

# WILD WEST HOEDOWN

## **Chris Thomas**

#### Instrumentation

- 1 Conductor's Full Score
- 8 Violin 1
- 8 Violin 2
- 5 Violin 3 (Viola T.C.)
- 5 Viola
- 5 Violoncello
- 5 Double Bass
- 1 Piano

Extra Conductor Score: \$5.00 Extra Parts: \$3.00

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#### The Composer

Chris Thomas is an award-winning film composer with numerous film and television credits. In 2013, his score for *Grow Up, Tony Phillips* was voted best soundtrack at SXSW film and music festivals. In 2011, Chris won *Best Film & TV Music* at the *eWorld Music Awards* in Hollywood, and the *Gold Medal Prize* from the *Park City Film Music Festival*. In 2010, Chris wrote music for the documentary, *Woman Rebel*, which was short-listed for an *Academy Award* and nominated for an *Emmy Award*. In 2007, Chris was nominated for *Best Orchestrator* at the *Academy of Film & TV Music Awards* in Hollywood.

In television, Chris briefly orchestrated and conducted (uncredited) on ABC's hit show LOST. He has also composed special features music for CSI:NY. Recently, Chris composed commercial music for *Samsung, Coca Cola*, and *Chevron*.

In recent years, Chris has been in demand in the theme park industry, now the resident composer of the new *Evermore Adventure Park*. Since founding *Music for Haunts*, he has composed original soundtracks for the *Los Angeles Haunted Hayride*, *Ghost Ship*, *Killers NYC*, *Manormortis* (UK), & *Chambers of the Mausoleum*.

In the concert world, Chris orchestrated and arranged large works for the *Los Angeles Philharmonic* and *Master Chorale's* Easter Celebration at the Hollywood Bowl. His own works have been performed and recorded by the *Hollywood Studio Orchestra*, *Northwest Symphony Orchestra*, *Rose City Chamber Orchestra*, *University of Southern California Symphony*, *Angeles String Quartet*, *Los Angeles Doctors Symphony Orchestra*, *Fear No Music ensemble*, *Willamette University Chamber Choir*, *Oregon East Symphony*, *A-Sharp Youth Symphony* and various American festival ensembles.

He attended the University of Oregon (B. Mus. in Music Composition and B. A. in Political Science) and became involved with the Pacific Rim Balinese and Javanese Gamelan ensembles. Chris left the Northwest for the prestigious *Scoring for Motion Pictures* and Television program at University of Southern California's graduate school where he connected with many of Hollywood's A-list composers and filmmakers.

Chris currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife and two cats.

### **About The Music**

I was born and raised in Pendleton, Oregon. It's a living snapshot of the old west. This small ranching community is home to a world-famous rodeo, square dancing is taught in schools, and the Oregon Trail itself runs through town. Traditional fiddle music is also commonplace, and was an inescapable influence in my early years.

I wanted to write an upbeat piece that captured the fun of an old west-style hoedown. The melody needed to sound quick and snappy, but I wanted to intuitively place notes under the players' fingers. I hope *Wild West Hoedown* will add some good fun to your next performance! You might just inspire a few do-si-dos at your local hootenanny.

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piece at www.fjhmusic.com

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