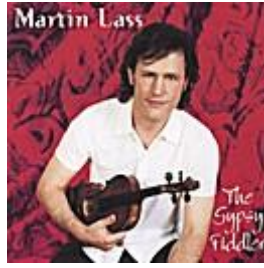


## Mp3 Martin Lass - The Gypsy Fiddler



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Gypsy music from around the world, from foot-tapping czardases to smoky-tavern love songs, all arranged by Martin in his unique and unforgettable style. This CD was recorded live at the Gypsy Hot Club in Sydney, Australia. 14 MP3 Songs WORLD: Eastern European, WORLD: World Traditions Details: Violin Showman Composer, MARTIN LASS, has broken the mold of the usual traditional violinist. His classical beginnings - which included playing as principal and soloist with orchestras such as the Sydney Symphony and Australian Chamber Orchestra - led to the creation of a solo career that spans all kinds of music. He presents modern interpretations of such greats as Beethoven and Vivaldi alongside the jazz of Brubeck and Ellington, the Gypsy music of Eastern Europe, the world's great Love Songs, Broadway Showtunes, and his own Original Compositions - even adding the odd Bluegrass fiddle tune to produce a cavalcade of listening pleasure. An energetic showman, he plays the fiddle as if it were both an athletic feat and an artistic creation. Martin believes that the violin - being the closest instrument to the human voice - is capable of expressing the full range of emotions through all styles of music. He also feels that audiences want to be entertained, captivated, transported, enthralled and wooed on the wings of music - and that he is the man to do it! Born in Chicago, USA, Martin's interest in the violin began at the age of 8, when he saw world famous violinist Yehudi Menuhin on television. Menuhin became Martin's earliest idol. Furthermore, Martin's father instilled in him an appreciation of all styles of music from classical to jazz to country to pop, with Martin's mother's reputed gypsy background adding to the spice of his musical upbringing. Martin's family moved to Australia when he was eleven, and by his early twenties he was already an accomplished classical musician. During this time, responding to a brazen dare (the exact details of which will never be released!), Martin appeared on a nationally televised talent show - Australia's equivalent to Starsearch. He was like a 19th century romantic figure, with flowing hair, frock

coat and rapier flourishes of the bow. He blitzed all opposition, winning everything and receiving standing ovations from the judges! Television hosts fell over themselves to invite him on their programs. The result? From second fiddle in an orchestra, Martin quickly became one of Australia's most sought after popular entertainers. Clever television commercials immediately attracted attention and built audiences, blazing fresh trails with the violin. Martin appeared on every major Australian TV show - making over 200 television appearances. He released 10 CD recordings - including a Gold Record, and an Australian Grammy nomination - , toured Australia with his band and performed alongside many distinguished international names in concert. Taking his next career step, Martin has recently relocated to New York, where he is now captivating American audiences. Martin's albums are available nationally through GALACTIC MUSIC INC, and are featured in all Borders stores, amongst others. His new album "SONNET", featuring his own original music, is due for release across the USA in August. He is working constantly around the world, opening and exploring new markets and new audiences, taking his magic to people of all cultures, countries and ages, and garnering rave reviews from the press.

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