



John Williams is an American composer, conductor and pianist most famous for his film scores. He wrote the music for the Star Wars films as well Jurassic Park and many others well-known films.

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Life

John Williams was born on February 8th 1932 in New York, USA.

He was the son of a percussionist and was exposed to music from a young age.



John Williams learned the piano as a child, then later the trumpet, trombone and clarinet.



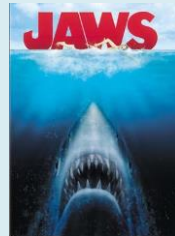
He studied composition at the University of California and worked as a jazz pianist in New York City.



He was heavily influenced by the late romantic composers including Mahler and Strauss.

Music

John Williams has created some of the most instantly recognizable film themes of all time. Amongst others he wrote the music for Harry Potter, Indiana Jones, E.T. and the original Superman films.



Jaws. The main theme is based on just two notes and is very creepy!



Star Wars. Probably the most famous opening theme ever.



Jurassic Park. Who doesn't love dinosaurs?

Awards and recognition

John Williams has won many awards for his music. He has been nominated for 52 Oscars, 22 Golden Globes, and 64 Grammys.
Wow!



1972 Oscar for best original song score for 'Fiddler on the Roof'.



1976 Oscar for best original music score for 'Jaws'.



1978 Oscar for best original music score for 'Star Wars: A New Hope'.



1983 Oscar for best original music score for 'E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial'.



1994 Oscar for best original music score for 'Schindler's List'.



2016 American Film Institute Lifetime Achievement Award.



How the music makes me feel.

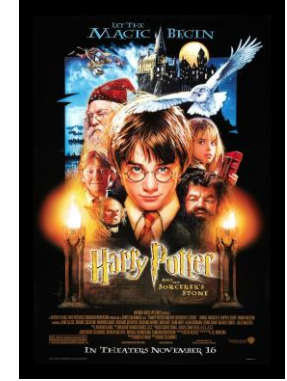
John Williams is special to me because I have grown up with the films he has scored music to. In many ways, he has written the soundtrack to my life.



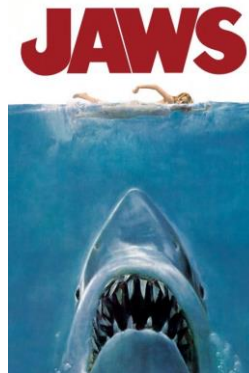
I feel excited when I listen to Star Wars.



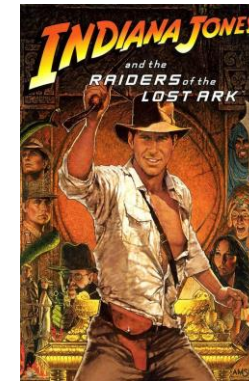
I feel sad when I listen to Schindler's List.



I feel mysterious when I listen to Harry Potter.



I feel scared when I listen to Jaws.



I feel adventurous when I listen to Indiana Jones.



I feel amazed when I listen to Jurassic Park.