

## Spotlight

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### A Country Girl

Director, Designer and Choreographer: Robert Ray Musical Director: Alan Barker. Starring Robert Latham, Susannah Gidley, Ian Lowe, Laura Caire, Andrew McGrail, Vanessa Petrie, Ron Mack, Nicole Free, Andrew Pennycuick, Kyp Iacovou, Judy Sporton, Anna Castle with Elizabeth McCrea, Lauren Stannard, Jamie Tampion and PAUL BRICKHILL as Lionel Monckton

A COUNTRY GIRL was the hit of the 1902 London Season. It was Lionel Monckton's first score as principal composer. He would go on to write such hits as The Arcadians, Our Miss Gibbs, and The Quaker Girl. Of all of the composers of the post Gilbert & Sullivan era, his star shone the brightest. With additions from Paul Rubens, and lyrics by Adrian Ross, the score of A Country Girl is pure delight. Wonderful toe-tapping numbers like "Try again Johnnie", "Yo-ho little girls" to the ravishing "Under the Deodar", you will certainly agree "they don't write them like that any more". This is a wonderful journey back in time to the gorgeous Edwardian period.

Recorded at the Malvern Theatre, Malvern, Victoria Australia July 2012.