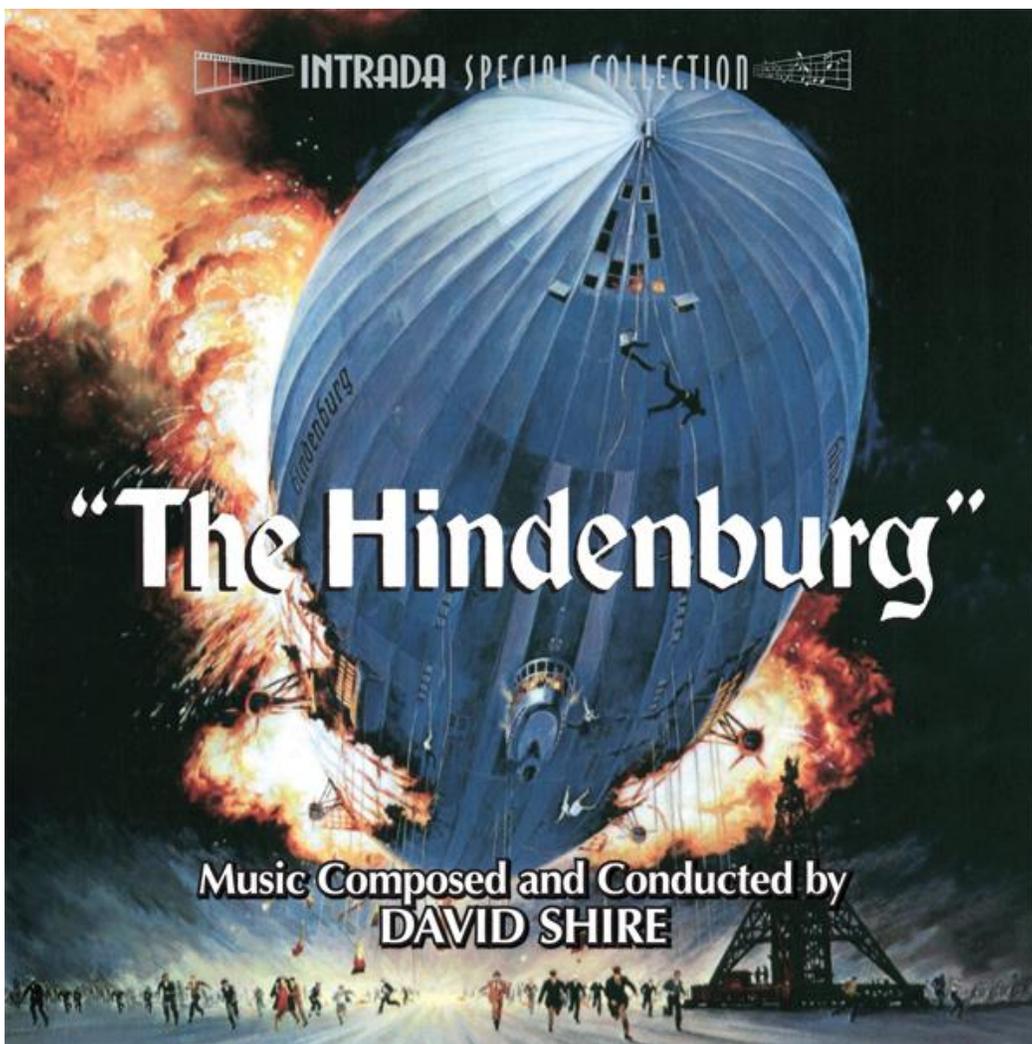




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THE HINDENBURG

Composed and Conducted by **DAVID SHIRE**
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Universal Picture's *The Hindenburg* arrived near the end of the early 70s disaster cycle which had started with *AIRPORT* and included heavy hitters such as *The Poseidon Adventure* and *The Towering Inferno*. Like those disaster epics that preceded it, *The Hindenburg* featured big name stars in peril (the expected formula for the genre), although this time with a true historical setting. It also sported a big name director – Robert Wise. *The Hindenburg* takes a speculative look at the story behind the ill-fated, fiery last journey of the Hindenburg. It stars George C. Scott as Col. Franz Ritter, a "good German" officer who begins to piece together the details of the plot to destroy the airship. Roy Thinnes plays his "bad German" counterpart. Other stars include Anne Bancroft, Gig Young, Peter Donat, and Robert Clary.

An unseen hero in *The Hindenburg* is David Shire. Just a few years after his piano score to the 70s paranoia entry *The Conversation*, *The Hindenburg* afforded Shire an opportunity that was rare in the early 70s– the chance to write a traditional orchestral score. The 125-minute film didn't need hours of music. In fact the total score clocks in at just about 40 minutes, opening with a woodwind fanfare and, as Jeff Bond points out in his liner notes, "a languid, nostalgic primary theme that functions as a kind of elegy for the bygone era of the airship." Other highlights of the score include the rhythmic, dramatic idea first heard in "The Letter" and the set piece of the score, the "Fin Repair Sequence," a lengthy virtuoso piece that opens with a hesitant pulse of low woodwinds and snares which builds to an exciting and frenetic climax. All told, *The Hindenburg* is one of David Shire's finest. Intrada brings to you the world premiere CD release of the score, remastered from the original stereo elements and features the same program as the original LP.

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