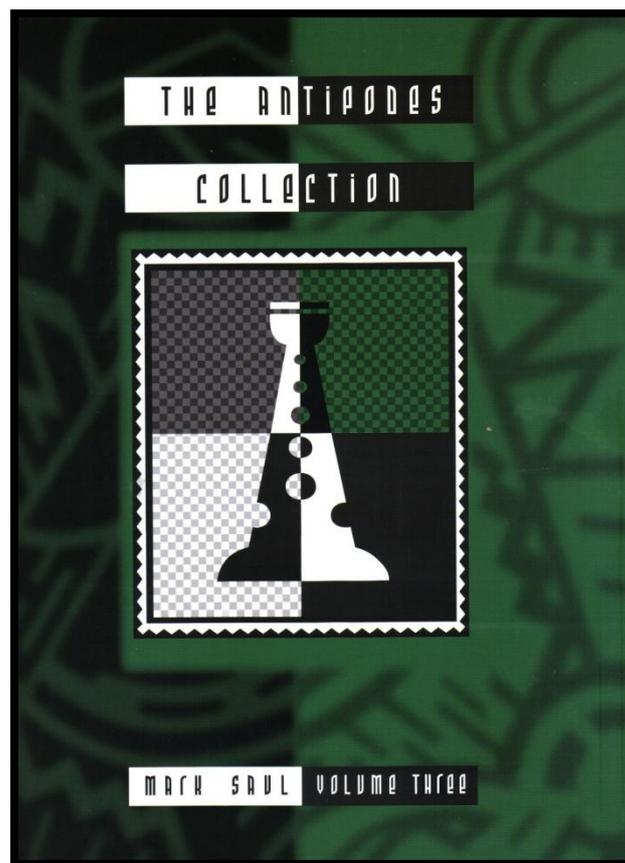


BOOK REVIEW: THE ANTIPODES COLLECTION Vol 3 by Mark Saul

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Well, here it is! The third volume in Mark Saul's Antipodes Collection. The First two have been a raging success and I see no reason why this one would not follow suit. Mark is a prolific composer whose tunes have featured in some of the best grade 1 band medleys over the years. His catchy tunes were first made popular by the Victoria Police Band in the 1990's who played many of Mark's compositions.



Too often when we purchase a book, there are one or two good tunes and the rest get left on the shelf. This is becoming more prevalent in the era of self publishing. Too often we see books by dubious quality composer with far too few good tunes. This book certainly does not fall into that category. This volume contains some 31 tunes, three of which are full suites. The suite "Back on Track" was recently played at the Scottish Power pre-Worlds concert "Energy". This is the latest in Mark's Train tune series. The first being "Hell Bound Train" which I am sure every piper has heard.

No Pipe Major should be without this book. It is full of contemporary masterpieces to add some music variety to any Pipe Band medley. They are written in a refreshing style, are musical to play and most have the odd little twist or syncopation here and there to make the fun to play as well.

The tunes contained within the book are:

Marches

Ross Campbell's Farewell to Scotch College
The Wedding March

Strathspeys

One Sheep Short
The Barra Bounce

Reels

Sugar Free Reel
Journey to the Centre of the Celts
Rattle 'n' Hum
Pirates of Smoo Cave
Free Radical Scavengers
Return of the Wayward Sheep

Waltzes & Slow Air

It's an Instrument
Sheep Shepherd's Waltz
The Wedding Waltz
Linnaeus' Meadow

Jigs

Dunedin Chainsaw Massacre
It's an Instrument

Hornpipes

On the Rise
Team Double X
Young Guns
It's an Instrument
Mpingo Magic

Dances

Take Me to Rio!
Paraphernalia
The Surreal Thing
Spring Loaded

Suites

Back On Track
Tir nan Òg
Beaches of Harris

Mark has had many pipers ask over the years where to get a number of his tunes and now they are available in his new book. Well done Mark!

The book is available from Mark at <http://www.marksaul.com/forpipers.html> or will be available from most reputable stockists.

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