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**ZONE TROOPERS/THE ALCHEMIST**  
Composed and Conducted by **RICHARD BAND**  
Intrada Signature Edition ISE 1014

Following their earlier release of Richard Band's *Troll*, Intrada presents another Signature Edition of Richard Band film music coming from the mid-'80s height of Empire Pictures. *Zone Troopers* (1986) features Tim Thomerson as Iron Sarge, leading the last survivors of a platoon in the forests of Italy during WWII. As they attempt to make their way back to safer Allied territory, they stumble upon Nazis guarding a crashed spaceship. Soon they discover the alien pilot held captive by the Nazis and mount a rescue and escape attempt...along with the assistance of more aliens. It's a tongue and cheek adventure combining sci-fi and comic book elements. Band's score is dramatic and colorful, featuring the requisite military percussion and brass, but with an unusual amount of color from harps and xylophones. For one action sequence, Band writes for '40s era big band, to add to the tongue and cheek...and perhaps the absurdity...of the situation.

Speaking of color, Richard Band's *The Alchemist* is beautifully colorful, including an hypnotic, elegant main title for this tale of a glassmaker and sorcerer who cross paths over a beautiful woman. The glassmaker is cursed with immortality and later crosses paths again with the sorcerer over a woman – a woman who might be the reincarnation of his first love. Band scored the film for full orchestra and a rich palette of percussion, including harp, bell tree, triangle, xylophones (metal and wooden), glockenspiel and bells.

While both scores were previously available in truncated format (*Zone Troopers* on an LP and *The Alchemist* paired on Intrada's CD release of *House on Sorority Row*), this release features the complete scores, doubling the running time of each, remixed from the original multi-track elements in crisp stereo sound.

This release is limited to 1000 copies.

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