



Sharon Thompson

Australian Sharon Thompson trained as a classical singer and contemporary vocalist, worked in a variety of musical contexts, in addition to performing and devising, she coaches solo artists for TV and Music Theatre and the music industry. Passionate about the natural environment, she's been known to turn her musical skills to assisting with environmental campaigns. Sharon's private and professional walking practice is diverse and represents a learning journey in site-responsive listening and making. Interviewed in central London, she had just finished a run of *Forever Young* at the Traverse in Edinburgh, working with Australian theatre collective *one step at a time like this*.

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GECKO: Gold Coast & Hinterland Environmental Council <http://gecko.org.au/>

Springbrook National Park <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/springbrook/>

Bora rings: <http://johnwatsonsite.com/MyClassNotes/Topics/Poetry/Bora%20Rings.html>

Lamington Nation Park <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/lamington/>

Burleigh Headland <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/burleigh-head/culture.html>

Sideways nomadic art festival, in Belgium in 2012 <http://www.tragewegen.be/nl/about>

One step at a time like this <http://www.onestepatatimelikethis.com/company.html>

En route - a love song to the city <http://www.onestepatatimelikethis.com/enroute.html>

Forever Young <http://www.onestepatatimelikethis.com/foreveryoung.html>

Edinburgh Festival <http://www.edinburghfestivalcity.com/festivals/edinburgh-international-festival>

Kassel, in northern Germany <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kassel> was the inspiration for Sharon's "Dirt Song"

John McGrath director of the Manchester International Festival [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_McGrath_\(artistic_director\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_McGrath_(artistic_director))

Ethnomusicology <http://www.ethnomusicology.org/?page=whatisethnomusicol>

Sharon's recommendation for a walk is:

1. Wonga Park in the Yarra Valley <http://www.bushwalkingblog.com.au/mount-lofty-warrandyte-state-park-wonga-park-victoria-2/>
2. Walking into the rain forest in Lamington Park towards O'Reillys <https://oreillys.com.au/walking-tracks-at-lamington-national-park/>