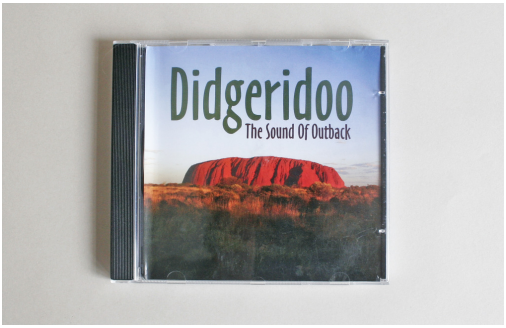

Didgeridoo Music CD

The *didgeridoo* is an ancient musical instrument that was invented by the Australian Aborigines about 1,500 years ago.

Didgeridoo playing originated in Northern Australia and spread to other areas and cultures across this vast continent. Traditionally, the didgeridoo was used in male rites of passage and rituals. Some traditional Aboriginal laws actually forbade women to hear, see, or touch the didgeridoo.

The Aborigines use a number of different techniques to get sounds out of the didgeridoo. Some of these techniques are to make a buzzing sound with the lips, to use what is known as circular breathing or tonguing, to make a guttural sound, a humming sound or by breathing through the nose or inflating the cheeks.

The earliest forms of Australian didgeridoo were made from bamboo. Today, they are made from eucalyptus branches whose centres have largely been eaten away by termites and further carved out by the Aborigines.

This music CD brings together the sounds of the Australian didgeridoo. We hope you enjoy it.