

Music of America: John Williams

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Sony Classical has released a 3-CD John Williams compilation featuring *Air and Simple Gifts* (2009), written for the inauguration of President Barack Obama, as well as Williams' Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra, plus a selection of previously available recordings of Williams' concert works and film scores. Among the titles included are *American Journey*, *Song for World Peace*, *The Five Sacred Trees*, *Elegy for Cello and Orchestra*, and concert suites from *Born on the Fourth of July* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

Disc: 1

01. Air and Simple Gifts
02. American Journey; I. Immigration and Building
03. American Journey; II. The Country at War
04. American Journey; III. Popular Entertainment
05. American Journey; IV. Arts and Sports
06. American Journey; V. Civil Rights and the Women's Movement
07. American Journey; VI. Flight and Technology
08. Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra; Sayuri's Theme
09. Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra; Going to School
10. Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra; The Chairman's Waltz
11. Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra; Brush on Silk
12. Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra; Chiyo's Prayer
13. Suite from *Memoirs of a Geisha* for Cello and Orchestra; Becoming A Geisha
14. Song for World Peace

Disc: 2

01. Summon the Heroes (for Tim Morrison)
02. Hymn to New England
03. *The Five Sacred Trees* (Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra); I. Eó Mugna
04. *The Five Sacred Trees* (Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra); II. Tortan
05. *The Five Sacred Trees* (Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra); III. Eó Rossa
06. *The Five Sacred Trees* (Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra); IV. Craeb Uisnig
07. *The Five Sacred Trees* (Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra); V. Dathi
08. Sound the Bells!
09. *Elegy for Cello and Orchestra*
10. The Mission Theme (Theme for NBC News)
11. March from 1941
12. The Olympic Spirit

Disc: 3

01. Main Title from *Star Wars*
02. Theme from *Jaws*
03. Theme from *Sugarland Express*
04. Flying Theme from *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*
05. Suite from *Born on the Fourth of July*; I. Theme from *Born on the Fourth of July*
06. Suite from *Born on the Fourth of July*; II. Cua Viet River, Vietnam 1968
07. Suite from *Born on the Fourth of July*; III. Massapequa...The Early Days
08. Theme from *Schindler's List*
09. Theme from *Jurassic Park*
10. Cadillac of the Skies from *Empire of the Sun*
11. Raiders March from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*
12. *Close Encounters of the Third Kind/When You Wish Upon a Star Medley*; *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (Excerpts)\ *When You Wish Upon A Star* (interpolated) (Voice)
13. Throne Room and Finale from *Star Wars*

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