

## Listen Up!

### Ennio Morricone – film composer



Once upon a time in the west

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udIY\\_3s4\\_XQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udIY_3s4_XQ)

The good the bad and the ugly

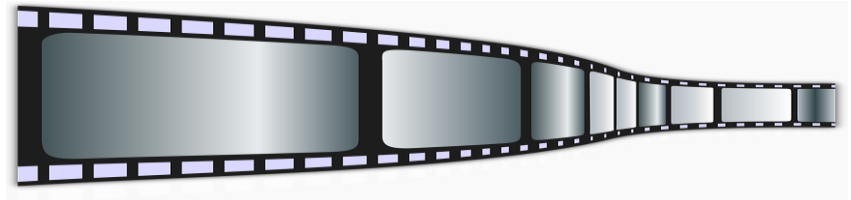
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2fg3bR2osU>

Here are some more film composers to look up so that you can have a listen to their work:

Pinar Toprak	Shirley Walker	Sherri Chung
Danny Elfman	James Horner	Howard Shore
Carley Paradis	Brian Tyler	Jerry Goldsmith

## Explore

Let's look at how music can manipulate characters or scenes in films.



The Power of music in film by Jack Pierce

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSkJFs7myn0>

### Key Words:

**leitmotif** – a recurrent theme tune throughout a musical composition, associated with a particular person, idea, or situation.

**underscore** – the music in a film that you don't always notice, it builds atmosphere.

**sound effects** - are sometimes part of the music to make it sound more dramatic.

Create your own soundtracks to change the mood of a film scene.



This week add something over the top of a film scene.

While you watch the scene, **play with sounds** at the same time.

See if you can alter the **mood/feeling** (happy/sad/spooky/spacey)

of the scene by changing:

**Pitch** (high/low sounds)

**Tempo** (fast/slow sounds)

**Dynamics** (loud/quiet)

**Texture** (smooth long/short spikey sounds)

Most film composers:

1. **Watch the scene** they are writing music for.
2. Decide what **mood/feeling** they would like to create.
3. **Play with synthesized sounds** while watching the film scene.
4. When they are happy with their composition they **record it/save it**.
5. Pay a full orchestra of people to record the music in a high-tech studio (very expensive)

## Choosing a scene:

Film your own scene 😊

Choose a scene from a film you know already know.

Make your own animation.

Find a short cartoon or a scene from a silent movie.

## Playing with sounds:

You can make sounds with items from your house.

You can use your voice to make sounds.

You can use music from your playlists to add background.

If you have a synthesizer/keyboard - lucky you - use it 😊

If you don't, find one on-line. Here are some examples

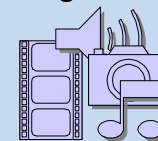
<https://midi.city/>

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/>

<https://intro.novationmusic.com/retro-grain>

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### Becoming A Composer



A mini-documentary by FACTmagazine

<https://www.factmag.com/2018/09/17/from-studio-to-screen-becoming-a-composer/>