

SONGBIRD CALLING

Stories from Studio RCC

Contemporary Aboriginal music from Redfern Community Centre.

Songbird Calling is a compilation CD produced at 'Studio RCC' and offers a remarkable cross-section of sounds, stories and personalities. It features the songs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists connected to the local area, who have been making good use of studio and music programs available at Redfern Community Centre since it first opened in 2004.

With origins across NSW and as far as Alice Springs, these artists (often in collaboration with each other) have worked with professional support to produce great recordings of great songs that have a lot to say. Featured also **on** this CD are songs from other local performers and studio participants that beautifully complement the voice of the album.

The 13 track CD includes the artists: Dave Quinlan (Nubudub), Wire MC and Choo Choo, Nadeena Dixon, Lawrence Barlow (Lollipop), Dr Greenthumb, Rhubee Neale, Tim Bishop, Cathy Stanley, Bryan Wymarra, The Block Brothers, The Dreamtime Brothers, Common Ground, Ricky Emmerton, and Block Harmony.

One of the CD's many highlights is the hiphop song '*Flowers and Trees*', written and performed by local youth in collaboration with Wire MC, about life on 'the block' from a kid's perspective. '*Flowers and Trees*', along with other album highlights like '*Aboriginal Land*' (Nadeena Dixon) and '*Stories our Fathers Told Us*' (Lawrence Barlow) have been receiving significant airplay nationally.

Songbird Calling is available at the City of Sydney Council's Neighbourhood Centre, 158 Redfern Street, Redfern. A donation price of \$15 goes directly to funding future initiatives that support local music artists developing their craft at Redfern Community Centre.

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