Antipodean Riffs

Essays on Australasian Jazz

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Antipodean Riffs is a collection of essays on Australasian jazz and jazz in Australia. Chronologically they range from what could be called the ‘prehistory’ of the music – the tradition of US-sourced African-American music that predated the arrival of music billed as ‘jazz’ – to the present. Thematically they include studies of framing infrastructural mechanisms including the media. The volume also incorporates case studies of particular musicians or groups that reflect distinctive aspects of the Australian jazz tradition.

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