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FEEL THE BEAT

Music Review V 2.002

"Lord of the Rings: Return of the King - OST"

Composed by Howard Shore

Virgin Records

an endearing emotional rollercoaster ride. "The Ride of the Rohirrim" inspires, "End of All Things" frightens and "Into the West" saddens and fills the audience with longing.

Howard Shore, music composer for the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, returns to Middle Earth for the third installment of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Like "Return of the King," Shore ends with a sweep and flourish worthy of one of the greatest trilogies of our time. His music continues to give the movie a feeling of authenticity, and he has clearly grown more in tune with Tolkien's classic.

The entire score does an excellent job of reaching out and grabbing the audience emotionally. Pippin Took's (Billy Boyd) and Aragorn's (Viggo Mortenson) songs are simple yet extremely moving, perhaps even the most moving parts of the film. Anne Lennox's Oscar-nominated song "Into the West" gives a powerful ending performance that allows the movie to sail into memory as something more than the listeners can understand. The entire score is a triumph and Howard Shore has done an amazing job bringing Middle Earth to life through his music.



- Paul Cozby

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Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood, left) and Samwise Gamji (Sean Astin, right) wait on Mt. Mordor as Gollum (Andy Serkis, center) awaits to take them inside the cave of Shelob. The scene inspired the song "Shelob's Lair."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Affleck gets "bumped"

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Actor Ben Affleck got the loudest ovation among the celebrities who attended the Daytona 500, but he also got some bad news.

"They told me I was going to be bumped, and I was like 'bumped?' What are you talking about bumped? Who's bumping me?" said Affleck, who drove the pace car. "The President of the United States." "OK, terrific. Guess I'm bumped then."

Affleck served as the grand marshal — even though some of his duties were given to President Bush. Whoopi Goldberg was an honorary starter, and LeAnn Rimes sang the national anthem and was the featured performer in the pre-race "Tribute to America" show.

Lee Greenwood and the reigning Miss America, Ericka Dunlap, also sang.



AFFLECK

what I'm doing. Sometimes in my own country, I am very severely criticized by people who don't bother to read me at all."

"Meridian," first published in English in 1976, explores the private internal and interpersonal struggles of a young protagonist by the same name who is involved in the civil rights movement in the United States.


"I feel that Meridian understands a very important basic thing, which is that it is very important to choose the people who make up the majority of the planet, to stand with the poor and to stand with people who are struggling, because in the end we will win," said Walker, 60.

Walker, a Georgia native, won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1982 novel "The Color Purple."

Walker unveils book in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker debuted the Spanish translation of her novel "Meridian" in Havana, telling her Cuban fans there is a direct correlation between the U.S. civil rights movement and the socialist revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power.

"I thought about Cuba a lot when I was writing this," Walker told a packed audience Sunday at an international book fair. "It has meant very much to me that Cubans have understood



WALKER


Powell to tribute Keenan

PRINCETON BOROUGH, N.J. (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is scheduled to be at Princeton University this week for a birthday tribute to George Kennan, the former ambassador and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Powell, along with political scientists and diplomats from around the world, were invited to celebrate Kennan's legacy as the principle architect of the U.S. policy of containment toward the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Powell is scheduled to deliver opening remarks Friday to conference attendees and students. Kennan, who turns 100 on Monday, is frail to attend.

Kennan, a Princeton graduate and Institute for Advanced Study scholar, wrote two definitive policy papers that formed the basis for the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan



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 Wednesday, February 18, 2004
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