CARL DAVIS

Composer

Carl Davis needs no introduction. He is one of the most celebrated film and television composers in the world today, with a huge list of productions to his credit.

Born in New York, Carl spent the early years of his career in America before going on to study in Copenhagen. From there he moved to Britain to begin an energetic composing and conducting career in the worlds of classical music, theatre, film and television.

Carl has composed almost 400 film and TV scores, winning **BAFTA** and **Ivor Novello awards** for productions such as the epic series *The World at War* and the film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, starring Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons. Other major film credits include *The Understudy, Scandal*, Ken Russell's *The Rainbow*, and *Champions*, starring John Hurt.

His prolific television work encompasses such landmark productions as Thames TV's *Hollywood* series and the BBC's *Far Pavilions*, along with countless other dramas and documentaries. In 1995 he wrote the music for the BBC's extraordinarily popular adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, (starring Jennifer Ehle and Colin Firth) and recently for two series of another literary adaptation (of novels by Elizabeth Gaskell): *Cranford*.

His memorable score for Abel Gance's 5-hour masterpiece *Napoleon*, first performed live at a screening of a restored print of the film in London in 1980, marked the inauguration of the legendary series of Thames Silents (subsequently the Channel 4 Silents), which in turn led to a worldwide revival of interest in silent film. He has now composed scores for over 55 classic movies of the 1910s and '20s, including *Ben-Hur*, *The Thief of Bagdad* and *The Phantom of the Opera*, as well as comedies by Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton, which he conducts at Live Cinema events around the world.

CARL DAVIS - SELECTED CREDITS

FEATURE FILMS

The Understudy (Mansion Pictures, 2009) Directors: David Conolly, Hannah Davis Producers: David Conolly, Hannah Davis

The Book of Eve (Focus Films/Rose Films, 2002) Director: Claude Fournier Producer: Marie-José Raymond

Topsy-Turvy (Thin Man Films, 1999) Director: Mike Leigh Producer: Simon Channing Williams

Widow's Peak (Rank, 1994) Director: John Irvin Producer: Jo Manuel

The Trial (BBC/Europanda, 1993) Director: David Hugh Jones Producer: Louis Marks

Voyage (Quinta, 1993) Director: John Mackenzie Producers: Tarak Ben Ammar, John Davis, Peby Guisez, Merrill H. Karpf

The Rainbow (Vestron, 1988) Director: Ken Russell Producer: Ken Russell

Scandal (Palace, 1988) Director: Michael Caton-Jones Producer: Stephen Woolley

Champions (Embassy, 1983) Director: John Irvin Producer: Peter Shaw

The French Lieutenant's Woman (Juniper, 1981) Director: Karel Reisz Producer: Leon Clore BAFTA 1982 Anthony Asquith award for Film Music Grammy nomination 1983 'Best Album of Original Score Written for a Motion Picture or Television Special'

BBC CLASSIC SERIES

Upstairs Downstairs (2010 -2012) Directors: Various Producer: Ann Tricklebank, Nikki Wilson

Cranford (2007/2009) Directors: Simon Curtis, Steve Hudson Producer: Sue Birtwistle

Pride and Prejudice (1995) Director: Simon Langton Producer: Sue Birtwistle

Pickwick Papers (1981) Director: Brian Lighthill Producer: Barry Letts

The Old Curiosity Shop (1979) Director: Julian Amyes Producer: Barry Letts

Prince Regent (1979) Directors: Michael Simpson sMichael Hayes Producer: Colin Tucker

The Mayor of Casterbridge (1978) Director: David Giles Producer: Jonathan Powell

Our Mutual Friend (1978) Director: Peter Hammond Producer: Martin Lisemore

Lorna Doone (1977) Director: Joan Craft Producer: Barry Letts, Shep Greene

Treasure Island (1977) Director: Michael E. Briant Producer: Barry Letts

TELEVISION DRAMA

Promoted to Glory (Fremantle Media, 2003) Director: Richard Spence Producer: Kenith Trodd

TELEVISION DRAMA (continued)

Back Home (Lucky Dog, 2001) Director: Simon Massey Producer: Mia Jupp

Good Night Mr Tom (BBC, 1998) Director: Jack Gold Producer: Chris Burt

Coming Home

(Portman Entertainment, 1997) Director: Giles Foster Producer: Rikolt von Gagern

Covington Cross

(Thames/Reeves 1992) Directors: Various Producer: Aida Young, Joel Surnow

Black Velvet Gown (World Wide, 1991) Director: Norman Stone Producer: Ray Marshall

Diary of a Madman (Vattington/RTE 1991) Director: Ronan O'Leary Producer: Ronan O'Leary

The Far Pavilions (Goldcrest 1984) Director: Peter Duffell Producer: Geoffrey Reeve

TELEVISION DRAMA (continued)

The Last Romantics (BBC 1992) Director: Jack Gold Producer: David M. Thompson

Pied Piper (Granada 1989)

Real Women (BBC 1997) Director: Philip Davis Producer: Debbie Shewell

Seesaw (ITV, 1998) Director: George Case Producer: Gillian Gordon

A Year in Provence (BBC 1993) Director: David Tucker Producer: Ken Riddington

CHILDREN'S TELEVISION

The Queen's Nose (7 series, Film & Productions/BBC, 1995-2003) Directors: Carol Wiseman, David Skynner Producers: Davina Belling, Clive Parsons

The Greatest Store in the World (BBC, 1999) Director: Jane Prowse Producer: Gillian Gordon

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