

Film Composer Nathan Barr Works on 'Dukes of Hazzard' Movie

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Nelson (Uncle Jessie), and Seann William Scott and Johnny Knoxville, who played Bo and Luke Duke, respectively.

As a film composer, Mr. Barr is hired by a movie studio, such as Warner Brothers for the "Dukes" movie, to write background music that is played with each scene in the movie. The musical bits for each scene is called a film score. Film scores are generally specially written for the film and often are used to heighten emotions provoked by the imagery on the screen or by the dialogue.

For a lot of movies, film scores are performed by orchestras, which vary in size, from a small ensemble to a huge number of musicians, perhaps including a choir. Mr. Barr said

the classic movie series "Star Wars" is an excellent example of film scores with orchestrated music.

Since he loves both music and films, film composing has been a natural career.

Mr. Barr's favorite film scoring movies are the work of John Bryan in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," which stars Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet, and Gabriel Yared's work in "The Talented Mr. Ripley," starring Matt Damon.

For the "Dukes" movie, Mr. Barr used mostly hard rock and some American south music.

The most exciting part of composing the movie, he said, was working with ZZ Top's lead guitarist Billy Gibbons.

"We spent a whole day in the studio and he played the music I wrote," said Mr. Barr. "He did

some of his own solos, too. I'm a fan of ZZ Top, so this was really fun for me to meet him

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and work with him."

With the "Dukes" project, Mr. Barr said he learned that it takes a lot of work to be noticed in Hollywood and that it takes a lot of fight to land a project such as the "Dukes of Hazzard."

He credits director Jay

Chandrasekhar for helping him land the job with Warner Brothers. He beat out 100 other film composers.

"When no one knows who you are, it's hard to land something like this," he said.

Now that he has successfully completed this movie, Nathan Barr may become more familiar in the realm of movie-making.

"That was huge for my career," he admitted. "It was definitely one of the most fun movies I have done."

Composing music for the movie took four months, as Mr. Barr watched scene after scene, finding the right music to go with each scene. He said he has watched the movie in its entirety about four times.

His next project is film scoring a Quentin Tarantino movie called "Hostel," a dark movie

set to be released November 11. Mr. Barr will travel to Prague in October to record a 70 piece orchestra for the film.

He has come a long way from being a maintenance worker and dishwasher for the Iroquois Hotel on Mackinac Island years ago, he said.

"The Island is an inspiration to me because it's a quiet and wonderful place to go and rejuvenate yourself," said Mr. Barr, who visited the Island several weeks ago to attend the wedding of his brother, Christian, and Carmen Aranda August 20. He also has a sister, Jennifer.

"I always like coming back to the Island; I wish I could visit more," Mr. Barr said. "But I love L.A., too. It has grown on me like a fungus," he said, laughing.

He lives in there with his wife, Lisbeth Scott.

The Jewel at Mackinac GOLF TOURNAMENT



1st Place Low Gross - Ron Dufina, Mike Konicki, Chuck Schafer, Doug Rearick



1st Place Low Net - Chico Belonga, Jerry Sorenson, Steve Johnson and Ralph Colegrove

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Closest to Pin for Women on Hole #3 - Debra Orr

Mission Point Resort - 2 gift cert. for meal and putting for two at the Euro Garden

Closest to Pin 2nd shot - Men Hole # 4 - Steve Madigan

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Longest Putt on Hole #5 Women - Ruth Visnaw

Men - Art Nottage Village Inn \$50.00 gift cert.

Straightest Drive for Women Hole #9 - Ruth Visnaw

Mackinaw Club Gift Certificate for - 4 rounds of golf with cart

Closest to Pin on 2nd shot Hole #11 - Glenn St. Onge

Wawashkamo Golf Gift Certificate - four rounds of golf

Longest Drive for Men Hole #18 - Todd Callewaert

Hessel Ridge Golf Certificate - four rounds of golf with cart.

Yellow Shirt Award

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Doug Rearick, Ron Dufina, Chuck Schafer, Mike Konicki

50/50 Winner - Don Sawruk

10th place winners

Jim North, Bob Brandstrom, Ruth Visnaw, Cheryl Schlehuder

20th place winners

Bob Boynton, Chuck Mosher, Tom Marx, Merlin Doran

Putting Contest Winner - Randy Stuck