

# The Australian Women's Register

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## Davy, Ruby

(1883 - 1949)

<b>Born</b>	18831122, Salisbury South Australia
<b>Died</b>	19490712, Melbourne Victoria Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Composer

### Summary

Ruby Davy was the first Australian woman to receive a doctorate in music and to become a fellow of Trinity College of Music, London. Among her many compositions was *Australia, Fair and Free*, performed in Melbourne and Adelaide in 1934. With Issy Spivakovsky, she established the Davy Conservatorium of Music in her home at South Yarra.

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988,  
<https://webarchive.nla.gov.au/awa/20071105022623/http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/78644/20071105-1315/www.200australianwo>

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#### Resource Section

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