An Aussie/US collaboration New Release

Paul Taylor & Don Spencer



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- 2003 NAPPA Gold Award for Storytelling. - 2003 NAPPA Honors Award for Music. - 2003 Parent's Choice Gold Award for Storytelling. 2004 Storytelling World Award for "Mulga Bill's Bicycle" - 2004 Children's Music Web Awards Best Educational Recording for Older Children Best Spoken Word Recording for Older Children

Songs & Stories from Down Under featuring the Didjeridoo

Oh, I loved it! I laughed until I cried at the telephone repairman dancing to this. - Written by Alicia Karen Elkins - Rambles

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Kiva Records is proud to announce the international release of ...

COOEE by Paul Taylor & Don Spencer, songs and stories from Down Under, featuring the didjeridoo, Waltzing Matilda, Clancy of the Overflow, Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Home Among the Gum Trees, Kookaburra, plus heaps more.



Paul Taylor is an acclaimed Aussie storyteller and didjeridoo player who performs throughout the US. Don Spencer is one of Australia's most recognized children's performers, of TV series "Play School" fame.

Cooee is a unique cultural look at the wonderful Aussie character through songs, stories and sounds. Focusing on many of our cultural icons it honors both our Aboriginal and European roots. It is offered as a contribution to the active reconciliation process.

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Produced and engineered by Russ Hopkins Kiva/Russ Hopkins Productions, Inc.

Cooee & Lyrebird . Cooee Song 2 Didjeridoo Song British Colony Early Settlement Waltzing Matilda 3 Aussie "Cowboy" Tradition 1:43 The Dying Stockman 1: Intro to Mulga Bill 0: Mulga Bill's Bicycle Boomerang Song 2: Koala & Gum Trees 8. Home Among the Gum Trees 2:34 19. Kookaburra & Sun Lady 4:05



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PRESS RELEASE For immediate release

Award-Winning Cooee! Bridges Cultures

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Paul Taylor's fourth album, Cooee!, does more than just entertain. Listeners and critics agree that Cooee! also educates and bridges cultures.

Sure, children and adults alike can't help dancing and singing along to modern classics such as "Waltzing Matilda" and "Tie Me Kangaroo Down," performed by Australian children's entertainer Don Spencer. Called the "Crocodile Dundee of Kids' Music" by the New York Times, Spencer also contributes toe-tapping original songs such as "The Didjeridoo Song."

But the album is more than just fun and games. Between songs, Taylor, originally from Adelaide, Australia, performs stories learned from cultural custodians of Aboriginal peoples of the Northern Territory. Listeners learn about the creatures, culture and environment through tales such as "Lyrebird the Mimic," "The Sun Lady," and "Lizard Man." With a crew of talented musicians, Taylor performs the didjeridoo, an ancient instruments from his homeland.

Even the cover art for the album-images of Australian animals such as kangaroos, fish, koalas, thylacines, dingos and lizards-helps bridge cultures. Drawn by a few of the 200,000 schoolchildren Taylor's cultural education programs have touched, the stylistic renderings reflect nuances of Aboriginal art.

Taylor's 20-year walkabout has taken him across oceans and continents, building bridges of cultural understanding each step of the way. With songs and tales about Aborigines in Australia and cowboys in the Wild West of the United States, Taylor's work helps children and adults worldwide feel part of the same great story. Now *Cooee*!, Taylor's fourth album, Taylor creates a true Australia/U.S. collaboration. Rich with songs and stories, the album features celebrated Aussie children's musician Don Spencer, and the artful production of Russ Hopkins of Kiva Records in Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.



"I am really excited to announce the release of *Cooee*!," Taylor says. "This work reflects over ten years of creative process, traveling throughout the United States, articulating and celebrating my culture to international audiences, listening to their thoughts and feelings about the wonderful Aussie character, and then returning home each year on sabbatical to reflect and complete the study."



STORYTELLING HONOR The album already has garnered praise. Linda Spitzer of Storytell calls *Cooee*! "a whole hour of enchanting entertainment from Down Under," while Alicia Karen Elkins of Rambles tells audiences to "prepare yourself for just over an hour of the finest entertainment to be found." As follow-ups to Taylor's albums *Walkabout*, *Matilda & the Dreamtime* and *Doo Bee Doo*, *Cooee*! has won 6 national awards.

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