

Composition - Film & Television

Key Vocabulary staff nothe written format of a piece of music which includes shows the notes, length of notes and pitch of notes tation a set of five horizontal lines on which note symbols are stave placed to indicate pitch and rhythm sharp (#) a musical tone that is a half step higher in pitch than another a musical tone that is half a step lower in pitch than flat (b) another chord when three or more notes, in order of pitch, are played at the same time allegro a quick, lively tempo (speed) that creates a cheerful atmosphere a moderately slow tempo, which suggests a relaxed pace andante of movement a slow tempo, which can create a purposeful, emotional largo or dignified atmosphere a specific sequence of notes that are arranged in asscale cending or descending order of pitch a note or chord continuously sounded for a length of drones time three notes of a scale arpeggio a short, constantly repeated pattern ostinato to accent a note is to make it stand out from other accent notes by playing it differently

Film and TV composition involves creating music that enhances the emotional and narrative impact of what is being shown on screen. Composers work closely with directors and producers to craft scores that complement the mood, setting, and themes of a story. This music can range from grand orchestral pieces to subtle, atmospheric sounds, depending on the scene's needs. A composer needs to carefully consider the instruments and their timbre as well as the tempo of the piece to create the desired effect. A well-crafted score can elevate storytelling, evoke emotions and make scenes more memorable, playing a crucial role in the overall viewer experience.

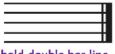
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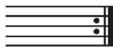
separates sections or 'bars' of music



sections in-between bar lines



bold double bar line end of a piece

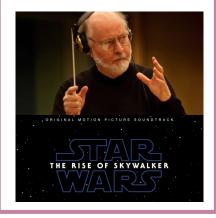


repeat repeat a section of music

Famous film composers

Hans Zimmer





Notable examples

Notable film and television scores often become iconic because they perfectly capture the essence of the story, characters, and emotions, making them unforgettable to audiences worldwide.

Hans Zimmer's work on "The Dark Knight" trilogy redefined superhero scores with its intense, moody tones. His use of minimalistic, yet powerful motifs, like the two-note theme for the Joker, adds to the film's tension and atmosphere, creating a strong association with the character.

John Williams' score for "Star Wars" is legendary for its use of recurring musical themes associated with characters like Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader. The Imperial March and Main Title themes are instantly recognizable, embodying the epic sense of adventure of the saga.

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