SUPERMAN MARCH
From SUPERMAN

John Williams
Instrumentation

FLUTE 1                  TROMBONE 1
FLUTE 2                  TROMBONE 2
PICCOLO                  TROMBONE 3
     (Flute)                 TUBA
OBOE 1                  TIMPANI
OBOE 2                  PERCUSSION 1
B♭ CLARINET 1         (Snare Drum, Triangle)
B♭ CLARINET 2         PERCUSSION 2
B♭ BASS CLARINET       (Cr. Cym., Sus. Cym., Triangle)
BASSOON 1              PERCUSSION 3
BASSOON 2          (Glockenspiel, Vibraphone)
F HORN 1                HARP
F HORN 2                PIANO
F HORN 3
F HORN 4                VIOLIN 1
B♭ TRUMPET 1           VIOLIN 2
B♭ TRUMPET 2           VIOLA
B♭ TRUMPET 3          VIOLONCELLO
B♭ TRUMPET 4         CONTRABASS

Performance Time: 4:25
Complete Set 04490227
Full Score 04490228

Growing up in my generation meant that you avidly followed the exploits of Superman in the syndicated comic strips that regularly appeared in newspapers across the country. It was a time when Superman fired the imaginations of all of our youngsters, and I was no exception.

Many years later, when director Richard Donner asked me to compose the score for his feature-length film of Superman, I was thrilled. I truly felt that I was revisiting a formative part of my childhood.

I remember how excited I was when Mr. Donner showed me his wonderful film with actors Christopher Reeve and Margot Kidder flying high above the Statue of Liberty in one of the movie’s many memorable moments. I began by writing this piece, which formed the basics of the musical score for the film.

The movie’s great success wouldn’t have been possible without Christopher Reeve who embodied every characteristic of what we imagined Superman to be. I would like to dedicate this concert edition to my friend Christopher, without whom this music would never have seen the light of day.

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