



NZSO

Conducted by Ken Young

Landscapes (Morrison Music Trust)

Landscapes from the NZSO conducted by Kenneth Young is crossover with a difference: fusion of New Zealand music and art. The stylish CD booklet gets you to listen with your eyes as well as your ears. The art from the BNZ collection: Illingworth, Leo Bensemann, Dick Frizzell, Woolaston. The music is nothing alarming: mainly from the past decade, though Lilburn's Drysdale Overture, quintessential New Zealand, is from the 1930s. The rest: a Maori narrative in Maria Grenfell's Stealing Tutunui, startlingly luminous and disquieting reflections in Cresswell's Dancing On A Volcano, plus David Hamilton, Martin Lodge, Anthony Ritchie and Ross Harris in a masterly imagining. Young's conducting is taut, vigorous and the orchestra's skills are strikingly audible. It's splendidly recorded: allow yourself to be surprised!

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