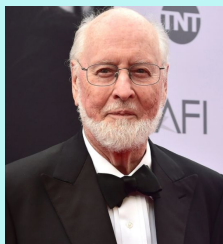


Music of the Movies and Voice in a Million

Key composer, genre and instruments

John Williams (born February 8, 1932) is an American composer, conductor, pianist and trombonist. In a career that has spanned nearly seven decades, he has composed some of the most popular, recognisable, and critically acclaimed film scores in cinematic history. Williams has won 25 Grammy Awards, seven British Academy Film Awards, five Academy Awards and four Golden Globe Awards.



Some of the films he has composed a music score for are: The Harry Potter films, Star Wars, ET, Jaws, Indiana Jones films, the first two Jurassic Park films and Superman.

John Williams writes music for a whole orchestra. The music helps to tell the story of the film, whether it be action, comedy, romance or horror.

[John Williams conducts the Imperial March from Star Wars](#)



Key Skills

- Sing or play from memory with confidence.
- Perform as part of an ensemble.
- Use voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- Perform with controlled breathing.
- Understand musical storytelling.
- Interpret graphic notation.
- Thoughtfully select elements for a piece in order to gain a defined effect.



Relevant songs and music for listening

By John Williams:

- Harry Potter Theme
- Star Wars
- Jurassic Park
- Indiana Jones

Other film themes:

- Pirates of the Caribbean
- Titanic

Songs to learn for VIAM:

- Dance Monkey
- Someone to you
- Reach
- One Call Away
- Something just like this
- Unconditionally
- Wake up
- We are the World
- Broken Beauty
- It's OK
- I'm Still Standing
- Chosen Family
- You are my Song

Key Vocabulary

score	A piece of music written on a staff.
composer	Someone who writes music.
graphic notation	A way of writing music in the form of symbols and pictures.
brass	Instruments which are made of brass, have a bell shaped end and round mouthpiece. Trumpets, trombones and horns are brass instruments.
woodwind	A section of the orchestra which includes wind instruments with a reed. Oboe, clarinet and bassoon all have reeds. Flutes do not but are also in the woodwind section.
percussion	A section of the orchestra with instruments which are struck, shaken or scraped: kettle drums, xylophones and gongs are in the percussion section.
strings	The largest section of the orchestra. It includes violins, violas, cellos, double basses and harps.
ensemble	A group of singers or players.
genre	A style of music, film or book.
good posture	A way of standing to enable good breathing and singing.

