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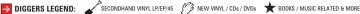


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Touring record stores is a great way to see a city. This guide is put together with that in mind and uses Sydney's CBD as a starting point. You'll also find some useful transport tips under all the regional subheadings. For those shops further afield, overnighters may be in order, but hey, the promise of a crate at the end of the rainbow might just be enough to tip the scales in favour of an adventure!

SYDNEY (CBD)

We start in the middle of Svdnev's CBD at Town Hall. Right behind the Queen Victoria Building you'll find Red Eve Records. From here you have two options. Head North to Birdland. Moio Record Bar & Marlowe's Way, the last two of which can also serve you a refreshing beverage. This will place you in the vicinity of Darling Harbour and Circular Quay, from where you can take ferries to all sorts of great places around greater Sydney, including the stunning iourney out to Parramatta's Beatdisc. From Town Hall you can also saunter south to Utopia and Lawson's Records where you will find yourself in the bustling and thriving China, Korea, Japan and Thai Towns. Here you can feast mightily, buy worldly groceries, fashion, tech, you name it.

EASTSIDE

Eastside is Sydney's independent & creative alter ego. Less than a kilometre east from the CBD, it's just a short walk across the parks or up the hill from China Town to get to a 4km long ridge of indie retail, food, drink, night spots and boutique hotels.

The most obvious way to go Eastside is Oxford Street which starts at the South-east corner of Hyde Park. Just a couple of blocks up Oxford, turn right into Crown Street to get to the Record Store. TITLE Store and Suzie Q's in Surry Hills, or go a little further along Oxford St and turn left on Darlinghurst Road (just after Taylor Square) to get you to Radio Free Alice. Cut one block East to Victoria Street which is a foodie's dream and then head North to Grand Davs which is just near the Coke sign in Kings Cross.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Sydney's North is loosely divided by Middle Harbour into the North Shore and the Northern Beaches, The Northern Beaches are a little tricky to get to seeing as how there is no train line and so a bus or ferry you'll have to take or the traffic you'll have to brave. This is, however, an excellent day trip and buses

and ferries are frequent; then again you could always book an overnight stay up that way because the Northern Beaches are one of Sydney's beautiful natural wonders, and between Desire, Sandy's Music, Audiomania and Pacific Records they have the coast covered in wax.

NEWTOWN

Only a couple of train stops from the Sydney CBD and just beyond the University of Sydney is Newtown, the gateway to Sydney's Bohemian heart: the Inner West. Newtown's main drag, King Street, has a fantastic cluster of record shops around the station – you can walk in almost any direction and find yourself a vinyl retailer! The area is replete with antique, fashion and eccentric retail shops along with many, many food options.

Revolve Records, while technically in Erskineville, it's so close to Newtown that it made sense to include it here. It's literally just around the corner from Egg Records which is just a stones throw from the station. Also just North-ish of the station you'll find Hum Records and Network Connection. Heading south you've got Repressed Records, Classic Hi Fi and 567 King, leading you to the grittier end of Newtown.

TIP: Check the Diggin' website for some extra stores in this area. **www.digginsydney.com**

INNER WEST

While not as central as the Newtown cluster, the Inner West shops are all well worth a visit. Just a few bus stops down Parramatta Road you'll find the Vintage Record a few doors down from the Annandale Hotel.

One step further and just 5 minutes down the road from Sydenham train station and you are in bustling Marrickville, one of Sydney's best foodie suburbs. This is the home of RPM Records Posters Memorabilia, a mecca for music lovers and right next door to local live music venue the Gasoline Pony. You find Sounds Espresso – a music-themed cafe nestled in among Marrickville's industrial area where more than a few small bars are popping up.

WESTERN SUBURBS & BEYOND

Parramatta is often called Sydney's second CBD. You can catch a ferry up there from Circular Quay, or a train from Central. The place has a lot to offer in terms of culture, food, drink and shopping. The crew at Beatdisc can provide you with hot tips on how to spend a day locally. Richmond Records, The Velvet Fog, Mr. Dyke's and Landspeed are the farthest stores on the map, it's great to know that whether you're tripping to the Blue Mountains or Mudgee (the land of milk & honey & wine), Canberra, our nations' capital, or using the Windsor area as a base, you can have a quality dig out those ways too.

THANKS

This guide is a collaborative effort by all the indie record stores listed here and on our website. Assisted by Melbourne's Northside Records and Blisterfinger Design. Thanks to everyone who has supported Diggin' Sydney.

Find us online: www.digginsydney.com

SYDNEY (CBD)

George Street is Sydney's North-South spine, orient vourself to this and everything else should make sensel Access Sydney Ferries from Circular Quay, which is on the City Circle train line

UTOPIA RECORDS

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Lower Ground Fir. 511 Kent St. (entrance on Bathurst St) (02) 9571 6662 | contact@utopia.com.au | www.utopia.com.au facebook.com/UtopiaRecordsOfficial | insta: utopiarecords Mon-Wed: 10am-6pm | Thur: 10am-8pm | Fri-Sat: 10am-6pm | Sun: 12pm-4pm Est. 1978 - Family owned independent record store specialising in metal. rock, punk, plus rare & collectable and bargain bins. Over 5000 new & used

vinyl in stock. Heaps of USA, UK, Euro & Japanese pressings, New stock almost daily. We pay top dollar for your Vinyl & CD collections large and small

RED EYE RECORDS



143 York Street, Sydney

(02) 9267 7440 | mail@redeve.com.au | www.redeve.com.au facebook.com/redeveaustralia | insta : redeverecords

Mon-Wed: 9am-6pm | Thur: 9am-9pm | Fri-Sat: 9am-6pm | Sun: 10pm-5pm Australia's largest independent record store, established 1981, and now centrally located near Sydney Town Hall, opposite the OVB. Massive range of new and used vinyl, CDs, DVDs etc, and special order department second to none. Old-school shop ambience with friendly, helpful staff.



1891× MOJO RECORD BAR Basement Level, 73 York Street, Sydney

(02) 9262 4999 | dan@mojorecordbar.com

www.moiorecordbar.com | facebook.com/MoioMusicSvdnev Mon-Wed: 12pm-6pm | Thurs-Fri: 12pm-9pm

Mojo record Bar - a record store out front and a bar out back. We stock a good mix of new release, reissue and secondhand vinvl of all genres. People can grab a drink from the bar and bring it into the store to flick through the racks or just hang out. Open for Record Store Day 2017, Follow @mojorecordbar



BIRDLAND RECORDS



#3, Level 4, 428 George Street (Dymocks Building)

(02) 9231 1188 | birdland@birdland.com.au | birdland.com.au Tue-Fri: 10am-5.30pm | Sat: 9.30am-4.30pm

25 years old and still going strong. Stocking a vast range of jazz, blues, soul and world titles on CD, SACD, Blu-spec CD and vinyl LP, from labels like ECM, Tzadik, ACT, Blue Note, Winter&Winter, Sunnyside, Cuneiform. Twice weekly imports from the US, Japan, and Europe. New Audiophile LPs from Analogue Productions, Mobile Fidelity, Blue Note, Verve, We also stock secondhand vinyl LPs and CDs.



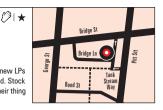
6 MARLOWE'S WAY

Corner of Bridge Lane & Tank Stream Way cratescafe@gmail.com | 0432 487 598

facebook.com/marlowesway

Mon-Wed: 7am-4pm | Thur-Fri: 7am-9pm | closed weekends

This vinyl only CBD cafe bar has a neat but impressive selection of new LPs and local 45s, spanning jazz, hip hop, funk, afrobeat, dub and beyond. Stock updates regularly. Friday nights hear local and guest selectors do their thing for the after-work crowd



1 TOP 10 SOUND & MOVIE

Shop 1, 741 George Street, Haymarket (02) 9281 7198

top10_sm@yahoo.com.au

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-6.00pm | Sat 9.30am-5.00pm We specialise in (audiophile) vinyl, SACDs, CDs, classical to rock music, hi-fi accessories, also carry DVD & blu ray movies & concerts.



LAWSON'S RECORDS

380 Pitt Street, Sydney

(02) 9267 3434 | lawsons@ozonline.com.au

www.lawsonsrecords.com.au

Mon-Fri: 10am-5.30pm | Thurs: 10am-6.30pm | Sat: 9am-3pm. Lawson's Records have been around since 1968. The current owner, Jerry Pasqual, has owned it since 1980. Lawson's stock very reasonably priced LPs, back catalogue CDs, popular & cult DVDs and some film and music books.



EASTSIDE

Heading due East from Town Hall Station along Park Street, then William Street will get you to the Coke Sign on the East Sydney ridge. A 10 minute walk to a

GRAND DAYS

220 William Street, Kings Cross (02) 9326 9810 | hello@granddays.com.au

www.granddays.com.au

Mon-Fri: 11am-7pm | Sat-Sun: 11am-6pm

Grand days deals in second-hand books, vinyl, collectible curios and vintage clothing. Our blue room is dedicated to all things music and our vinyl selection ranges from eclectic to classic to collectible. Thousands of records in stock from \$2 barqains to rare gems.



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EASTSIDE

Other routes to the Fastside:

Across the Domain (past the Art Gallery NSW) to Wooloomooloo steps. up Oxford St from Hvde Park South, under the train viaducts from Havmarket to Surry Hills or from Central Station South into Strawberry Hills.

RADIO FREE ALICE

134A Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst (02) 8094 8520 | radiofreealice@gmail.com www.radiofreealice.com

Mon-Tue: 11am-7pm | Wed-Thurs: 11am-8pm | Fri: 10am-7pm Sat: 11am-6pm | Sun: 12pm-6pm

Radio Free Alice. Specialist in vinvl releases across all genres. We also stock imported CDs. DVDs and books.



1 THE RECORD STORE

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255b Crown Street, Darlinghurst (entry on Goulburn St.) (02) 9380 8223 counter@therecordstore.com.au recordstore.com.au Mon. Tue. Fri. Sat: 11am-6pm | Wed: 10am-6pm | Thurs: 11am-7pm Sun: 12pm-5pm, Your go-to Sydney joint for global 12" culture, Australian electronic releases and dance imports (house & techno in all flavours). Curated selection of Rock, Indie, Funk, Soul, Jazz, Blues, Reggae & Electronica LPs, We sell turntables, needles, headphones & accessories and have a selection of bargain second hand records in addition to services such as de-warping and vinvl to digital.



TITLE Surry Hills

499-501 Crown Street, Surry Hills

(02) 9699 7333 | surryhills@titlestore.com.au www.titlemusicfilmhooks.com

Daily: 10am-6pm, TITLE is an iconic retailer of quality Music, Books and Film. TITLE's Surry Hills location recently expanded to include a dedicated vinyl record store with an extensive and curated range of new, re-issue and second hand LPs. We also stock Audio-Technica and Rega turntables. AIAIAI Headphones and AM Cleansound vinvl accessories, Get Diggin!



12 SUZIE Q COFFEE + RECORDS

1/18 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills (02) 9332 2739 | info@suziegcoffee.com.au

www.suziegcoffee.com.au

Mon-Fri: 7am-4pm | Sat-Sun: 8am-4pm

Friendly service and a meticulous attention to detail extends to every facet of the business, from a menu homaging classical jazz, rock and techno songs to the hand-picked collection of rare records, Suzie Q is a hub for like-minded people to meet, relax and gorge on quality produce.



NORTHERN SUBURBS

- → Manly: Ferries departing frequently from Circular Quay. Bus services depart from Wynyard Station.
- → Northern Beaches: Buses leave regularly from the park at Wynyard Station or hire a car and four the beaches.

(B) DESIRE BOOKS & RECORDS

3 Whistler St, Manly

(02) 9977 0888 | info@pigeonground.com

www.pigeonground.com | facebook.com/pigeonground

Open 6 days: 10am-5pm | Closed Tuesdays

Fresh stock added every week, we stock quality second hand and new vinyl with a focus on LPs and 12" from blues and jazz to classic rock, funk and disco to experimental, the esoteric and everything in between. Previously trading as Pigeon Ground Records, we've now teamed up with a bookshop in Manly.



4 AUDIOMANIA

Factory 7, 259 Condamine Street, Manly Vale 0409 901 005 | audiomania@iinet.net.au

www.audiomania.com.au

Thurs: 1pm-5pm | Sat: 11am-5pm

We stock vinyl – rock/jazz/blues/reggae/punk. We sell vintage hi-fi equipment – turntables/amps/speakers. We do allhi-fi & audio repairs at reasonable rates. We also sell turntable styli (needles), belts, record sleeves and vinyl display frames.



(B) SANDY'S MUSIC

870 Pittwater Road, Dee Why

(02) 9982 7353 | sandysmusic@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/sandysmusic

Mon-Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm | Sat: 9am-4pm

Sandy's Music started selling vinyl on the Northern Beaches 44 years ago in 1973 as a family business and we are still doing it today. We cover all genres of music on both vinyl and CD and have new stock arriving daily.



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10 PACIFIC RECORDS

1759a Pittwater Road, Bayview 0421 958 479 | pacificrecords@optusnet.com.au

www.pacificrecords.com.au

Tue-Fri: 12pm-5pm | Sat: 10am-5pm

We sell new and second hand records. Frequent overseas trips ensure quality stock. Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues, Punk, Metal etc. We also sell T-shirts, posters, turntables and other Hi-fi.



INNER WEST

→Parramatta Road Buses from Railway Square (next to Central Station) Stand D, 413, 436, 439, 440, 461, 480, 483, M10.

→ Marrickville and Sydenham train stations are very handy to the action. Many buses through Newtown also do the trick.

THE VINTAGE RECORD

31A Parramatta Road, Annandale

(02) 9550 4667 | shop@thevintagerecord.com www.thevintagerecord.com

Mon-Fri: 11am-6pm (ish) | Sat-Sun: 11am-5pm

Specialising in quality vinyl across all genres, regular import orders and overseas buying trips means the stock is constantly updated. It's never boring in a record shop... especially ours!



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1 SOUNDS ESPRESSO

268 Victoria Road, Marrickville

(02) 9572 6959 | soundsespresso@hotmail.com

soundsespresso.com.au

Mon-Wed: 8am-6pm | Thurs-Fri: 9am-9pm | Sat-Sun: 9am-9pm. Sounds Espresso is a retro-style music café located in Marrickville. We serve up a great brew and juicy beats and pieces. Come for a dig, some cake or just to put your feet up with a cup of lovingly-brewed coffee.



113 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

(02) 9569-3465 | facebook.com/RPMMUSICMEMORABILIA

www.rpmrecords.com.au

Tue-Sun: 11am-7pm | Thurs-Sat: 11am-10pm

RPM Records is Sydney's ultimate destination for music lovers. We have a large amount of Vinyl, CDs, tapes and DVDs. Also posters, books, T-shirts, framed vintage music and sports memorabilia for sale. Something for every taste and budget. We buy, sell and trade. Located next to the Gasoline Pony.



NEWTOWN

Parking in Newtown is notoriously hard to find...

Buses or trains are your best bet. Train: Platform 19 from Central or Platform 1 from Town Hall. Bus: Railway Square, Stand C, 422, 423, 426, 428, M30.

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567 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9517 3324 | 567king@gmail.com

www.567king.com | insta: 567king | facebook.com/567king

Mon-Wed: 11am-6pm | Thurs: 11am-8pm | Fri: 11am-8pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 11am-4pm, 567 King are the Sydney Hip Hop Specialists. We sell a wide range of local and international Hip Hop on vinyl and CD, plus a selection of funk, breaks, soul and reggae on wax. We also have an extensive range of graffiti art supplies, books, clothing and more!



1 CLASSIC HI-FI

550 King Street, Newtown (02) 9029 2552 | info@classic-hifi.net

www.classic-hifi.net Wed-Sun: 10am-6nm

Over 1000 LPs in stock - we specialise in hard-to-find original release albums often imported from overseas. But! Our main offering is what's needed to play vinyl on - turntables, amplifiers, speakers, about 150 at any one time, all from the 70s & 80s, fully serviced, all with our warranty.



22 REPRESSED RECORDS

413 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9557 6237 | info@repressedrecords.com

www.repressedrecords.com

Mon-Fri: 11am-7pm | Sat: 10am-6pm | Sun: 11am-6pm Repressed Records: specialist in Australian independent vinyl releases, plus import new releases and re-issues you probably won't find elsewhere. We also stock secondhand vinyl, T-shirts, CDs, books and more.



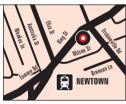
RESIST RECORDS

Basement 294 King Street, Newtown (02) 9557 8771 | info@resistrecords.com

www.resistrecords.com

Mon-Wed: 10.30am-5.30pm | Thurs: 10.30am-6pm | Fri: 10.30am-5.30pm Sat: 10.30am-5.00pm | Sun: 10.30am-4pm

Founded in 1996, Resist is a Newtown based emporium dealing in all things punk and hardcore music related, stocking everything from local bands to internationals - big and small.



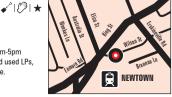
20 EGG RECORDS

3 Wilson Street, Newtown

(02) 9550 6056 | info@eggrecords.com

www.eggrecords.com

Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat: 10am-6pm | Thurs: 10am-7pm | Sun: 11am-5pm Egg Records is the place to find an extensive range of new and used LPs, 7", CDs, DVDs, T-Shirts and memorabilia of every type of genre. New stock weekly.





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75 REVOLVE RECORDS & RELICS

Shop 3, 65 Erskineville Road, Erskineville (02) 9519 9978 | info@revolverecords.com.au www.revolverecords.com.au

Mon-Tue: 11am-7pm | Wed-Sun: 10am-7pm, Revolve Records, previously Discovery Records operating since 1991, deals in most styles of music. We have a large range of LPs. EPs and 45s. With over 30,000 records you'll find something from our extensive \$2 bins, collectable records and everything in between. New arrivals weekly. Turnover prices!



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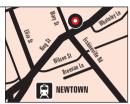
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271 King Street, Newtown

(02) 9550 3553 | humonking@hum.com.au | www.hum.com.au Sun-Wed: 9.30am-9.30pm | Thurs 9.30am-10pm | Fri-Sat: 9.30am-11pm Hum on King is the premier music store of the Inner West. We stocks an eclectic range of new release LPs & CDs with a comprehensive back catalogue across all genres. We also stock a wide range of DVDs of TV Series, World Cinema, Film Noir, Anime, Documentaries & Art-house and have a special order service second to none.



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Upstairs, 6-8 O'Connell St. Newtown

(02) 9519 2902 | info@networkconnectionrecords.com networkconnectionrecords.com | @networkconnectionrecords

Mon: Closed | Tue-Wed: 12pm-7pm | Thurs: 12pm-9pm | Fri-Sat: 12pm-7pm Sun: 12-5pm. Opening in the heart of Newtown in 2016, Network Connection Records is a specialty store with an appetite for innovation & experimentation. Stocking a range of the finest in house, techno and other electronic styles and obscurities; frequent imports and regular arrivals from local and international labels.



BEYO

→ Parramatta & Richmond:

Central Station Train Platform 18. Town Hall Train Platform 2.

- → Parramatta Ferry Circular Quay F3 - it's a lovely cruise.
- → Katoomba by train or car is
- 2 hours so seriously, stay a night or two, it's lovely up there!

BEATDISC RECORDS

Shop 11 Queensland Arcade, 181 Church Street, Parramatta (02) 9891 9330 | info@beatdisc.com.au

www.beatdisc.com.au | facebook.com/beatdisc | insta: beatdisc Mon-Wed, Fri: 10am-5.30pm | Thur: 10am-8pm | Sat: 10am-4.30pm | Sun: 11am-4pm. Established in 1995, Beatdisc stocks new and used vinyl, CDs and music memorabilia with a dedicated focus on vinvl (imports, local and second-hand). Over 2500 vinvl titles in-stock and always growing, new stock arriving and processed daily! Customer orders, mail order and more.





20 RICHMOND RECORDS

161 Windsor Street, Richmond

(02) 4578 1251 | richmond@richmondrecords.com.au www.richmondrecords.com.au

Mon-Wed: 9am-5.30pm | Thur: 9am-8pm | Fri-Sat: 9am-10pm | Sun: 10am-4pm Independent Music Store in the Western Suburbs of Sydney, Music is our business. Extensive range of CDs. Vinvl (new & used) and collectables. Gothic. Rockabilly and 60's fashion, Record players / turntables, Instruments, Friendly and knowledgeable staff. Cafe in store with chocolate treats and homemade pies.



(1) THE VELVET FOG

~1831× Lower Ground Floor, 118 Katoomba Street, Katoomba (02) 4782 5277 | thevelvetfoa@biapond.com facebook.com/thevelvetfourecords

With a brand new premises, Velvet Fog in Katoomba is a diggers' paradise. so if you are heading up to the Blue Mountains for a weekend check out our huge range of quality records of all genres, books, CDs, DVDs and stereo equipment. We also buy, sell, repair service and carry parts for vintage and modern hi-fi.



11 MR. DYKE'S TROPHIES & RECORDS

Shop 6, 90-94 Mortimer Street, Mudgee (02) 6372 1329 | 0411 097 956 mrdvkestrophies@amail.com

facebook.com/MrDvkesTrophies

Mon-Fri: 8.45am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-2pm

The best selection of quality pre-loved records West of the Blue Mountains. Mudgee, the land of vinyl, wine and honey. Fine stock added daily. If it's scratched, we don't sell it.



2 SAUCE RECORDS

Shop 5, Jannali Arcade, 557-559 Box Rd, Jannali 0421 085 458 | info@saucerecords.com.au

www.saucerecords.com.au

facebook.com/saucerecordsaustralia

Sauce Records stocks a great selection of new and used vinyl, CDs, music related DVDs, Books, T-shirts, Framed Prints, Audio Equipment, Guitar accessories and more. They have a wide variety of different genres that they stock and if they don't have it in stock they will try to source it for you.



(3) LANDSPEED RECORDS

30 Garema Place, Canberra ACT (02) 6248 9220 | info@landspeed.com.au

facebook.com/landspeedrecords.com

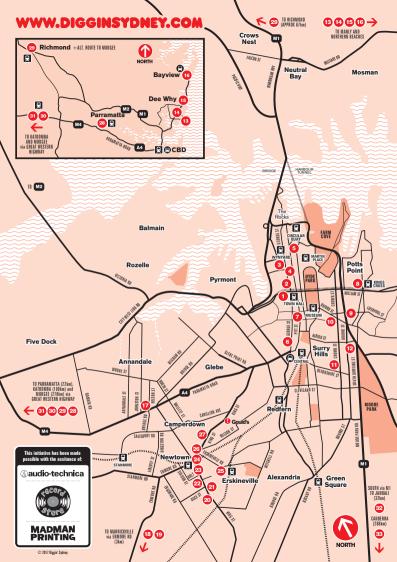
Mon-Thurs: 10am-6pm | Fri: 10am-9pm | Sat: 10am-5pm | Sun: 10am-4pm Established in 1994 Landspeed Records is Canberra's leading independent music store. We stock a comprehensive range of Indie, Punk, Hardcore, Metal, Hip Hop, and Dance CDs and Records. A huge range of band merch and new and vintage ladies fashion + more!





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Since the launch of our first turntable cartridge in 1963 our passion and innovation has never faltered.

Now with products like the acclaimed LP120 direct-drive turntable, M50x monitoring headphone and revolutionary ART1000 cartridge - we can accompany you every step of your musical journey.



For our full range of products go to audio-technica.com.au

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