44th #AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute to John Williams

Description

For the first time in AFI history, Americaâ??s highest honor for a career in film will be bestowed upon a composer. John Williams will receive the 44th AFI Life Achievement Award in 2016.

Watch John Williams as he discusses scoring George Lucas films!

â??John Williams has written the soundtrack to our lives,â?• said Sir Howard Stringer, Chair, AFI Board of Trustees. â??Note by note, through chord and chorus, his genius for marrying music with movies has elevated the art form to symphonic levels and inspired generations of audiences to be enriched by the magic of the movies. AFI is proud to present him with its 44th Life Achievement Award.â?•

John Williamsâ?? storied career as the composer behind many of the greatest American films and television series of all time boasts over 150 credits across seven decades. Perhaps best known for his enduring collaboration with director Steven Spielberg, his scores are among the most iconic and recognizable in film history, from the edge-of-your-seat JAWS (1975) motif to the emotional swell of E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL (1982) and the haunting elegies of SCHINDLERâ??S LIST (1993). Always epic in scale, his music has helped define over half a century of the motion picture medium. Three of Williamsâ?? scores landed on AFIâ??s 100 Years of Film Scores â?? a list of the 25 greatest American film scores of all time â?? including the unforgettable STAR WARS (1977) soundtrack, at number one. With five Academy AwardÂ® wins and 49 nominations in total, Williams holds the record for the most OscarÂ® nominations of any living person.

Williams will be honored at a Gala Tribute on June 9, 2016 in Los Angeles, California. The AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute television special will air on TNT later that same month, followed by an encore presentation on Turner Classic Movies.

For information on tickets or tributes, please contact Amy Campbell at 323.856.7676 or acampbell@afi.com.

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