

# Secret's out on hillside concerts

**REVIEW**

**MUSIC**



## **Cloudehill Musical Twilight Evenings**

**Where and when:** Cloudehill Nursery and Gardens, Olinda, 6.45pm

**Reviewer:** Johanna Selleck

**T**HE Musical Twilight Evenings at Cloudehill are one of Melbourne's best-kept secrets. A series of concert and garden-art exhibitions run annually from December to March.

On Saturday, the a cappella group Coco's Lunch filled the bill. This group of five women is a national treasure. Instinctive musicality, intuitive ensemble, irrepressible rhythmical vitality and impeccable intonation are their hallmarks.

They encompass a surprisingly wide vocal range, from angelic heights right down to a warm, "chocolaty" bass line when needed.

Jazz, blues and ethnic influences infuse their style, but are fashioned into something entirely their own.

Works such as *Shifting Time*, *A Whole New Way of Getting Dressed* and *Unreserved* are testimony to bold originality as well as a superbly blended, harmonious sound, which still allows room to highlight the distinctive timbres of the individual voices.