



**Life's work:** Jennie Mortimer has released a collection of songs.

**Picture:** Rob Carew

# Musical portrait

By Danica Harris

SHE'S performed in some of the world's biggest productions, worked alongside a Hollywood actor and appeared on Australian dramas, but it's her latest achievement that has Jennie Mortimer most excited.

The Ringwood performer's debut album, *Reflections*, combines a lifetime of her works in theatre, film, travel and teaching.

Mortimer says it's been a

huge project that took years to bring together.

"I was on the road for seven years travelling for television and before had been performing on stage with *Cats*, *My Fair Lady* and *Hello Dolly*.

"I became really tired in the end from travelling and was in the mood for a change. I needed to do something completely different."

Mortimer said the album was a compilation of contemporary, jazz and musical theatre.

"It is a collection of other

people's songs from over the years.

"It reflects on my emotions from my travels and all my works. Each song has a memory for me. It is 100 per cent, totally for me."

She said producing an album took patience. "We recorded for about 18 months, but when you focus on something really great, it is all worthwhile.

"Singing is what I love, and it's what I do for a living."

*Reflections* can be purchased from [www.jenniemortimer.com](http://www.jenniemortimer.com)