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Thursday, December 1, 2016

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conductor

Kaitlyn Lusk

soprano

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The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

Original Score composed by Howard Shore

Composer Howard Shore brings J.R.R. Tolkien's literary imagination to vivid life with his Academy® and GRAMMY® Award–winning score to *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring.* Shore's music expresses Peter Jackson's film as an immense symphonic work—a uniquely developed vision drawn from centuries of stylistic tendencies.

The music of *The Lord of the Rings* is counted among film music's most complex and comprehensive works. This unique performance sets the score to the film, but allows the music to bear the narrative weight, creating a wholly new and dramatic live concert experience.

Shore's score not only captures *Fellowship's* sweeping emotion, thrilling vistas, and grand journeys, but also echoes the very construction of Tolkien's Middle-earth. Styles, instruments, and performers collected from around the world provide each of Tolkien's cultures with a unique musical imprint. The rural and simple hobbits are rooted in a dulcet weave of Celtic tones. The mystical Elves merit ethereal Eastern colours.



The Dwarves, Tolkien's abrasive stonecutters, receive columns of parallel harmonies and a rough, guttural male chorus. The industrialized hordes of Orcs claim Shore's most violent and percussive sounds, including Japanese taiko drums, metal bell plates and chains beaten upon piano wires, while the world of Men, flawed yet noble heirs of Middle-earth, is introduced with stern and searching brass figures. In operatic fashion, these musical worlds commingle, sometimes combining forces for a culminated power, other times violently clashing...and always bending to the will of the One Ring and its own ominous family of themes.

The music's vast scope calls for symphony orchestra, mixed chorus, children's chorus, and instrumental and vocal soloists singing in the Tolkien-crafted languages Quenya, Sindarin, Khuzdul, Adûnaic, Black Speech, as well as English. Original folk songs stand alongside diatonic hymns, knots of polyphony, complex tone clusters, and seething, dissonant aleatoric passages. It is purposeful, knowing writing, as contained in execution as it is far-reaching in influence: for within this broad framework resides a remarkably concise musical vision. Shore's writing assumes an earthy, grounded tone built on sturdy orchestral structures and a sense of line that is at once fluid yet stripped of frivolous ornamentation.

Says Howard Shore, "This is the first time that the complete score to *The Fellowship of the Ring* will be performed live to projection in Toronto. My first score for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, was the beginning of my journey into the world of Tolkien and I will always hold a special fondness for the music and the experience."

—Doug Adams is a Chicago-based musician and writer. He is the author of the book The Music of the Lord of the Rings Films.

The Themes of The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

The One Ring



The One Ring is the story's most proactive element. It has three distinct themes to represent its multidimensional nature: The History of the Ring, The Seduction of the Ring, and The Evil of the

Ring (Mordor/Sauron). The History of the Ring is first heard as "The Lord of the Rings" text appears in The Fellowship of the Ring, and reappears whenever the One Ring changes hands or marks significant progress in its journey. Set in pure, clean choral tones and punctuated by rumbling bass drum strokes, The Seduction of the Ring represents the One Ring's overwhelming allure. It appears three times in Fellowship—first for humming children's chorus; next, set to a Quenya text and sung by the children; and finally, sung by both children and women. The Evil of the Ring is an impervious snarl, limited to only four or five pitches, and unwavering in its focus. This material stands for the most villainous inclinations of the Ring and for Mordor itself.



The Shire &

This theme (which does not appear until the film reveals Hobbiton) serves a crucial purpose in *The Lord of the Rings*—it establishes a sense of home, a regular and safe way of life that is threatened by

Sauron and the Ring. As situations in Middle-earth worsen, the Shire theme provides a tangible sense of what is at stake. Because this tune is so simply and flexibly constructed, Shore is able to create four distinct variations out of the material: the Celtic-flavoured Rural Setting, the more orchestral Pensive Setting, the religioso Hymn Setting, and the developed Hobbit's Understanding, which is not fully realized until the end of Fellowship.

Gollum

The Pity of Gollum (Sméagol's Theme) stands for Gollum's sad state of existence, and is tellingly reprised throughout the film whenever Bilbo and Frodo begin to exhibit the creature's same slavish devotion to the Ring. The theme is based on a series of loosely related minor arpeggios, through which a knobby, twisted melody traipses, bestowing an unusually slippery profile.

The Elves

Shore's Elf music feels as if it's from another era. The writing is awash in chromatic harmonies, Eastern influences, and unique instruments. The choral passages utilize only gentle women's voices and Shore favours the more transparent tones of the orchestra—higher voices and clean figures devoid of plush harmonizations.

The **Lothlórien** theme is first heard in *Fellowship* as Galadriel begins her voice-over introduction. It returns in a more developed form once the Fellowship reaches Caras Galadhon in Lothlórien. In style it's the most Eastern and exotic of all the Elves' music. According to Shore, "This is a creepier world of Elves who are more mysterious. They could be bad; they could be good—you're not really sure."



The Elves of **Rivendell** are more open to outsiders than other Elven societies, so while their musical material is still touched with a shimmer, it's less exotic than the Lothlórien theme. Here, more familiar orchestral instruments flourish in layers of writing that places an acclivous figure for female chorus and a series of arcing arpeggios amidst glinting chimes, harps, and string harmonics.

The Dwarves

In contrast to his florid Elf music, Shore's Dwarf music is blocky and stout, full of basso profundo timbres and hard-cornered rhythms. It, too, depicts a culture in decline, though the ruins of Dwarf society are seen specifically relating to the danger of Moria.



The Moria theme, a stony rising line in parallel fifths, is scattered throughout the Fellowship's journey through the dark. "It's all men singing in ancient Dwarvish," explains Shore. The gruff singing is transformed into unrelentingly brutal chanting as the Balrog begins its approach. The Dwarrowdelf theme expresses the Dwarves' pride in their greatest accomplishment—a grand city—as well as their folly. Scored with bold French horn lines, it is twice reiterated in downtrodden variations: as Gimli discovers Balin's tomb, and as Merry and Pippin leap onto the Cave Troll's back to avenge Frodo.

The World of Men: Gondor

The Fellowship of the Ring marks the first appearance of two themes related to the world of men: the Realm of Gondor theme and the Minas Tirith (Silver Trumpets) theme. In this first film, each of these melodies appears only once, hinting at the future significance of the material. The Realm of Gondor débuts during the Council of Elrond, when Boromir learns of Aragorn's heritage and speaks of the burden borne by Gondor and his father, Denethor. The melody begins in solo French horn, but drops deeper in the orchestra with each iteration. Later in the film, as Aragorn and Boromir rest in Lothlórien and discuss the future of Gondor, Shore plays the Minas Tirith (Silver Trumpets) theme, another beautiful brass line that represents everything that mankind can be, should it choose the nobler path.

The Fellowship of the Ring

Like the courageous coalition itself, Shore's theme for the Fellowship of the Ring is assembled by fragments throughout the first film and scattered into shards thereafter. Its first

tentative tones accompany Frodo and Sam's passage through a Shire cornfield—the *de facto* beginning of the Fellowship. These snippets are expanded slightly as new members join the hobbits, but it's not until they reach Rivendell that the theme completely forms. During the Council of Elrond the melody begins to stir in the midrange strings and low brass, as members of the future Fellowship volunteer their services. When Elrond declares them the Fellowship of the Ring, Shore opens the melody into a fully realized heroic theme. After Gandalf falls in the Mines of Moria, the Fellowship theme begins to break down, and is seldom heard in the same heroic quise.

The Monsters of Middle-Earth

In certain instances, the composer was offered frightful creatures that were so unordinary, or posed such a potent threat to the Fellowship, that the writing encapsulates their danger in a singular musical world. Here is found some of Shore's most adventurous and modern writing, full of twentieth-century compositional techniques, unusual orchestrations, and other alien musical timbres.

Outside the Gates of Moria, Merry and Pippin mindlessly toss stones into the lake. Here Shore begins the world of the darkly pliable **Watcher** music with a double bass line that bends pitches by quartertones. As the Watcher's limbs wriggle free of the black waters, the score transforms into a convulsing skein of tones. The Watcher music is almost entirely aleatoric; Shore defined the pitch material, durations, and playing style, but the members of the orchestra are not required to align their performances.

Whereas the Watcher's music was a squirming Medusa's head of sounds, the **Cave Troll**'s is pounding, sharp, and heavy. Plodding lines for timpani and low brass follow the enraged Troll around the room while piercing outbursts in muted and *flatterzunge* brass slice through.



The **Balrog**'s music is treated as an extension of the Dwarf music, prodded and pierced by the grunting chorus of male voices. The emphasis

here is on the lowest tones available to Shore's palette, with which he creates a primeval trellis of savagely rhythmic material built off open harmonies. Over this, queasy brass dissonances sort through Moria material. This is the Dwarf style taken to its furious extreme, a dense compilation of weight and rage.

Isengard



Tolkien scholars have long designated the conflicting goals of the industrial and natural worlds as one of *The Lord of the Rings's* major dramatic themes, and Shore's material follows suit with Isengard's asymmetrically mechanical music. The **Isengard/Orc** theme is Isengard's equivalent of the Fellowship theme. It is generally scored for low brass in their deepest registers. Like Isengard's vicious culture. it is simple, cruel music; music of metal and wheels. It is the **Five Beat Pattern** that most often represents Isengard's presence in the film. This thunderous, hammering rhythm is scored for collections of metal bell plates, anvils, bass drum, Japanese taiko drum, and metal chains beating the strings inside a grand piano.

Mordor



Shore's music for the Land of Mordor is set as the diametric opposite of the music for the hobbits and the Shire. This music favours low strings and the deepest registers of brass, fused to create a thick fog of overtones. Mixed choruses erupt into primal rhythms with abnormally close-spaced harmonies for a towering, ritualistic effect. The primary motif for Barad-dûr and Sauron is identical to the One Ring's Evil theme (see earlier description). The Ringwraiths, Sauron's malicious ambassadors to Middle-earth, earn the most prominent and ritualistic of the Mordor themes. Although it is sometimes presented in a purely instrumental guise, the theme is primarily choral, adding to its ceremonial flavor.

Nature's Reclamation

In Shore's score, Nature maintains its own music culture the same as the Hobbits, Elves, or Dwarves. It is a world slower to react, more reluctant to marshal its forces against Sauron and his minions, and so the Nature music emerges gradually over the course of the films. One of *The Fellowship of the Ring*'s most ethereally beautiful moments arrives courtesy of a moth to which Gandalf entrusts his rescue from Orthanc. Shore introduces a boy soprano singing what will become the Nature's Reclamation theme. Though Nature's Reclamation does not recur in *The Fellowship of the Ring*, by the end of *The Two Towers* it will have achieved operatic proportions.

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Howard Shore, composer

Howard Shore is one of today's premier composers whose music is performed in concert halls around the world by the most prestigious orchestras and is heard in cinemas across the globe.

Shore's musical interpretation of J.R.R. Tolkien's imaginative world of *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*, as portrayed in the films directed by Peter Jackson, have enthralled people of all generations for years. This work stands as his most acclaimed composition to date awarding him with three Academy Awards, four GRAMMY® Awards, two Golden Globes, as well as numerous critics' and festival awards.

He is an Officier de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres de la France and has also been recognized by Canada with the Governor General's Performing Arts Award. The National Board of Review of Motion Pictures honoured Howard Shore with an award for Career Achievement for Music Composition and the city of Vienna bestowed him with the Max Steiner Award. Shore has received numerous other awards for his career achievements.

Perhaps most notable from his early career, Shore was one of the creators of *Saturday Night* Live and served as musical director from 1975 to 1980. At the same time, he began collaborating with David Cronenberg and has since scored 15 of the director's films, including The Fly, Crash, and Naked Lunch. He was awarded Canadian Screen Awards for Maps to the Stars for score and Cosmopolis for both score and song. His original scores to A Dangerous Method, Eastern Promises, and Dead Ringers were each honoured with a Genie Award. Shore continues to distinguish himself with a wide range of projects, from Martin Scorsese's Hugo, The Departed, The Aviator (for which he won his third Golden Globe Award), and Gangs of New York, to Ed Wood, Se7en, The Silence of the Lambs, Philadelphia, Mrs. Doubtfire, and the score for Tom McCarthy's Academy Award-winning film Spotlight.

Other recent works include the piano concerto *Ruin and Memory* for Lang Lang (2010), the song cycle *A Palace Upon the Ruins* featuring mezzo-soprano Jennifer Johnson Cano (2014), a cello concerto *Mythic Gardens* featuring Sophie Shao (2012), and *Fanfare* for the Wanamaker Organ in Philadelphia (2008). His opera, *The Fly* (2008), which premièred at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris and at Los Angeles Opera, recently completed a successful run in Germany at Theater Trier.

Fran Walsh, lyricist

In 2004, Fran Walsh was awarded Academy Awards for Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Original Song, and Best Picture for The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. For her work co-writing The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Walsh was nominated for an Oscar, a British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award, and a Writers Guild of America Screen Award, and (along with Peter Jackson, Barrie Osborne, and Tim Sanders) won the AFI Film Award. Walsh first garnered an Academy Award nomination for Best Screenplay for the feature Heavenly Creatures, which she co-wrote with her collaborator Peter Jackson, Walsh, who has a background in music, began her writing career soon after leaving Victoria University where she majored in English literature.

Philippa Boyens, writer

Since being named by *Variety* in their list of Ten Writers to Watch in 2000, Philippa Boyens, who made her début as a screenwriter with *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, has won an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, and was previously nominated for an Oscar, a British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award,

and a Writers Guild of America Award, among others. Boyens worked in theatre as a playwright, teacher, producer, and editor. Boyens moved to film via a stint as Director of the New Zealand Writers Guild. Her love of J.R.R. Tolkien's work brought her to this project, having been a fan since she was eleven years old.

Peter Jackson, director

Jackson has made cinema history in making *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy, comprising nine hours of continuous cinema that can be enjoyed by audiences worldwide. The films have become a phenomenon cross-culturally around the world, not only embracing the respect of established Tolkien fans and scholars, but introducing young audiences to Tolkien's classic novels. He was awarded three Academy Awards for Best Director, Best Picture, and Best Adapted Screenplay for *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*.

THE ARTISTS



Ludwig Wicki conductor These performances mark Ludwig Wicki's TSO début.

A native of Lucerne, Switzerland, Ludwig Wicki studied trombone and became a member of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra, eventually expanding his studies to include orchestral and choral conducting. Maestro Wicki's long-time passion for film music reached an important

milestone in 1999 with the creation of the 21st Century Symphony Orchestra. This professional ensemble, which he leads as its sole Artistic Director, currently offers a series of more than ten projects every season as well as guest appearances in London, Paris, and New York. Together, they have developed partnerships with renowned film composers, including Howard Shore, Michael Giacchino, Patrick Doyle, Randy Newman, Martin Böttcher, and George Fenton.

Since leading the 21st Century Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in the 2008 world première of *The Fellowship of the Ring* in Lucerne, Ludwig Wicki has performed the score in Munich, Washington (Wolftrap), London, Chicago, Amsterdam, Lyon, Sydney, New York City, and other major metropolitan areas. This highly successful project went on to include the world premières of *The Two Towers* in 2009 and *The Return of the King* in 2010, as well as the entire *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy at Lincoln Center in New York



Kaitlyn Lusk soprano These performances mark Kaitlyn Lusk's TSO début.

Kaitlyn Lusk quickly gained international acclaim and won the hearts of audiences with her incredible voice and captivating presence. Whether singing the music of Ennio Morricone, James Horner, or Howard Shore, she has established herself as one of the most versatile vocalists in the industry today.

Over the last decade, Kaitlyn has been the featured vocal soloist in Howard Shore's *The Lord of the Rings Symphony*, performing this role with over 75 of the world's finest orchestras and many world-renowned conductors. At Howard Shore's request, Kaitlyn performed the Academy Award—winning song "Into The West" as part of the GRAMMY® Honors in New York City. Her expanded role in the Live to Projection performances of *The Lord of the Rings Films* has brought her centre stage around the world in such legendary concert halls as Radio City Music Hall, Royal Albert Hall, and the Sydney Opera House. She can be found as star soloist on the album *The Lord of the Rings Symphony* released on BR Klassik, and the newly released *Western Music in Concert*, all recorded live.



Toronto Mendelssohn Choir

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The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir made its TSO début in March. 1937.

The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir (TMC), Canada's world-renowned large vocal ensemble, performs choral music drawn from five centuries, including grand symphonic masterworks, world premières of new compositions, and rarely heard works. In addition to its own concert season, the TMC also appears regularly with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) and makes other guest appearances.

The TMC presented its first concert on January 15, 1895, as part of Massey Hall's inaugural season. Since then the TMC has flourished under the leadership of seven of Canada's pre-eminent conductors. Under Noel Edison's tenure, the Choir has won widespread praise for its recordings and from audiences and critics for its performances in Toronto, New York, Vienna, Salzburg, and in Vancouver during the 2010 Cultural Olympiad.

The choristers of the TMC include professional singers, auditioned volunteers, and choral apprentices. Twenty members of the Elora Singers, founded and directed by Noel Edison, form the professional core of the TMC. The TMC's Choral Apprentice Program brings experienced 17–22 year-old singers into the Choir and supports them through bursaries, voice coaching, and mentoring. The TMC's Associate Conductor position supports the development of emerging conductors.

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THE ARTISTS



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The Canadian Children's Opera Company made its TSO début in November, 1969.

Founded in 1968, the Canadian Children's Opera Company (CCOC) occupies a unique position as the only permanent children's opera company in Canada, and one of only a handful in the world. It commissions, produces, records, and tours new operas and choral music, with children as both the principal performers and main audience. The company also regularly collaborates with other leading arts organizations, including acting as the children's chorus for the Canadian Opera Company. The group includes six divisions plus an outreach arm (OPERAtion KIDS), and involves hundreds of children and youth ages 3 through 19 every year. A unique experience, members get unparalleled performance opportunities, life skills, and world-class vocal and dramatic training.

Highlights of the 2016/17 season include a major new production of the Czech children's opera *Brundibár*, by Hans Krása, made famous for its role inspiring inmates of the concentration camp Terezin; the Youth Chorus première of *Commedia*, a new show based on the Italian tradition of *commedia dell'arte*; and the world première of *Mulligan's Toy Shop* by Canadian composer Elizabeth Raum. CCOC members will also appear in the Canadian Opera Company productions of *The Magic Flute* and *Tosca*. The group plans to tour *Brundibár* to Europe in the summer of 2017.

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