



- Williams was born in Floral Park, NY and began taking piano lessons at a young age.
- His father was a jazz drummer and percussionist.
- He went to UCLA for just before he was drafted into the U.S. Air Force. There he played the piano, brass and conducted and arranged music for the U.S. Air Force Band as part of his assignment.
- After his service, he attended Julliard and studied piano. He worked as a jazz pianist in many of NYC's jazz clubs
- He moved to LA to be a studio musician. He also wrote compositions for TV and started orchestrating film music.
- Fun facts: He served as the Boston Pops Orchestra's Principal Conductor for 14 years, has had 51 Oscar nominations, (he is the second most nominated person in Academy Awards history behind Walt Disney's 59) and has collaborated on films with Steven Spielberg 27 times.
- Williams has composed 116 film scores, 28 songs for TV and 4 pieces for the Olympic Games, as well as 8 pieces for chamber ensemble, 16 concertos and 24 orchestral works.



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