

John Williams

Through the Ages

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- ✧ Johnny Williams (b. 1932)
 - ✧ Began as a jazz pianist
 - ✧ Played studio piano for scores by Mancini, Goldsmith, and Elmer Bernstein
 - ✧ Television: Gilligan's Island; Lost in Space
- ✧ Oscars - 5 wins
 - ✧ Fiddler on the Roof 1971
 - ✧ Jaws 1975
 - ✧ Star Wars 1977
 - ✧ E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial
 - ✧ Schindler's List 1993
 - ✧ 51 nominations second to Disney (59)
- ✧ Significant career as a conductor: Boston Pops



Before Star Wars

- ✧ Among early Oscar nominations
 - ✧ Valley of the Dolls 1967
 - ✧ Goodbye, Mr. Chips 1969
 - ✧ Images 1972
- ✧ Disaster films
 - ✧ Poseidon Adventure 1972
 - ✧ The Towering Inferno 1974
 - ✧ Jaws 1975
 - ✧ Collaboration with Steven Spielberg (CSULB grad)
 - ✧ AFI: Greatest Score No. 6
 - ✧ Famous shark leitmotif



After Star Wars

- ✧ 1977-84
 - ✧ Close Encounters of the Third Kind
 - ✧ Superman, II, III, IV 1978, 80, 83, 87
 - ✧ Indiana Jones: 1981, 84, 89, (2008)
 - ✧ E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial 1982



Raiders of the Lost Ark, 1981

- Raiders March in (ABA) form as in closing credits
 - A march (Indiana Jones) theme: form aa bxbx a'a'
 - B is "Trio" (Marion's theme)
 - A March returns
- Action scene; retrieving the Ark: Viewer Guide 21.2
 - Tempo and syncopation similar to Korngold
 - Thematic references to a, b, x, a', and accompaniment

E.T.: The Extraterrestrial

- ✧ Spielberg/Williams collaboration 1982
- ✧ AFI 25, 2nd highest of the 80s
- ✧ AFI Best Score No. 13
- ✧ Narrative with two parallel plots
 - ✧ E.T. is abandoned on Earth
 - ✧ Elliot is abandoned by his family
 - ✧ E.T. and Elliot will develop a symbiotic relationship



Into the 1990s

✧ Prominent scores

- ✧ Jurassic Park 1993
- ✧ Schindler's List 1993
- ✧ Saving Private Ryan 1998

✧ Lighter fares

- ✧ Home Alone 1990
- ✧ Hook 1991
 - ✧ Peter Pan grows up - lawyer
 - ✧ He has no memory of his Neverland days, but Hook does
 - ✧ Hook kidnaps his children
 - ✧ Tinker Bell takes Peter to Neverland
 - ✧ Can he recover his youthful abilities to save them?
 - ✧ Cast: Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, and Julie Roberts
 - ✧ Delightfully melodic score

