

# Michael Giacchino

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The acclaimed composer Michael Giacchino was born on October 10, 1967 in Riverside, New Jersey to Mel and Margaret Giacchino. At a very young age, Giacchino discovered he had a great interest in music, movies, cartoons, animation, and action. Giacchino's interests ultimately encouraged his ambition to pursue a career in music and filmmaking. Giacchino would go on to attend college at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and continued his studies at renowned schools such as Julliard and UCLA. Giacchino's hard work and studies in film production and music paved the way for his success as he was granted opportunities to work with large, successful companies such as Disney and Dream Works.



In researching the works and achievements of Michael Giacchino I have discovered that he is the musical genius that worked behind many of my favorite childhood movies and helped create some of my fondest memories. Although I may not have watched all the films or listened to all the soundtracks he has worked on, I have discovered- through listening to clips of his work- that I have a great appreciation for Giacchino. Music has always been a significant part of my life as it was incorporated in my hobby of dance, embodied in my Mexican culture, and practiced in my short study of piano. Although I may not actively participate in those same hobbies any longer, music continues to encompass my life through things such as songs and movies. I have realized through my study of Giacchino that great composers are who I have to thank and appreciate for my love of music. For example, I am an avid Disney and Pixar fan and three of my favorite films- *Coco*, *The Incredibles*, and *Up*- all had music composed by Michael Giacchino. Music can be a deeply personal and emotional form of expression and I personally feel that Giacchino helped me better my connection with my appreciation of music. Through his work on *Coco* I have been able to have a closer connection with my culture through music such as the one on the link that follows [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OBEDI2I\\_BQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OBEDI2I_BQ). The musical instrument of the guitar reminds me of the many times my uncle would play songs for me on his guitar in attempts to teach me more about my culture. The movie *the Incredibles* also resonates deeply with me and my childhood as it brings back happy memories of excitement and nostalgia. The intense and thrilling music of *the Incredibles* can be seen on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voLQroAnoLI>.

## Fun Facts:

- Giacchino was able to work on music for several Disney Park Rides such as Space Mountain
- In addition to his passion for music and filmmaking, Giacchino also has a deep love of video games

## Films Scored by Giacchino:

- Bad Times at the El Royale
- [Cars 2](#)
- Cloverfield
- [Coco](#)
- Dawn of the Planet of the Apes
- Day and Night
- [Doctor Strange](#)
- Dug's Special Mission
- Earth Days
- How to Hook Up Your Home Theater
- [Incredibles 2](#)
- [Inside Out](#)
- Jack-Jack Attack
- John Carter
- Jojo Rabbit
- [Jurassic World](#)
- Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom
- Jurassic World: Dominion
- Jupiter Ascending
- Land of the Lost
- Let Me In
- Lifted
- Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World
- La Luna
- Mission: Impossible- Ghost Protocol
- Mission: Impossible III
- Monte Carlo
- Monster Challenge
- My Brother the Pig
- Must Be Love
- One Man Band
- Partly Cloudy
- Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice
- Prep & Landing Operation: Secret Santa
- Project Almanac
- Ratatouille
- Riley's First Date?
- Rouge One: A Star Wars Story
- Sky High
- Speed Racer
- [Spider Man: Far From Home](#)
- [Spider Man: Homecoming](#)
- [Star Trek](#)
- Star Trek Beyond
- Star Trek Into Darkness
- Super 8
- The Batman
- The Ballad of Nessie
- The Book of Henry
- The Family Stone
- The Incredibles
- The Karate Guard
- The Muppets' Wizard of Oz
- This Is Where I Leave You
- Tomorrowland
- Toy Story That Time Forgot
- Toy Story of Terror
- [Up](#)
- War for the Planet Apes
- [Zootopia](#)
- 50/50

Awards Won by Giacchino: (source- <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0315974/awards>)

- 2004 LAFC Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2005 Annie Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2005 Sierra Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2005 INOCA Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2005 World Soundtrack Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2005 ASCAP Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2005 OFCS Award for the film *The Incredibles*
- 2007 ASCAP Award for the film *Mission: Impossible III*
- 2008 Grammy for the film *Ratatouille*
- 2008 ASCAP Award for the film *Ratatouille*
- 2008 Annie Award for the film *Ratatouille*
- 2009 Sierra Award for the film *Star Trek*
- 2009 ASCAP Award for the film *Cloverfield*
- 2009 AFCA Award for the film *Up*
- 2009 ACCA Award for the film *Up*
- 2009 PFCS Award for the film *Up*
- 2009 OFCS Award for the film *Up*
- 2010 ASCAP Award for the film *Star Trek*
- 2010 ASCAP Award for the film *UP*
- 2010 Oscar winner for the Pixar film *Up*
- 2010 Golden Globe winner for the Pixar film *Up*
- 2010 BAFTA winner for the Pixar film *Up*
- 2010 Grammy winner for the Pixar film *Up*
- 2012 Annie Award for the film *Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice*
- 2015 World Soundtrack Award
- 2015 Halfway Award for the film *Inside Out*
- 2016 Annie Award for the film *Inside Out*
- 2017 ASCAP Award for the film *Zootopia*
- 2017 ASCAP Award for the film *Star Trek Into Darkness*
- 2017 ASCAP Award for the film *Rogue One*
- 2017 ASCAP Award for the film *Doctor Strange*
- 2018 Saturn Award for the film *Coco*
- 2018 Annie Award for the film *Coco*
- 2019 Annie Award for the film *Incredibles*

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