



- Hisaishi was born in Nakano, Nagano, Japan.
- His birth name was Fujisawa Mamoru but he changed his name in his early 30's.
- He started playing the violin at age 4 and also played brass.
- As an avid movie fan he would watch hundreds of movies every year with his father.
- He combined his two loves, movies and orchestra music, and became a film score writer.
- Hisaishi has won seven Japanese Academy Awards for Best Music and has written over 100 film scores.

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