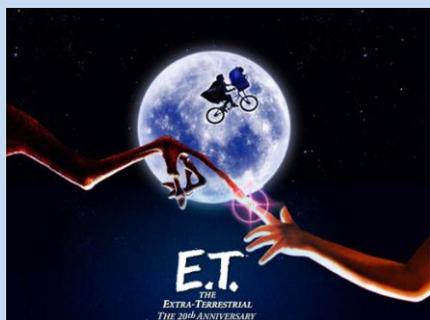


Music for Films: John Williams' Masterpieces

Music surrounds everything in our life. It is common to listen to a large variety of music and find any type of sounds in all daily situations. In the movie field, the presence of the music and sound effects is a fact which determines decisively the story of a film. Developing this topic, we can ask some questions to have a better knowledge about music and films: What is an OST? How does the music influence the story of a film? How many soundtracks and composers for films can you remember? Who is John Williams, and what are his famous scores?

I'm sure you usually watch movies on TV, the Internet or in cinemas, but have you ever thought about all of the background music you can hear during a film? OST means 'Original

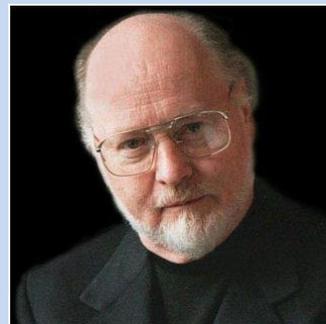


Sound Track' and it is referred to dialogues, sound effects, and vocal or instrumental music which accompany the motion pictures. The OST promotes different emotions that pictures can't do for themselves. You can also refer to this topic as music from the original motion picture soundtrack, music from and inspired by the motion picture or original motion picture soundtrack. An OST is a very important

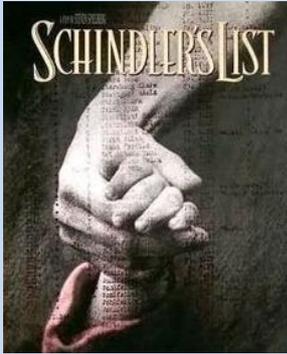
aspect in a film; because the meaning of a scene changes radically according to the music.

Think about a film you like! Can you remember their main music theme tune? I imagine that there are many unforgettable songs in your mind from blockbusters like Titanic, Superman, The Godfather, Pirates of the Caribbean, Gladiator, The Lord of the Rings, and so on. These wonderful films need to have a great soundtrack in order to emphasize their stories. This is the reason why movie producers sign on the best music composers. The authors of these scores are well-known composers who collaborate regularly with the most renowned filmmakers. Howard Shore, Hans Zimmer, Nino Rota, James Horner, Danny Elfman, and Ennio Morricone are some of the most celebrated composers around the world who have won prizes highlighted by the Oscars, Grammys, or Golden Globe Awards.

In my opinion, among the most prestigious composers, John Williams is top of list, not only for his remarkable international prizes, but also for his impressive melodies linked to Spielberg's famous films. John Williams is an American composer and conductor, born in New York in 1932. He is considered to be one of the greatest film composers of all time. His most recognizable and popular film scores are: Jaws (1975), Star Wars (1977), Superman (1978), Raiders of the Lost Ark (Indiana Jones) (1981), E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982), Jurassic Park (1993), Schindler's List (1993), Harry Potter (2001), and his latest film score, The Book Thief (2013). Williams' career spreads for five decades, in which he has won 5



Oscar Academy Awards, 4 Golden Globe Awards, 7 British Academy Film Awards, and 21 Grammy Awards.



I love all Williams' scores, but I would particularly recommend you to listen to the OSTs from Star Wars, E.T., and Schindler's List, because their melodies are amazing and unforgettable for me. Star Wars has a martial and powerful score; E.T. presents a funny and charming melody; while Schindler's List is based on sensitive music that fills our hearts with emotion. I hope you enjoy discovering music in films as much as I do, especially some of John Williams' masterpieces.

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