



## LISA YOUNG

THE ETHERAL PULSE

*Dr. Lisa Young: Vocalist, Performer, Composer, Konnakkol Artist, Educator*

Lisa is well known to choral, jazz, a cappella and world music listeners as a creative vocal stylist and composer, incorporating Indian and African elements in her work. She enjoys a rich, collaborative, performing and recording life with multi award-winning vocal group Coco's Lunch (8 albums, CARA and AUSACA award winners, ARIA nominees), and the Lisa Young Quartet (4 albums, including *Grace* winner of the BELL Award: Best Australian Jazz Vocal Album 2007). Her work *Sacred Stepping Stones* commissioned by Gondwana Choirs won the Art Music Award for 2021 Work of the Year: Choral. She has toured to 14 countries, including over 10 years with Coco's Lunch across Australia and Asia within Musica Viva's export and education programs. She is a founding member of *Morgana* the female jazz quintet which toured and recorded in the 90's, and had a sold-out reunion concert for the 2022 Melbourne International Jazz Festival at Chapel Off Chapel.

Lisa is passionate about the transformative power of ensemble singing, and has created a distinct body of engaging choral repertoire that is sung by choirs throughout the world. Her local and internationally commissioned works (*The Australian Voices, Gondwana, Young Adelaide Voices, Four Winds Youth Festival, Grand Rapids Women's Chorus -Michigan*), her workshops and artist in residence programs showcase a sharing of her unique approach to vocal expression. She enjoys a broad following by vocal ensembles and choir directors worldwide. Her driving rhythmic works which incorporate South Indian vocal percussion and scat language like *Sacred Stepping Stones, Thulele Mama Ya* and *Tha Thin Tha*, have become choral classics. A longtime student of Guru Kaaraikkudi Mani in Chennai, Lisa specialises in konnakkol – South Indian vocal percussion.

In 2015 she was awarded her PhD in Music Performance from Monash University which received the *Best Doctoral Thesis – Music Performance* award.