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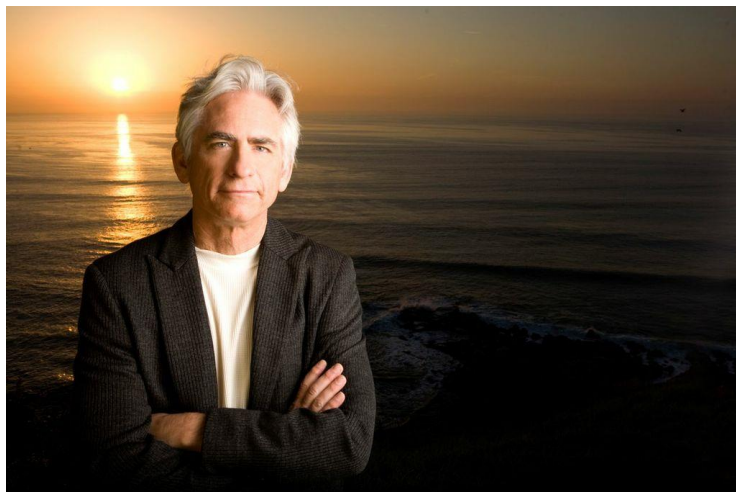
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David Benoit - Biography

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 CHRISTMASCapitol 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

Gioanchino Rossini

Overture To William Tell

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Einie Kleine Nachtmusik in G
Erstes Konzert fur Flute
Marriage Of Figaro
Dies Bildniss ist Bezaubernd 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 Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Violin Concerto in D major

Antonin Dvorak
Symphony No. 9 in E mi
"From the New World"

Charles Ives
The Unanswered Question

Ludwig Van Beethoven
Egmont Overture