



SECRETLY CANADIAN

BEN ABRAHAM

SIRENS

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ABOUT THE ALBUM

In contrast to its ethereal title, Ben Abraham's *Sirens* is deeply human. Its songs were written over the artist's developing years as a writer and the album has become a kind of musical documentary of the loss, longing and growth that carried Abraham from his very first lyric to this, his first long-player.

Abraham first found his voice writing songs whilst working in a hospital. Eight years on, he's made an album, toured with Emmylou Harris, co-written with Grammy-nominated singer Sarah Bareilles and made *Sirens*, his debut album. Originally self-released in Australia, *Sirens* is now receiving a worldwide release via Secretly Canadian.

He recorded *Sirens* with two local friends, Jono Steer (who was his live mixer) and percussionist Leigh Fisher. A number of other Melbourne musicians joined in on sessions, including Gossling, whose angelic voice can be heard in the opening track. Gotye helped produce the haunting vocals on "Speak", while "experimental electronic producer" Tim Shiel assisted on "This Is On Me".

"This Is On Me", co-written/sung with Sara Bareilles, has its own story. After Abraham posted a song ["To Sara, From Ben"] on YouTube, Bareilles' fans began to tweet the video and it grabbed her attention. When she played Melbourne in 2011, she invited Abraham up on stage to co-sing a cover of Bruce Springsteen's "I'm On Fire", and an original co-write was subsequently born.

Abraham still plans to tour solo (on guitar, ukulele, piano and harmonium), as he ventures outside of Australia to seduce the world with his songs, stories and charm. The sirens are calling you his way.

TRACK LIST

SIDE A:

1. Sirens
2. Time
3. I Belong to You
4. She
5. You and Me

SIDE B:

6. Collide
7. To Love Someone
8. Home
9. This Is On Me
10. Speak

SIDE C:

11. Somebody's Mother
12. Songbird
13. A Silent Prayer

SELLING POINTS

- "This Is On Me" features platinum-selling artist Sara Bareilles
- Gotye provided vocal production on "Speak"
- Double LP with etching on Side D
- Scheduled to perform at SXSW



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