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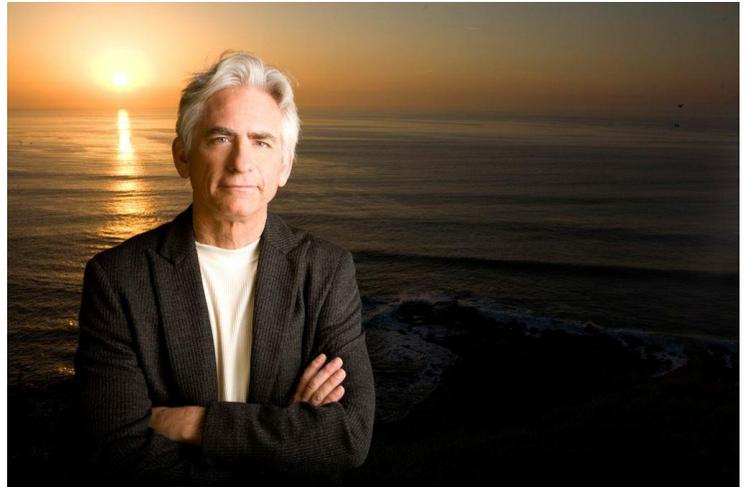
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# David Benoit - Biography

Since launching his recording career in 1977, David Benoit's expansive career as a contemporary jazz pianist has included over **25 solo recordings**. His '80s releases **This Side Up, Freedom at Midnight and the GRAMMY nominated Every Step of the Way** are considered influential genre classics. Among his other **Grammy nominations** are those for Best Instrumental Composition (for "Dad's Room," from 1999's Professional Dreamer) and Best Large Jazz Ensemble Performance (for the GRP All-Star Big Band).

His prolific output since 2000 includes several prominent **Charlie Brown** related projects (including Here's To You, Charlie Brown: 50 Great Years and the star-studded 40 Years: A Charlie Brown Christmas) that reflect his lifelong passion for the music of original Peanuts composer Vince Guaraldi and solidify Benoit's role as his musical heir.

Benoit has also released the Billboard Contemporary Jazz charting albums Fuzzy Logic, Right Here, Right Now, Full Circle and Heroes, which paid homage to the pianist's top jazz and pop influences.

Benoit's ever expanding slate of orchestral music endeavors include his ongoing role as **conductor of the Asia America Symphony Orchestra** and leading such eminent orchestras as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the symphonies of London, Nuremberg, San Francisco, Atlanta, San Antonio and San Jose. Concurrent with his burgeoning career as a conductor, he recorded 1996's American Landscape with The London Symphony Orchestra and 2005's Orchestral Stories with members of the Asia America Symphony Orchestra and the Czech National Symphony Orchestra. Orchestral Stories featured his first **piano concerto "The Centaur and the Sphinx"** and his **acclaimed symphonic piece "Kobe"**, both of which he has performed in live settings across the country. In 2009, Benoit performed and conducted Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" with the Asia America Symphony Orchestra in a show that included Broadway great Lea Salonga; he later conducted Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the same orchestra in his critically acclaimed debut at Los Angeles' Disney Hall.

Benoit's notable film scores include **The Stars Fell on Henrietta**, produced by Clint Eastwood and starring Robert Duvall; and The Christmas Tree, produced by Sally Field, voted Best Score of 1996 by Film Score Magazine. Benoit has also been a longtime guest educator with the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, winning the organization's "excellence in music education" award in 2001.

Through 2010, Benoit will head on the road to perform his latest inspiration from the April 2010 release, Earthglow. And on October 29, 2010, the pianist will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at The American Smooth Jazz Awards in Michigan City, Indiana.

# David Benoit - Discography

**JAZZ FOR PEANUTS**(Peak, 2008), Performer/Producer  
**40 YEARS: A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS** (Peak, 2005), Performer/Producer  
**BENOIT /FREEMAN PROJECT 2**(Peak, 2004), Co-Producer  
**THE LOVE PROJECT**(Narada,2004), Narada/Producer  
**CINDERELLA –WALT DISNEY -Original Soundtrack Album**, Performer/Arranger  
**WALT DISNEY’S MUSIC FROM THE PARK**, Performer/Arranger  
**THE SONGS OF WEST SIDE STORY**, Performer/Arranger  
**GRP BEATLE’S TRIBUTE - “Here, There & Everywhere”**, Performer/Arranger  
**THE BENOIT/FREEMAN PROJECT**, Composer/Co-Producer  
**GRP ALL-STAR BIG BAND - “Sidewinder” & “I Remember Clifford”**,  
Performer/Arranger  
**MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT –GRP “The First Noel”**, Performer/Arranger  
**SONGS WITHOUT WORDS II –Windham Hill**, Producer/Performer  
**Dave Koz – A SMOOTH JAZZ CHRISTMAS**Capitol Records, Musical Director/Co-  
Writer/Performer  
**Tim Weisberg - OUTRAGEOUS TEMPTATION**, Producer/Composer  
**Mark Winkler - EBONY RAIN**, Producer/Composer  
**Arnold McCuller - THE PART OF ME THAT’S YOU**, Producer/Composer  
**Sam Riney - LAY IT ON THE LINE**, Producer/Composer  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CHARLIE BROWN - ”Linus And Lucy”**,  
Performer/Arranger  
**Garfield - AM I COOL OR WHAT? - “Spare Time”**, Performer/Composer  
**Grant Geissman - “Take Another Look”**, Composer  
**Emily Remler - “Love Colors”**, Composer  
**Tim Weisberg - UNDERCOVER**, Producer  
**Bob Mamet - ADVENTURES IN JAZZ “Con versation at 29th St.”**, Co-Producer  
**SONGS WITHOUT WORDS -Windham Hill “Major Dreams, Minor Lies”**,  
Composer/Performer  
**THE BEST NEW AGE VOLUME 4 -Priority “After 6”**, Composer/Performer  
**Lainie Kazan - IN THE GROOVE**, Producer

# David Benoit – Solo Releases

2010 Earthglow (Peak)  
2008 Heroes (Peak)  
2006 FULL CIRCLE(Peak)  
2005 ORCHESTRAL STORIES (Peak), Composer  
2003 RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW(GRP), Co-Producer  
2002 FUZZY LOGIC(GRP), Co-Producer  
2000 HERE'S TO YOU, CHARLIE BROWN –50 GREAT YEARS!(GRP)  
1999 PROFESSIONAL DREAMER(GRP), Co-Producer  
1998 THE ARTIST'S CHOICE(Hip-O)  
1997 AMERICAN LANDSCAPE(GRP), Co-Producer  
1996 REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS(GRP), Producer  
1995 BEST OF DAVID BENOIT 1987-1995(GRP), Co-Producer  
1994 SHAKEN NOT STIRRED(GRP), Producer  
1992 LETTER TO EVAN(GRP), Co-Producer  
1991 SHADOWS(GRP), Co-Producer  
1990 INNER MOTION(GRP), Co-Producer  
1989 WAITING FOR SPRING(GRP), Co-Producer  
1989 URBAN DAYDREAMS(GRP), Co-Producer  
1987 EVERY STEP OF THE WAY(GRP), Co-Producer  
1986 FREEDOM AT MIDNIGHT(GRP), Co-Producer  
1986 SUMMER(King) -Japan  
1985 CHRISTMAS TIME(AVI), Producer  
1985 THIS SIDE UP(AVI)  
1984 DIGITS(AVI)  
1983 STAGES(AVI)  
1980 CAN YOU IMAGINE(AVI)  
1977 HEAVIER THAN YESTERDAY(AVI)

# David Benoit – TV/Films Soundtracks

**I WANT A DOG FOR CHRISTMAS CHARLIE BROWN,**

Composer/arranger/performer

**ABC Television Lee Mendelson/Bill Melendez,** Producer/Director

**THE MAKING OF A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS,** Musical Director, ABS Special

**A CHARLIE BROWN VALENTINE,** Musical Director, ABS Special

**HERE'S TO YOU CHARLIE BROWN, 50 GREAT YEARS,** Musical Director, CBS Special

**IT'S THE PIED PIPER, CHARLIE BROWN,** Composer/Orchestrator, Paramount Home Video

**THE PERFECT GAME,** Composer/Orchestrator, Feature Film and Soundtrack

**CREAM PUFF,** Composer/Orchestrator, Short Feature Film

**STILL HOLDING ON -THE LEGEND OF CADILLAC JACK,** Composer/Orchestrator, CBS Movie of the Week featuring Clint Black

**THE SUSAN SIKORA SHOW,** Composer/Arranger, UPN Television Theme

**FINAL DESCENT,** Composer/Orchestrator, CBS Movie of the Week

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE,** Composer/Orchestrator, Walt Disney Movie of the Week directed by Sally Field

**THE BEST BIRTHDAY I EVER HAD CHARLIE BROWN,** Composer/Arranger , Paramount Home Video

**MR. & MRS. SMITH,** Composer/Orchestrator, Television pilot for CBS

**THE STARS FELL ON HENRIETTA,** Composer/Orchestrator, Warner Bros. Feature Film and Soundtrack

**WALT DISNEY'S CINDERELLA - "Cinderella Medley",** Producer/Arranger

**SISTERS,** Composer/Orchestrator, NBC NETWORK SERIES 1995 SEASON

**THE GEORGE & ALANA SHOW,** Producer/Arranger, NBC Television Theme

**ALL MY CHILDREN -PRIMETIME SPECIAL,** Musical Director

**ALL MY CHILDREN -ABC DAYTIME SERIES,** Composer/Orchestrator, 25 Year Anniversary -New Theme

**DON'T PAVE MAIN STREET-CARMEL'S HERITAGE,** Composer/Orchestrator, A Feature Documentary Narrated By Clint Eastwood

**SIRENS,** Composer/Orchestrator, ABC NETWORK SERIES

**IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN, CHARLIE BROWN,** Composer/Arranger

**TICKETS PLEASE,** Composer/Orchestrator, Television pilot for CBS

**SHANNON'S DEAL,** Composer, NBC network series

**YOU'RE IN THE SUPERBOWL, CHARLIE BROWN!,** Musical Director/Orchestrator

**THIS IS AMERICA CHARLIE BROWN,** Composer/Orchestrator

**YOU DON'T LOOK 40, CHARLIE BROWN,** Musical Director

**GARFIELD'S FELINE FANTASIES,** Composer/Orchestrator

**GARFIELD GETS A LIFE,** Composer/Orchestrator

# David Benoit – Awards & Honors

Grammy Nomination 2000 - “Best Pop Instrumental”  
Dave Koz and Friends “A Smooth Jazz Christmas  
Oasis Smooth Jazz Keyboard Player of the Year –2000  
Grammy Nomination 1999 - “Best Instrumental Composition”  
David Benoit – DAD’S ROOM  
Oasis Smooth Jazz Keyboard Player of the Year –1999  
A TREASURE OF L.A. -special award given by the city of Los Angeles, 1997  
presented by Mayor Richard Riordan  
Grammy Nomination 1992 -“Best Large Jazz Ensemble Performance”  
GRP ALL-STAR BIG BAND  
Grammy Nomination 1988 - “Best Jazz Fusion Performance”  
David Benoit - EVERY STEP OF THE WAY  
BILLBOARD’S “Best Jazz Albums Of 1990” #2 -David Benoit - WAITING FOR  
SPRING  
BILLBOARD’S “Top Jazz Artists Of 1990” #5 -David Benoit  
American Institute of Architects “President’s Award”  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2010: Presented by Scott Music Group  
CERTIFICATE OF CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION From congressman Dana  
Rohrabacher  
CELEBRITY GRAND MARSHALL City Of Rolling Hills Estates (2004)

# David Benoit – Symphonic Repertoire

## **Leonard Bernstein**

Candide Overture  
Symphonic Dances from “On The Town

## **Benjamin Britten**

Simple Symphony

## **Fryderyk Chopin**

Andante Spinato and Grande Poloniase Brilliante

## **Aaron Copland**

Appalachian Spring  
Rodeo  
Quiet City

## **Gabriel Faure**

Pavanne Opus 50

## **George Gershwin**

An American In Paris  
Concerto In F  
Japanese

## **Edvar d Grieg**

Piano Concerto in Ami  
From Holdberg’s time

## **Felix Mendelssohn**

Violin Concerto in Emi  
Symphony No. 4 in A major Op. 90 “Italian”

## **George Frederic Handel**

Water Music

## **Johann Strauss**

On The Beautiful Blue Danube

## **Gioachino Rossini**

Overture To William Tell

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**  
Einie Kleine Nachtmusik in G  
Erstes Konzert fur Flute  
Marriage Of Figaro  
Dies Bildniss istBezaubernd Schon

**Serge Prokofieff**  
Peter and the wolf

**Giuseppe Verdi**  
Triumphant march from Aida

**John Williams**  
Jurassic Park  
Schindler's List

**Andrew Lloyd Webber**  
Phantom Of The Opera

**Claude-Michel Shonberg**  
Miss Saigon

**Francis Poulenc**  
Double Piano Concerto in D minor

**Pyotr liyich Tchaikovsky**  
Violin Concerto in D major

**Antonin Dvorak**  
Symphony No. 9 in Emi  
"From the New World"

**Charles Ives**  
The Unanswered Question

**Ludwig Van Beethoven**  
Egmont Overture