

Guitar works by New Zealand composers continue to display a richness of imagination and sense of colour that makes them intensely attractive to listeners. In 1990 Jack Body wrote *African Strings*, which transcribed music of the Madagascan valiha tube zither and West African kora harp to captivating effect. John Psathas' *Muisca* refers to the Chibcha-speaking people of what is now Colombia in music of conversational vitality and driving rhythm. Anthony Ritchie evokes lovers' dances in *Pas de Deux* and there is a beautiful arrangement of the famous traditional Māori love song *Pōkarekare Ana* (track 4).



Music from New Zealand for Two Guitars

John PSATHAS (b. 1966)

Muisca (2017)*

1 I. Soledad ('Solitude') 14:31
2 II. Chia 4:13
3 III. El Dorado ('The Gilded One') 4:25
Anonymous 5:48

4 *Pōkarekare Ana* (arr. Marek Pasieczny, b. 1980) (2016)* 3:50

Jack BODY (1944–2015)

African Strings (1990)

5 I. Valiha I: Ramandriana 16:40
6 II. Kora: Chedo 6:27
7 III. Valiha II: Samy Fali 6:17

3:53

Anthony RITCHIE (b. 1960)

Pas de Deux, Op. 51a (1992)* 17:17
8 I. Prelude 4:20
9 II. Au revoir ('Goodbye') 5:14
10 III. Jeux ('Games') 2:45
11 IV. Waltz triste ('Sad Waltz') 3:09
12 V. Epilogue 1:43

* WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

Jane Curry, Guitar
Owen Moriarty, Guitar
(Jane Curry plays Guitar I on all tracks except 4)

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