

J. ERIC SCHMIDT (born 1955)

For the past twenty years Eric has been one of the busiest freelance composers in Los Angeles. He has composed, orchestrated and conducted the music for over 300 episodes of animated series produced by **Disney** (*Quack Pack, Darkwing Duck, Hercules, Goof Troop and Bonkers*) and **Warner Bros.** (*Tazmania, Tinytoons, Animaniacs and The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries*). His work has been featured in over two dozen motion pictures (*Tom & Jerry and The Magic Ring, Mickey's Once Upon A Christmas, Lakeboat, Beethoven III, The Perfect Storm, A Kid in King Arthur's Court, Mighty Ducks II, Ground Zero, Employee Of The Month, My Super Ex-Girlfriend, Just My Luck and Little Man*) almost thirty commercials and six theme park shows. Recently, he has worked on the music for the award winning SONY PLAY STATION video game series **Uncharted**. For several years he conducted and orchestrated for pianist **John Tesh**.

His concert repertoire includes numerous compositions for concert band, a ballet, one symphony for orchestra, two works for choir, 32 solo piano pieces, 16 songs for children's choir and several chamber works. He has been published by Alfred Publishing, Abingdon Press and National Music Publishers. Eric now self publishes his original works for band and piano, available at his website: **jericschmidt.com**. Projects he has worked on have received the following nominations: *2 Grammys, 3 Emmys, 2 Golden Reel Awards and one Annie Award*. For the past five years Eric has taught composition and conducting at the **USC Thornton School of Music Scoring for Motion Pictures and Television** program. For the past two years he has been ARTS COMMISSIONER for the City of Santa Clarita. Eric resides with his wife, Diane in Valencia where they recently shipped their twin boys off to college.

He is a member of The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, The Society of Composers and Lyricists, the Recording Musicians Association and the American Federation of Musicians.

Eric studied architecture at Cal Poly SLO, film scoring at UCLA, composition at CSUN and attended the BMI Earl Hagen Film Scoring Workshop.

For a complete list of credits, and to sample Eric's work, please visit his website **jericschmidt.com**

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