

Review



Ratings

Music, sound and presentation are rated out of five, with five being the maximum. Some reviewers also rate performance.

Price Guide

The price you pay varies considerably according to the retail outlet, but as a guide: Full Price £20-£16, Mid-Price £16-£13, Budget Price £13 or less.

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Art Phillips

The Flying Vet • Performed by Art Phillips • ABC Soundtracks 4797842 • 1995 • Australia • TT:46.39 • 23 tracks • Full Price • Music 4 • Presentation 3.5 • Sound 4.5

Making a very welcome appearance in a sea of pretty mundane soundtracks is the music from an Australian series, due soon on Channel Four, *The Flying Vet*. Art Phillips, American born, but resident in Sydney has conjured up a magical music score full of ethnic Australian sounds, coupled with a winning synthesiser score, or as Art puts it "a cross between *Deliverance* and *Out Of Africa*... meets Märk Knopfler."

The first cue is naturally enough *The Flying Vet*, an infectious piano flows along with a sharp percussion base with orchestral colours. The second cue, *Theme From Gove* is just Art on guitar yet on *Panoramic Aerials*, a wide collection of authentic instruments, slide and percussion, sounds just like a flight over the outback should sound.

Some 23 themes are well constructed making this a very enjoyable listening experience. One tends to forget after a while that most soundtracks make a good representation of a score, but with a poor disc one is glad when it's over, that's if you haven't already pressed the stop button.

No trouble here. If you like something a bit different, yet good themes, well orchestrated and played, then this is for you. I enjoyed it immensely. *John Williams*