

# Film Music Facts



Every film is rated by the British Board of Film Classification who decide which films are appropriate for which age group. PG stands for parental guidance!



Film Music is usually composed for an orchestra, though many scores add other instruments and musical ideas from other cultures. For example, many rhythms from African music can be found in fantasy film scores.



The first feature length animated film was Walt Disney's 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' in 1927 - the first film made entirely for children.



The first 'talkie' film was 'The Jazz Singer' in 1927. Before this films were 'silent' and had no synchronised sound except for the pianist in the cinema. Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton were the stars of silent movies.

**Action**

**Horror**

**Romance**

**Comedy**

**Fantasy**

**Western**

**Animated**

Famous Foley Sounds  
Lightsabres in  
'Star Wars' (1977)  
The T Rex in  
'Jurassic Park' (1993)  
The wilhelm Scream  
'Distant Drums' (1951)  
The boulder from  
'Indiana Jones' (1984)  
The 'Braam'  
'Inception' (2010)

## Famous Film Composers

John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Bernard Herrman, Ennio Morricone, Henry Mancini, Alan Silvestri, Michael Giacchino, John Barry, James Horner, Rachel Portman and many more!

## Who is Oscar?

These composers have won countless awards for their compositions, the most prestigious of these being the Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars. These awards began in 1929 to celebrate the movies of Hollywood.

