

Musician of the Month

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Magic of the Movies!

What would movies be without music? Some of the greatest moments of movie history would just not be the same without sound – try watching a clip of Cinderella dancing with her prince, or the final concert in Sing without music – it just doesn't work!

But sometimes the music is even more subtle – this is called the score and it is the music behind the action (not just when the characters are singing themselves...)



James Horner

The first composer we will look at is James Horner.

James is particularly famous for his soundtrack to one of the biggest films ever – Titanic!

On the link you can hear (and see) some films he wrote the soundtrack for – you might have heard of 9 and 13.

What do you like about his work? Is it all the same? What sort of moments might he be writing this music for?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-fWo1lozrk>



Hans Zimmer

Another famous modern composer is Hans Zimmer.

On the link you will hear some bits of different songs he wrote for the soundtrack of different films including... Pirates of the Caribbean!

How has he been able to tell the story of the action in his music?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqiTJK_uzUY



Howard Shore

A composer that I wasn't familiar with has created some VERY famous music for some VERY famous films. Howard Shore wrote the soundtrack for "The Lord of the Rings" (at 15 minutes in the link).

Do you recognise any of this music? Is it similar to the other composers we have heard?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1yQAhpN4rE>

