

**Maria Grenfell**

**Program Note**

**River Mountain Sky (2004)**

Commissioned by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra to mark Tasmania's Bicentenary, *River Mountain Sky* suggests an impression of the beautiful island that has been my home since 1998. It celebrates a landscape of rivers and mountains, painted by orange and pink skies at dawn and dusk; a landscape crowned by dramatic cloud formations that give way to quiet nights when stars sparkle across a clear clean southern sky. *River Mountain Sky* portrays mist over the estuary, sunshine dancing off a bright blue river and cascades of rushing water, yielding to darkness and the peace of evening.