

WIND & BRASS: A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



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SIMON BALLE MUSIC

The Simon Balle Concert Band

Conductor: Mrs C Taylor, Leader: Luke Ansell

Gonna Fly Now

This is best known as the theme from the film franchise Rocky. First appearing in 1997 this piece was a smash hit for composer, conductor and Oscar winner Bill Conti. This arrangement is by the great Japanese arranger Naohiro Iwai who has taken this exciting piece and made it into a stirring concert item.

Feather Theme

This beautiful theme is from the iconic 1994 film Forrest Gump. The feather represents Forrest's approach to life as it just floats through the world in whichever direction the wind takes it. This simple melody gives the flutes a chance to shine.

This is Me

From the songwriting team who brought us Dear Evan Hansen and La La Land, the movie musical The Greatest Showman (2017) is based on the true story of P.T. Barnum with Hugh Jackman in the title role. This arrangement of the powerful anthem from the film is a dynamic showcase for the concert stage.

Southampton

Without question, James Cameron's Titanic is the entertainment icon of the 90s, breaking virtually every box office record and capturing 11 Academy Awards. Composed by James Horner his score has touched millions. Southampton is where the ill-fated ship set sail in 1912 and this arrangement evokes the excitement and grandeur of this event.

No Time to Die

This is the theme from the latest James Bond film No Time to Die, which features a darkly beautiful and moody theme song, recorded by Billie Eilish. With hints of the signature Bond harmonic flavour and stylish setting this gives the band a good chance to work together.

Backdraft

The hit movie Backdraft is one of the earliest soundtracks by award-winning Hollywood composer Hans Zimmer. Starring Kurt Russell amongst many other stars the film plays a dignified homage to the highly dangerous life of fire workers. Behind the racing engines and blaring sirens the soundtrack is easily lost in the film but is highly charged and a fitting backdrop to the action on screen. This authentic arrangement by Hans Zimmer retains all the excitement and action of the original.

Junior Wind Band

Conductor: Mr M Peach

March from the Great Escape

The Great Escape March is the title theme from the classic 1963 film starring Steve McQueen; here is an adaptation of one of the most famous movie marches of all time.

Colours of the wind

Colours of the wind is the main theme from Walt Disney's 1995 motion picture Pocahontas. Based on the life of a Powhatan woman and the arrival of English Settlers it depicts the romance between John Smith and Pocahontas. Colours of the wind brings together the genius of Stephen Schwartz and Alan Menken.

Selections from Pirates of the Caribbean

Here is a concise medley of the exciting music from the 2003 film the Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl. Skilfully arranged by Michael Sweeney this arrangement includes the tunes Fog Bound, The Medallion Calls and The Black Pearl.

Lean on Me

Originally written and recorded by Bill Withers in 1972, and recently updated on the hit TV series Glee, this familiar rock hit will be a fun one for the band to play. Lean on me appeared in the film of the same name in 1989.

Minnie the Moocher

A jazz classic that has stood the test of time, this arrangement captures all the magic of this great Cab Calloway tune from the 1930s. Also known as the "Hi-dee-ho" song, it was re-popularized by Cab himself in a 1970's comedy film that featured two brothers singing the blues that were "on a mission from God." Included in this arrangement is the famous vocal scat that made this a huge hit that spans generations.

Brass Ensemble

Conductor: Mr D Taylor

Theme from JFK

This is the main title theme from the controversial 1991 film directed by Oliver Stone. The original score was by John Williams and this arrangement for the brass ensemble has been done by Dan Taylor himself.

Highlights from La La Land

The critically acclaimed and widely popular movie musical La La Land features fresh-sounding songs and an award-winning soundtrack. Beautifully scored by Justin Hurwitz, this medley includes Another Day of Sun, Someone in the Crowd, City of Stars, Mia & Sebastian's Theme.

Something's Coming

From the 1957 film west side story something's coming composed by Leonard Bernstein is a sung solo by the male lead character Tony. This version for brass ensemble has been again arranged by Dan Taylor.

Love Theme from the Godfather

Some movie themes never seem to grow old - only better. This hauntingly beautiful melody from The Godfather trilogy is almost as well known as the movies themselves.

Highlights from The Lion King

The Lion King was originally animated by Disney in 1994 and has since been rereleased in the live-action movie in 2019. This melody includes This land, Circle of Life, Be Prepared, can you feel the love tonight and just can't wait to be King.

Interval of 15 minutes

Saxidentals

Conductor: Mrs C Taylor

Copacabana

Even though this was a hit for Barry Manilow in the 70's, the hot Latin beat and steamy melodies have kept this one popular through the years. Appearing in the 1985 made for television musical film of the same name, this film inspired the 1994 stage musical. This arrangement was done prior to Covid by the great Keith Willis and it is a pleasure to finally get to perform it.

West Side Story Selection

Another delve into the music of West Side Story with the timeless music of Leonard Bernstein woven together in this exceptional medley of songs from his best-known musical. This film was nominated for 11 Academy awards and won 10 including best picture. This arrangement includes Prologue, Tonight, Maria; I want to be in America.

Jungle Book

From the classic 1967 Disney animation this jazzy arrangement by Jon Halton includes two of the best-loved tunes I Wanna be like you and Bare Necessities.

You Can't Stop the Beat

This arrangement by Ted Ricketts is the upbeat showstopper from the Broadway musical and 2007 hit movie Hairspray.

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Best of the West

Everyone loves a western and this rollicking medley of four popular, contrasting western movie themes including: I'm On My Way from Paint Your Wagon, The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, Blazing Saddles an American western black comedy by Mel Brooks and The Magnificent Seven.

Singin' in the Rain

Gene Kelly's performance of this song in the 1952 movie of the same name has become an iconic favourite through the years. Here is a fabulous setting for concert band inspired by this classic version.

(Everything I Do) I do it for You

This was the iconic theme from the 1991 hit Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. Arranged by Ron Sebregts, this pop hit by Bryan Adams makes a spectacular band feature with its rich harmonies and expansive melodies.

Where No Man Has Gone Before

One of my favourite arrangements of all time this gives us some of the best themes from the sci-fi films of the 70's and 80's. With tunes from Star Trek, Superman and Star wars this is a fabulous piece for the band to play.

Atlas

Recorded by Coldplay, this beautiful and emotive ballad from the 2012 film The Hunger Games: Catching Fire notably marks the first time that the band has ever written and recorded an original song specifically for a motion picture.

Disney at the Movies

Great number to finish with this arrangement combines all the Disney classics together in one piece. A tricky one for the band to finish with and takes lots of concentration. See how many tunes you can spot.