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## **OUTBACK HOUSE - ABC TV SOUNDTRACK BY ART PHILLIPS**

Outback House is the hit eight-part series that just finished screening on ABC TV each Sunday at 7.30pm.

Outback House was inspired by the courageous 19<sup>th</sup> century pioneers who built Australia. This dramatic period in Australian history was brought to life on the ABC by a group of 21<sup>st</sup> century adventurers who travelled back in time to 1861, to run Oxley Downs, a fully operational sheep station. The compelling drama that is Outback House, is haunting interwoven with Art Phillips' equally heroic music score.

Through the experiences of the participants, the program explored the myth and reality of squatter life, the hardship for the women who took on the challenge of raising their families on the hostile frontier, and the uncertain relationship between the Aboriginal people and the squatters who became increasingly reliant on native skills and labour.

Outback House is an unforgettable journey for both audience and participants alike, revealing the history of pastoral Australia as never before. It is now available on DVD, book and CD soundtrack.

The soundtrack is by Art Phillips and like the Australian outback; his musical score is inspiring and awesome.

A Note From The Composer, Art Phillips:

"Outback House" is certainly one of the most passionate projects I have had the pleasure of scoring. It is very much a collaborative filmatic-style production where the music and drama marry to drive the story and draw the viewer into the scene.

The music score is expansive, rich and powerful with robust emotional statements that help paint the picture of the adventure of the men and women who travel into the unexplored wilderness of outback Australia 1861.

The soundtrack is symbolic of the epic journey of these pioneers; their bullock drays, mobs of sheep and their struggle to survive the hardships of outback life.

It has been my absolute joy to have been given the opportunity to score this well-crafted visual canvas. I hope you enjoy the soundscape into Outback House."

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