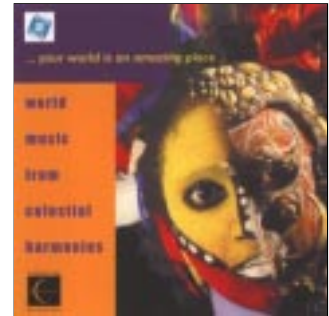


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This new double CD, from the award-winning Celestial Harmonies label, is a world safari of amazing music.

Dr Florian Messner, ethnomusicologist from SBS Radio, selected the 39 tracks from the vast Celestial Harmonies catalogue, recognised as the most authentic, adventurous and exotic selection of recordings available in the world today. Dr Messner also compiled the accompanying extensive 34-page information booklet of scholarly notes.

Dr Messner said, "My aim was to demonstrate the incredible variety of music throughout the world. I have tried reflect the fusion, yet the individuality of music in 2002—a collage of traditional, contemporary, classical, vocal and instrumental sounds."

The sound journey includes some outstanding new compositions and recordings (previously unreleased) from musicians such as Australian percussionist **Michael Askill**, world-renowned field recordist **David Parsons**, and leading Australian vocal ensemble, **The Song Company**.

Some special pieces come from countries where music is never recorded or even heard outside their borders. *Tarian Gong* reflects the unity and soul of the people of Timor. David Parsons risked his family's life to record pieces such as *Craen* from **The Music of Cambodia**, and the awe-inspiring *Ezan* from **The Music of Islam**.

Highly rhythmic pieces from the lively Spanish/American **Mariachi Cobre**, the West African acoustic/instrumental group **Takadja** and Daniel Binelli's **Tango** explode between mystical and meditative sounds from the **Monks of the Dip Tse Chok Ling Monastery**, **The Renaissance Players** and **Alan Dargin**.

Classical sounds such as the **Czecho-Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra** playing Mascagni's *Intermezzo*, **Nikolaus Lahusen** playing Čiurlionis's piano composition and a breathtaking choral piece from the highly-acclaimed **The Music of Armenia** are also part of this eclectic journey.

Eckart Rahn, founder of the 35-year-old independent label Celestial Harmonies, said "People who sing together don't shoot each other. Perhaps George Bush and Saddam Hussein should form a choir—then the world really would be an amazing place!"

WORLD MUSIC FROM CELESTIAL HARMONIES will be available from record stores and Dymocks Australia-wide from September 2002.



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